

determination of the Russian overlords to maintain this purpose. The fact that many times as large a proportion of the gross national product in Russia is devoted to military preparation as in the U.S.A. is clear evidence of it. The readiness to blow out of the sky an innocent passenger plane in which more than 80 peaceful people were traveling, when its pilot made a misjudgment so that it crossed the border of Soviet-controlled territory is an evidence. The killing in cold blood of an American officer assigned with Russian permission to observe certain features of Russian military preparation and unintentionally going beyond his assigned task is clear evidence of it.

What does it mean to our country? This we should approach under three headings. The first relates to world conquest and the great amount of nuclear preparation for it, not only on the earth but also doubtless in connection with the Russian space station, where no non-communist can see what is being done. Fellow-travelers in this country are constantly urging the making of disarmament agreements, even though the communists never abide by such agreements, but constantly hunt for ways to circumvent them. In spite of any agreement that might be signed, a determined, arbitrary power will find ways to further build up a nuclear force that may already be sufficient to destroy all U.S. cities. Let the force become clearly and unquestionably superior to ours and there is no question what would happen. A demand for surrender on some comparatively secondary point would be followed, after our yielding, by increasingly harsh demands until eventually the demand for complete control of this country would be made, with the threat that otherwise an American city would be destroyed. Americans might laugh now at such a proposal, hardly thinking it possible that the kindly Russians would ever do such a thing (and as a whole the people are kindly, though not the communist ruling class).