Who Will Win - U.S. or U.S.S.R.?

I. Struggle for Supremacy, World Leadership or World Domination.
   - Generally a case of our having been far ahead at the start, but Russia working harder, moving faster, catching up or passing us in some fields.

II. The Situation after W.W.II

III. Comparison of the Economics

IV. Military Power

V. Education

VI. Science & Engineering

VII. Foreign Policies

VIII. Energetic Leadership

IX. American Complacency
U.S. and Russia Today

I. THE SITUATION AFTER WORLD WAR II.


Bombers -- far ahead of Russia, especially in long-range bombers.

II. COMPARISON OF U.S. AND RUSSIA TODAY.

1. Economy -- U.S. -- Recession, economy stagnating, production falling.

Russia -- Completely reconstructed. Growing at very rapid rate. Even before the start of the recession, was growing faster than ours.

If present trends continue, Russian economy will catch up with and pass ours. Already has in some items such as coal.

Resources allocated to the crucial items -- military strength. 1/2 as much steel does them as much good in military terms.

2. Military Technology

   a. Atom bomb -- invented much faster than we expected.

   b. H-bomb -- Although we were the first apparently to create a Hydrogen device, they were the first to test an actual H-bomb.

   Again, we underestimated them. Again, they worked much faster than we thought possible.

   c. Bombers -- Apparently have jet engines more powerful than any of ours.
d. ICBM -- Claim to have successfully tested one many months ago. (announced Aug. 27, 1957)

   e. Sputniks -- Made us look ridiculous to all the world.

   Sputnik I -- Heavier than we expected. (184 lbs.)
   Sputnik II -- Many times heavier than No. I. (1,120 lbs.)
   Sputnik III -- Much "heavier" than II. (2,300 lbs.)

   Indicates they are far ahead of us in rockets.

   Already have engines more powerful than any we have now under development.

   New type of fuel?

   Accurate directional devices.

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3. Education

   Illiteracy wiped out.

   Producing more scientists and engineers each year than we are.

   Quality -- Now probably as good on the average.

   More systematic effort to find and train children with ability.

   System of entrance exams, scholarships.

4. Science

   Emphasis on science, foreign languages.


   b. In many fields -- Russia ahead, and has been for years.

   Well known by specialists for a long time.

   Ahead in some fields that have great military importance.

   c. Prestige of science, scientists.

   Honor, glory, pay.

   d. Greater emphasis in education.

   10-year school -- The compulsory curriculum in science for all students contains more science than a student can elect in American schools.

   In secondary education, their average is equal to our best in field of science.
Foreign Policy Changes Since Stalin:

1. Middle East
2. Neutral Countries - India, Indonesia, Burma
3. Build-up of China
4. Economic Warfare - economic aid
   - military aid
   - competition for markets
   (recent trade treaty w. England)
5. Propaganda Effort
7. U.S. Intervention. — in domestic affairs of countries.

Must recognize that we are intervening. Take that as an accepted, necessary fact, and see to it that we intervene in a way that will help to solve the long-run problems.

But can't intervene so much as to arouse resentment.

(Land reform in Italy.)


a. Arms plus food still is not enough.

b. We have a better product to sell than Russia, but we don't spend as much on advertising.


Scholarly magazine for Catholics in France.

Since they do it, we must also.

d. Voice of America, USIS. Balloons.

Not much influence in Russia, but can in France, Italy.

e. Peace Propaganda —

Soviet Peace Conferences.

— reluctance to discuss peace plans, meet at Eisenhower Summit, ban atomic tests.

f. Make American Democracy Work.

Depression — avoided.

Race question — Supreme Court on segregation.

9. Specific Agreements.

a. Timing — When conditions have somewhat stabilized.

Germany — when Western Germany shows ability to support itself, Soviets see that C.P. cannot control all of Germany, then maybe we can reach agreement.

b. Know what we want, objectives,
VII. FACTORS ON RUSSIA'S SIDE.

1. Depression. Unemployment.

2. American reluctance to sacrifice.


4. Experience at Propaganda, agitation, conspiracy, organization.

5. C.P.'s — No similar U.S. parties.

6. 5th column, Quizlings make possible expansion without aggression.

7. Appeal of Communism — desire for social revolution (Italy). Utopian. Voters who think they can have Communism without loss of liberty, without domination by Russia.

8. Reactionaries — Often the only alternative to Communists. Supported by U.S. (Rhee).


12. Free press — we publicize all our secret, plans, strategy.

VIII. FACTORS ON OUR SIDE.

1. Nationalism — fear of Soviet domination. Titoism.

2. U.S. not Imperialistic — some people don't fear we wish to dominate them. (But some do - Asia, Latin America)

3. Political freedom — fear loss of liberties.

4. Religion — (But many vote Communist in Italy, France)

5. Standard of Living in U.S. — (Not effective if Depression)

6. Western culture — Jazz, movies (good & bad), styles.

U.S. economic, scientific achievements.
Literature, art.