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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Calls Attention to Red Drive For Better Technical Education

Is there any limit to the variety of ways in which we can lose the "cold war"?

The latest effort of the Kremlin is to surpass us in the educational and scientific fields. Don't try to smile that off.

Distinguished educators and scientists from a number of Western and neutral nations outside the "Iron Curtain" are examining the Soviet secondary school textbooks and finding them "best in the world."

They have studied the higher educational facilities of the U.S.S.R. and found them surpassing us almost two to one in the number of scientists and engineers turned out in 1955. In the last five years they graduated 260,000 to our 142,000. In the next five years they propose to graduate 400,000 to our 153,000.

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AS HEAD of the CIA Mr. Allen Dulles reads the intelligence reports from his far-flung agency and sounds the alarm in these words, "Unless we quickly take new measures to increase our own facilities for scientific education, Soviet scientific manpower in key areas may well outnumber us within the next decade."

New York educational experts are quoted as being greatly impressed after looking at the examination given Russian students graduating in classes covering algebra, physics and chemistry and as commenting thus: "Our students haven't the mathematical tools the Soviet students have.

"Their combination of advanced algebra and science gives them something we cannot now match. The future development of science in the Soviet Union would seem to have an unlimited horizon."

Is anyone in American public life noticing these things sufficiently? Or calling our attention to them sharply enough?

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