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BETTER READY THAN DEAD

ANNOUNCER: AMERICA WAKE UP, in cooperation with the Daughters of the American Revolution, State of Illinois, presents Phyllis Schlafly:

MRS. SCHLAFLY: A basic tactic of warfare is to divert the enemy's attention in one direction while the main thrust is made in another. Many battles have been lost--not from lack of attention--but from attention focused in the wrong direction. While American attention and energy were focused on the Berlin airlift, the Communists captured China. Before World War II, the French concentrated all their defenses on the Maginot Line, without calculating that an enemy might go around it. The dawn of December 7, 1941 found Hawaii under a "super-alert"--against sabotage only. Singapore fell because its guns had been carefully aimed toward the sea, the wrong direction. In what direction are the Communists trying to divert our attention today?

Rear Admiral Cecil H. Coggins, M.D., (U.S.N.Ret.), Former Chief of Atomic-Bacteriological-Chemical Warfare for the United States Navy, recently gave an authoritative answer to this question. He said: "By their repetitious threats of atomic destruction, dark hints of military space vehicles and audacious installation of missiles close to our shores (suspiciously lacking in camouflage), the Soviets obviously want our minds to be preoccupied by thoughts of nuclear weapons! There are, on both sides of the Iron Curtain, not merely one weapon of mass destruction, but three. Biological and chemical weapon-systems have developed a potential no less important than the atomic."

By our preoccupation with nuclear weapons and space exploits, are we succumbing to a "Maginot Line" mentality today? Admiral Coggins believes that the Communists, aware that they are overmatched in the nu-

clear field, are deliberately persuading us to concentrate our attention on nuclear superiority, while they have turned to the biological and chemical weapon-systems in which they already have a superiority, and which they have no moral inhibitions against using.

The Soviets know that the gases used in World War I caused 1,300,000 casualties and proved five times as efficient as shrapnel or high explosive shells. The Soviets know that the Germans developed the nerve gases, Tabun, Sarin and Soman. These gases, so deadly that Hitler was afraid to use his stockpiles even though he knew the Allies had nothing comparable, have the power to cause casualties before they can be detected by the human senses; they are lethal after less than a minute of exposure.

The Communists captured the German Tabun plant intact and triumphantly moved it to the Soviet Union with the top-ranking German chemists. Tabun is now the standard Soviet nerve gas, and the present Soviet stockpile is reported as more than 50,000 tons--enough to wipe out our thousand largest cities. The Communists have since developed more modern gases, including the psycho-chemicals which produce temporary disability such as blindness, paralysis, deafness, or temporary mental aberration. These psycho-gases can be sprayed over a city like fog. They variously produce hallucinations, depression, apathy or senseless elation, lasting from 12 to 24 hours. Major General Marshall Stubbs, Chief chemical officer of the United States Army, stated: "The recent Russian breakthroughs in chemical and biological warfare are so extensive they now constitute direct and immediate threat to the U.S."

Lieutenant General ArthurG. Trudeau, chief of Research and Development, U.S. Army, on June 28, 1960, warned the Junior Chamber of Commerce meeting in Washington: "...we know that the Soviets are put-

ting a high priority on development of lethal and non-lethal weapons, and that their weapon stockpile consists now of about one-sixth chemical munitions. Russian leaders have boasted that they are fully prepared to use new chemical weapons of great significance. If the Communists ever use chemicals, with which they are well equipped, we must be prepared to meet such an attack."

The Communists are redoubling their efforts to be first in the field with fully-operational gas-warfare units. A few years ago, the Soviets had 106 chemical plants in operation, of which half were either producing or capable of producing the latest war gases. Soviet gas stocks greatly exceed the combined stocks of the free world, being quite sufficient for three or four major offensives. Each Soviet division has a unit devoted to chemical warfare, with chemical troops assigned to all echelons down to the battalion level. Chemical and germ weapons can be delivered by a dozen means including rockets, guided missiles, airplanes, submarines, mines, explosive projectiles and land generators. Soviet civil defense is just as highly organized; 33,000,000 Russians have completed their training consisting of 22 hours of instruction plus practical exercises. Protective masks are quickly available in all plants and are sold in government stores.

United States policy is not to use gas except in retaliation. Some effort has been made to develop a retaliatory capability, but at our present rate we will not overtake the Soviet lead. General Arthur Trudeau has stated that we do not have a counteroffensive chemical capability. We built a plant near Denver for the large scale production of Sarin, but the plant was shut down. Each year for the past 10 years, our Federal civil defense authorities have announced that a civilian gas mask would soon be available for the citizen and for sale in de-

partment stores. Not one has yet appeared. Admiral Coggins concludes: "It is clear that we have neglected to develop an offensive capability in chemical war and have no defense worthy of the name... In biological warfare it cannot be said that we have either an offensive or a defensive capability."

