

Pentagon by Tecumseh

Dr. Strangelove is alive and well

Because it's a "post-industrial age," industrial weakness is military strength—and if you don't believe it, visit the NDU.

One of the principal national-security threats to the United States is located right inside the defense establishment in Washington, D.C. This threat is not a paid agent or nest of agents of a foreign power per se. Rather, it is an ideology: This writer was quite astonished at the Aquarian streak of "post-industrial" cult-insanity one encounters at the National Defense University.

In terms of its practical expression, these fellows don't want the United States to have a strong military or an industrial infrastructure that can deliver weapons and materiel in time of national emergency. You see, we are now in a "new age," which means that white is black and black is white. The absence of industrial infrastructure and battle-ready armed forces on the part of the United States is a sign of strength in the "post-industrial age," whereas Russia's possession of such "19th-century" relics marks her weakness in the "post-industrial age." No kidding!

Remarkably, the National Defense University is an official branch of the Pentagon, which trains high-ranking military officers, and includes such important institutions as the National War College and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

But inside the NDU, the same institution that last year honored West German Green Party leader Petra Kelly with an invitation to speak, one encounters this Aquarian streak in individuals who are out to sabotage the Strategic Defense Initiative and every other move that President Reagan and

Secretary of Defense Weinberger are now making to strengthen and save the Western Alliance.

Take Dr. Harland B. Moulton, a senior civilian professor who believes that one of the greatest disasters in the United States right now is the SDI and the "Pied Piper politics" of President Reagan. Moulton is a committed MADman who tells us that the Soviet Union considers nuclear war "unthinkable."

The Soviets are terrified of U.S. strength, you see; that's why Dr. Moulton believes that the cold-blooded assassination of U.S. Army Major Nicholson in East Germany is "absolutely" insignificant. He also extends that analysis to the shooting down of the KAL-007 flight in 1983. The Soviet officers involved acted on their own and were severely reprimanded by the Kremlin, he assures us.

From the starting point of Moulton's commitment to Mutually Assured Destruction (MAD), he considers the development of beam weapons and other technologies through the SDI to be a figment of President Reagan's imagination. He also finds the MX missile system and rebuilding the U.S. Navy to be unnecessary and a colossal waste.

But strategic affairs are not really Dr. Moulton's area. He is just mouthing the line of the nuclear-freeze professionals like Robert McNamara, the Soviets' Dr. Evgenii Velikhov, and GRU Gen. Mikhail Milstein, including the strange idea that "throwing away" half of the U.S. nuclear arsenal would not upset the balance of terror

that constitutes MAD.

Dr. Moulton is allegedly an economist, and here is where the madness of MAD becomes most obvious.

It's not that Dr. Moulton doesn't know that the industrial capacities of the United States in steel, basic industry, automobile production, and agriculture have collapsed and are being outstripped by the Soviet Union. He wants it that way! The United States, he believes, has passed the industrial age, and must give up on "the technologies of the 19th century."

These industries should be relegated to the "Third World." But, the Third World is bankrupt, *EIR* tries to point out. Well, our Dr. S tells us to forget the "basket cases" like Africa and Latin America, and move all U.S. industry to the Pacific Basin.

Being from Cargill's Minnesota, Moulton believes in open and free trade with the Soviets. He has no problem with the idea that since 1972, U.S. shipping capability has collapsed, and shipping to Western Europe has been gradually, now almost totally, placed in the hands of Soviet and Bulgarian shipping lines.

The future of America lies in computers, communications, artificial intelligence, robotics, and service industries like fast foods, he thinks. As long as the sea lanes are free, and the Soviet Union remains terrified of the U.S. strategic arsenal, the U.S. can get everything it needs from the outside.

Even more, as an economist, he predicts that the Soviet Union will collapse. Why? Because it is too dependent on "19th-century" industries—the backbone of in-depth military and economic strength!

There is a bright spot: Moulton will be retiring shortly. Even so, we have the nagging feeling that this won't solve the problem at the NDU.