Kahn Predicts Russian Edge In Post-War Recuperation

Dr. Herman Kahn, physicist and spokesman for Sants Mon- nomas Island Foundation for Strategic Studies, gave three lectures in 201 Iridge last week end on "The Nuclear Balance of Power and Deterrence." His conclu sion: Things look bad for our neighbors.

In his first lecture, Kahn evaluated United States re sponse so far to the Soviet Union's development of long-range nuclear war. He pointed out that if the U.S.S.R. and the U.S. were each disposed of an 'A country,' comprising the hundred largest cities and a 'A country comprising all the rest, then the Russians could probably do a much better job of re bullding their 'A country after an all-out war.

That Kahn pointed out similar considerations leads Kahn to believe that if the United States were subjected to an atomic war right now, it would have a relatively high survival rate recuperating. On this score, Kahn moved on to deter Russian at tacks and provocations. He listed the eleven things he thought were needed and pointed the U.S. to them.

Two to three years, Kahn says, is reflexive reaction against sudden attack. The United States has put all its chips on this, and is presumably compe tent to respond.

Types II and III deterrence in involve reactions to various degrees of Soviet provocation, ranging from the Russians' demands about halving their nuclear warheads pressures on West Berlin. Kahn weighed various U.S. purposes and objectives over the past two years, and found us lacking, es pecially in relation to limited war in Europe.

In view of U.S. failures, Kahn concludes, our will be necessary on one or the other of these Soviet Union or for the preclude side having any preponderant advantage. When No. 6, es becomes important in 1965, the So viet Union may have strategic superiority. No. 7 would (hope fully) involve some sort of "Pli nite Deterrence," and when a No. 8 type war becomes likely in 1973, there may be a chance for a "breathing space."

Kahn, however, doesn't con sider any sort of breathing space likely as things are proceeding now. He ended up by saying our strong for arms control and some sort of effort to de velop mechanisms to respond to any conceivable sort of interna tional crisis. "It is just barely possible that with determined efforts of a large number of re sponsible people we can achieve enough to make a significant d evelopment."

In brief, Kahn presented the necessity is for an all-out war. Kahn said our forces are not likely to replace the far off 1965. Kahn told us what our forces will look like and what he thought they would be worth.

Memorandum

BY BARD EFRON

Efron: I don't understand.

I just don't understand.

Tech Editor: Now look, Brad, you know it's nothing personal.

Efron: I mean, after all, it is my last week.

Efron: ... I mean you could have waited.

Tech Editor: Well ... (harrumph, kramph) ... you know it is Brad - a lot of guys write to the paper, and they like you personally just fine, but well ... your column.

Efron: "Tripe"? I know every thing I write isn't hilarious- I don't pretend to be Max Schu man, but it can't all be "tripe."

Tech Editor: Now just a second, Brad. You never said it was ALL tripe. A lot of your stuff is defini tely top rate second rate and if it wasn't done to me personally, well ...

Efron: You could let me fin ish my memoirs. I mean I was just getting to the exciting part where I will be interviewed by Tom Mboya changes the whole course of my philosophical de velopment and then Dean Strong ...

Tech Editor: Brad, let's have a meeting meet in this world we live in and you.

Efron: Okay-dokey.

Efron: "You're a mathematician, right?"

Efron: Yeah, but ...

Tech Editor: You like being a mathematician, don't you? Why don't we tell you every week.

Efron: Yeah, but I don't see what this has to do with ... Tech Editor: You don't have to be funny to be a mathematician, do you?

Efron: No, but I still don't see what.

Tech Editor: Stick with math, Brad, I'll keep you out of mis chief. (harrumph, kramph)

Efron: I'm afraid you're all through at the California Tech. (Editor, sensing historical importance of the moment, efrons California Tech pencil and smashes it into fragments ... he does same with efron's green California Tech censorship cuff link carried away by symbolism he smashes Efron's typing finger.)

Efron: Someday the world will pay and pay dearly to read what your term "tripe." Until then, farewell (he stalks off into open filing cabinet. Exit expletive columnist).

Leadership Training Program

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Four Caltech students have been selected to represent the school at a summer leadership training conference to be held in June. The students are John Lohman, John To­ doroff, Gary Walla, and Bill Coffin.

The conference, sponsored by the National Training Labora­tory, will take place in the latter part of August and will last for two weeks.

The objective of the conference is to help student leaders trans­ late relevant findings of the behavioral sciences into more ef­ fective leadership as it is exercised in campus activities. Fur­ thermore the objectives include helping the students learn to create conditions for desired change as well as how to remove blocks necessary for discovering new leadership.

The staff of the conference includes instructors from several colleges and universities throughout the country; also present will be psychologists and specialists in human relations. Student leaders from a variety of differ­ ent school organizations are invited to attend the conference.

Transportation costs for the delegates from Tech are being jointly covered by the Alumni Association, the V, and ASCIT.
Master Key Stand Questioned

Editors, California Tech:

The Institute's current (and, I gather, perennial) administrative attitude regarding the student possession of master keys is exemplary of an administrative policy hardly compatible with the general maturity manifest in the Institute's dealings with its student population.

The administration is being somewhat less than realistic in assuming that students in possession of master keys will obediently turn them in as requested; the keys are far too handy.

BOC Philosophy Reversed Again

Editor, California Tech:

I find myself unable to understand the stand now being taken by the BOC on master keys. While I sympathize with their feelings on the practical difficulties involved in a more liberal position, they have offered no new compelling arguments that will rationalize their new stand with the philosophy of the "Entro pe.

By saying that after June 3 the possession of an unauthorized master key will be considered a violation of the Honor Spirit they are, presumably, disregarding all philosophical arguments, and pretending that the long debates which I know took place about the subject, never happened.

Prospectively the decision was made because of the continual prowling of the faculty and dorms. Have these groups considered any replacement? As long as Dalney is kept locked week ends and no building or library is open on Memorial Day (with finals this close and study space at a premium) then I would be most hesitant about turning in my key.

Larry Nordell

for that.

And any individuals sufficiently dishonest as to resort to petty theft are certainly not likely to be the first to relinquish their keys. (Good God, gentlemen, this is like loyalty oaths.)

I'm inclined to feel that a more rational approach on the part of the administration would be to concede that the master key is here to stay, and, in view of this fact, request that the keys be used in accordance with the honor system, defining such acceptable uses as, perhaps, the perfectly legitimate entry into libraries after closing hours, etc.

The administration would further do well to provide local locksmiths with high-quality originals from which subsequent duplicates might be made. So long as master keys are with the possession of an individual, the philosophy of the "Entrope" still holds.

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us, they may as well be of such quality as not to damage existent locks.

Certain local locksmiths, at least, are amenable to this idea, and it is probable that the Institute has really very little to lose by it. It might be stated parenthetically that this policy would save the Institute the expense of making its own own master keys for selected distribution among the students.

A host of advantages attend upon the student possession of master keys might be cited; as a single frictionless at a T. A., I may leave a book on my desk for a student to borrow and return in my absence. His having a master key allows me to lock my office as a general precaution against non-Caltechians (who, obviously, are not to be trusted).

I might point out that despite—or, perhaps, because of—my high esteem for the honor system, I have absolutely no intention of giving up my master key, although I certainly intend to be mercifully honest in using it.

Essentially all this is simply a plea for rationality: Gentlemen of the Administration, please be realistic, and act accordingly in a fashion most beneficial to all.

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