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# Nuclear arms race to lead to world war, says former spy

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The current nuclear arms race between the United States and the Soviet Union will soon lead to world war, says former American spy Peter N. James.

James delivered his dire prediction during a lecture Wednesday at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire's Schofield Auditorium.

"Right now we have ourselves a runaway nuclear arms race," James stated. "Both the United States and the Soviet Union have over 15,000 strategic nuclear warheads. The smallest size of those nuclear warheads is about three times the size of the bomb dropped on Hiroshima, which killed more than 80,000 people.

"I'm willing to predict that by the year 2000, if the current trends continue, we're going to have a major nuclear war between the super-powers."

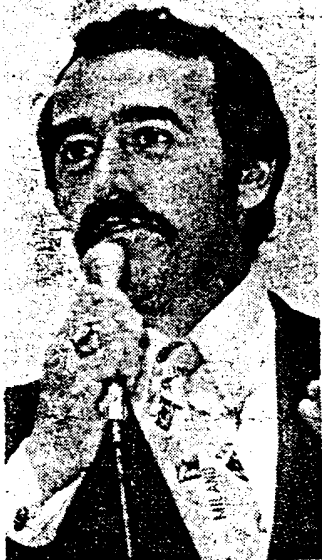
James based his ominous warnings on information that he has gathered during visits with high-ranking political leaders and scientists from around the world. Many of these visits were made between 1964 and 1970, when he conducted espionage activities for the Central Intelligence Agency.

James was a rocket engineer with Pratt & Whitney Aircraft in Florida while he carried on his espionage activities. Since he was never an official CIA agent, he never signed the standard "oath of secrecy" required of all others involved in American espionage work. This oversight by the CIA has enabled James to speak and write about his activities and what he sees as the misguided direction of U.S. military and foreign policies.

James described the "awesome capability" in all phases of military operations that has been developed by the Soviet Union during the past 10 years. "This has been done to achieve absolute superiority and domination over the Western nations," he said.

He added that this massive military buildup has been conducted at the expense of the Russian economy and people. He said American grain shipments and other trade with the Soviet Union has enabled the Russians to devote their energies to the military advancement.

James said that during the Carter administration the United States adopted a "standby" approach to the Soviet military buildup that failed to deter the Soviets in any way.



Peter James

But he also warned that the "Reagan route" of matching the Soviets weapon for weapon will precipitate the use of those nuclear armaments.

James advocates a new approach in U.S. dealings with the Soviet threat: halting production of land-based nuclear weapons, expanding U.S. nuclear submarine capability, and developing what he calls "a technological breakthrough that can shift the balance of power overnight" — particle-beam, or laser, weaponry.

James said particle-beam weaponry will be a reality by 1990. "These 'Buck Rogers' weapons are the biggest breakthrough since the atomic bomb," he remarked.

Particle-beam weapon stations in orbit above the earth will negate the effectiveness of most ground-based and airborne nuclear weaponry, James said. He added that the Soviets, whose space program is geared toward gaining military superiority, are ahead of the United States in the development of this new technology.

James said he believes that, by beefing up its strategic nuclear submarine force and maintaining the defensive capabilities of particle-beam weapons, the United States will be able to deter Soviet aggression while saving more than \$200 billion during the next 10 years.

This money would be saved because particle-beam weaponry is less expensive to develop than the multitude of nuclear weapons it would replace, James explained. He then said this money could be directed back into the American economy, allowing the United States to create "the No. 1 industrial and agricultural giant in the world."

James is adamant in his opposition to the Strategic Arms Limitation Treaties negotiated by the United States and the Soviet Union. "They are not equal treaties by any stretch of

the imagination," he remarked. "The American people have had both Republican and Democratic presidents lying to them."

James said the two SALT treaties grant the Soviets significant advantages in virtually every phase of nuclear weaponry. "We guarantee the Soviet Union superiority," he said.

James also warned that the United States is "headed for a disaster" in its dealings in Latin America. He said the people of Latin America despise the United States because it has backed corrupt regimes that have no regard for human rights. "We are setting up Irans all over the world," he said.

Within two years the United States will experience demonstrations against the Reagan administration's policies which will match the intensity of the demonstrations of the Vietnam War era, James predicted. He said these outbursts will result from dissatisfaction with U.S. policy in Latin America.

James, who has authored two books praised by the Conservative Book Club — "Soviet Conquest of Space" and "The Air Force Mafia" — is nearing the end of a nationwide lecture tour. He has been visiting colleges and universities since last fall, spreading his warnings about what he sees as America's disastrous future.