"Future war," Marshall Zhukov told the 20th Communist Party Congress in Moscow, "will be characterized by atomic, thermonuclear, chemical and bacteriological weapons."

Both chemical and biological weapons are remarkably well suited to the Communist psychology. They are relatively cheap; easy to conceal; can be used openly or clandestinely; are silent, odorless and invisible; give no clue to their source and spare valuable material. They are the weapons preferred by the "masters of deceit." The great strategic advantage of gas and disease warfare is that they kill or immobilize the population, but spare the industrial plants. Being materialists, the Communists aim to capture us with as little damage as possible to our material wealth and means of production.

As Congressman Craig Hosmer pointed out, the Soviets want to induce us to "surrender with the least possible material damage and personnel casualties, then to go about the business of mass murder and destruction on a selective basis afterward. It might go something like this: Strike terror with a few nuclear bombs...but forego the all-out attack. Damage communication facilities as little as possible so that where panic is created, it can be communicated elsewhere and infect other parts of the country. Delve into the unknown, it is always more terrifying than the known. Strange, horrifying and morale-cracking nerve gases might be released by infiltrated saboteurs and fifth columnists. Shockingly hideous physical and psychological illnesses might be induced by germ warfare. Avoid destruction of Washington, D. C., so

a government will exist to surrender as panic, terror and hysteria mount in increasing crescendo to demand it. Then follow with a military occupation to carry out what, for lack of a better name, I call selective genocide."

Admiral Coggins believes that the Korean War provides evidence that the Soviet Union will initiate biological warfare. The Communists made extravagant charges that the United States was guilty of biological warfare. The Russians set up a so-called international committee, issued a film of brainwashed American soldiers, and published a book accusing us of germ warfare. Why did the Communists do this in the face of the established fact that no biological warfare was ever waged by the United States? Admiral Coggins believes that the Communists were laying the groundwork for the day -- maybe in 1963 or 1964 -- when the Communists will themselves initiate germ warfare and then say: "We're not to blame. The Americans did it first."

Deceit is a major tactic of the international Communist conspiracy. The Soviet Union has a deceptive propaganda campaign utilizing forged documents which are designed to look as though they had been written by, or to, officials of the United States Government. These false documents have been used to discredit the United States and to sow suspicion among the Western allies. It is now generally conceded that many Soviet space claims, such as the Lunik "photograph" of the dark side of the moon, are gigantic hoaxes. When Castro boasted on December 2, 1961 that he had been a Communist since his college days, but he concealed his views so it would be easier to seize power, he was merely spelling out for everyone the standard Communist tactic of deceit.

Defense against biological and chemical weapons is perfectly feasible and practicable by means which are well known and need only to be

put into operation. A gas mask protects against both weapons and, with the installation of simple equipment, office buildings, schools and even homes can provide complete protection. If only one percent of our military budget were devoted to these weapons, we could reasonably expect not only an effective defense system, but a counteroffensive capability which would deter Communist attack or blackmail.

Individual Americans can do much to protect themselves from a Red chemical-biological attack. As Admiral Coggins warned: "War has changed. Every citizen is his own general for his own family defense in his own backyard -- that's where the war is going to be." (1) See that your family is provided with a stockpile of the minimum necessities of life. (2) Give strong support to your local civil defense effort. (3) Urge that our national chemical-biological warfare effort provide adequate defense and develop a deterent capability. (4) Be alert to the Communist tactic of deceit and, above all, never rely on any agreements with the Communists for disarmament or control of nuclear weapons.

ANNOUNCER: Three years ago, the Illinois State Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution inaugurated an Illinois State Committee on Civil Defense. This Committee has worked in local communities to increase public interest in Civil Defense. It has distributed hundreds of Civil Defense booklets published by the Government on Civil Defense preparations and on shelter construction. 53 DAR chapters in Illinois have local Chapter Chairmen of Civil Defense, and special Civil Defense programs were given in 38 chapters last year. Members of 40 chapters have attended adult education classes and studied Civil Defense or First Aid. Cooperation in the Civil Defense effort is one of the many ways that the Daughters of the American Revo-

lution work to guard our American heritage from our external and internal enemies. The DAR urges all citizens to cooperate with local authorities to develop and maintain a strong Civil Defense.

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