

A LOOK INTO THE FUTURE

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Eugene Cardinal Tisserant, dean of the Sacred College and three times actually "head of the church" (after the deaths of Popes Pius XI, Pius XII and John XXIII) told me in a personal interview only months before he died:

"We may expect still greater suffering before the peace promised by Our Lady of Fatima."

Foretold by Sokolski

Twenty-eight years ago the universally respected columnist, George Sokolski, told me in a special interview also just months before his death that he also foresaw a great trial in the future: *An atomic war started by China.*

Atheism has spread from Russia throughout the world...especially to China. And with each passing day, the final prophecy of the aged columnist-sage, George Sokolski, and the warning of the most celebrated Cardinal of our time, loom heavily in the world's future.

Can the Communists be converted? Or is nuclear war inevitable?

Would Suffer Great Losses...

George Sokolski, a Jew, was a man of faith. If he could speak from the grave, he would certainly affirm that all was possible through prayer. But I will never forget the quiet authority with which he spoke of the split between Russia and China (when most people thought it wasn't real) and how China *could only "gain" by nuclear war because of her overwhelming population and vast area.*

In a nuclear war the U.S. would necessarily suffer great losses because of concentrated population on its coasts and because a pre-emptive strike by the United States is virtually unthinkable. Our reaction would have to come *after* an attack.

Russia Spends More

Recently on nationwide TV, a retired U.S. Admiral said that Russia now spends twice as much on armament as we do, that we could no longer win even a naval battle with Russia, and that in the event of nuclear war our losses would be ten times greater than those of Russia (*Good Morning America*, January 4th).

Both Russia and China are now spending MAJOR portions of their budgets on nuclear defense shelters (see article next page).

We are one year closer to the 1980's...when George Sokolski predicted that atomic war would be started by a wild, atheistic, western-hating, schizophrenic leadership in the Communist world.

1967—Trip of Triumph

The 1967 trip of the Pilgrim Virgin around the world (inspired by Bishop John Venancio) showed how much we should be encouraged! It was a trip of triumph, not only in its public visit to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics but especially in its encircling of China! Celebrations around China included hundreds of thousands in Calcutta, hundreds of cars in a motorcade in Bangkok, vast celebrations in Saigon, Tokyo, Taiwan, and the

Philippines. But Bishop Venancio personally felt that the most "touching" of all receptions was in the Cathedral of Seoul, S. Korea. "It was not so much the crowds," Bishop Venancio explained, "as the spirit of faith and devotion in these people who suffered so much in their war against Communist China and who now still stand in greatest peril of the greater war which may come."

Responsibility of Blue Army

Now the Pilgrim Virgin travels once again around the world...and once again is the center of our special devotion and hopes on the borders of the Communist world. Pope Pius XII called the Pilgrim Virgin the "Messenger of Her Royalty." And the responsibility to see that Our Lady's message for the world is heard falls upon the Blue Army, custodian of both the world Pilgrim statues, of the Chapel of the Apparitions in Pontevedra, and of the principal center of Her Message at Fatima.

What Is Most Important...

It is *most* important that we, who know the Message of Fatima and have responded by making the Blue Army Pledge, accompany Our Lady throughout the world with our sacrifices and prayers.

Let us increase the First Saturdays of reparation, the Vigils, the weekly cell hours of holiness! Whatever we are doing, let's do it more earnestly, more effectively. And let's begin doing what we have so often failed to do.

"Error will spread from an atheist Russia, fomenting further wars... Several entire nations will be annihilated... If my requests are heard, Russia will be converted and there will be peace..."