

# Retiring admiral issues startling warnings

Retiring Admiral Hyman Rickover, the pioneer of the nuclear Navy, has issued startling warnings for the Congress and the nation. Addressing Congress for the last time Rickover said the Defense Department should be abolished and predicted the world will probably destroy itself in a nuclear holocaust.

Rickover has served in the Navy for nearly 60 years and in that time gained a reputation for being outspoken. He was the mastermind behind nuclear-powered submarines and ships, and many other innovations that modernized the Navy.

The call to abolish the Defense Department and the dire prediction that a nuclear holocaust is near isn't the ramblings of senility. Rickover's experience and expertise leads us to believe that his statements have more than just a ring of truth.

"To increase the efficiency of the Department of Defense you first have to abolish it. It's far too large," Rickover told the Congress.

More than too large, the Defense department is bloated by ever escalating transfusions of dollars into its budget, too much waste and inefficiency in operations, and too many defense contractors knowing the ways of the system.

Rickover observed that defense contractors have learned how to circumvent the rules that prevent them from exploiting contracts and reaping excessive profits. He told the Congress that he submitted recommendations to Budget Director David Stockman on ways to improve efficiency and economy in the Pentagon. It's interesting to note that Rickover says no action has been taken on his recommendations.

Allied to Rickover's concern for the Defense Department is his stern warnings about the growing power of corporate America and its threat to the society.

"Through their control of vast resources,

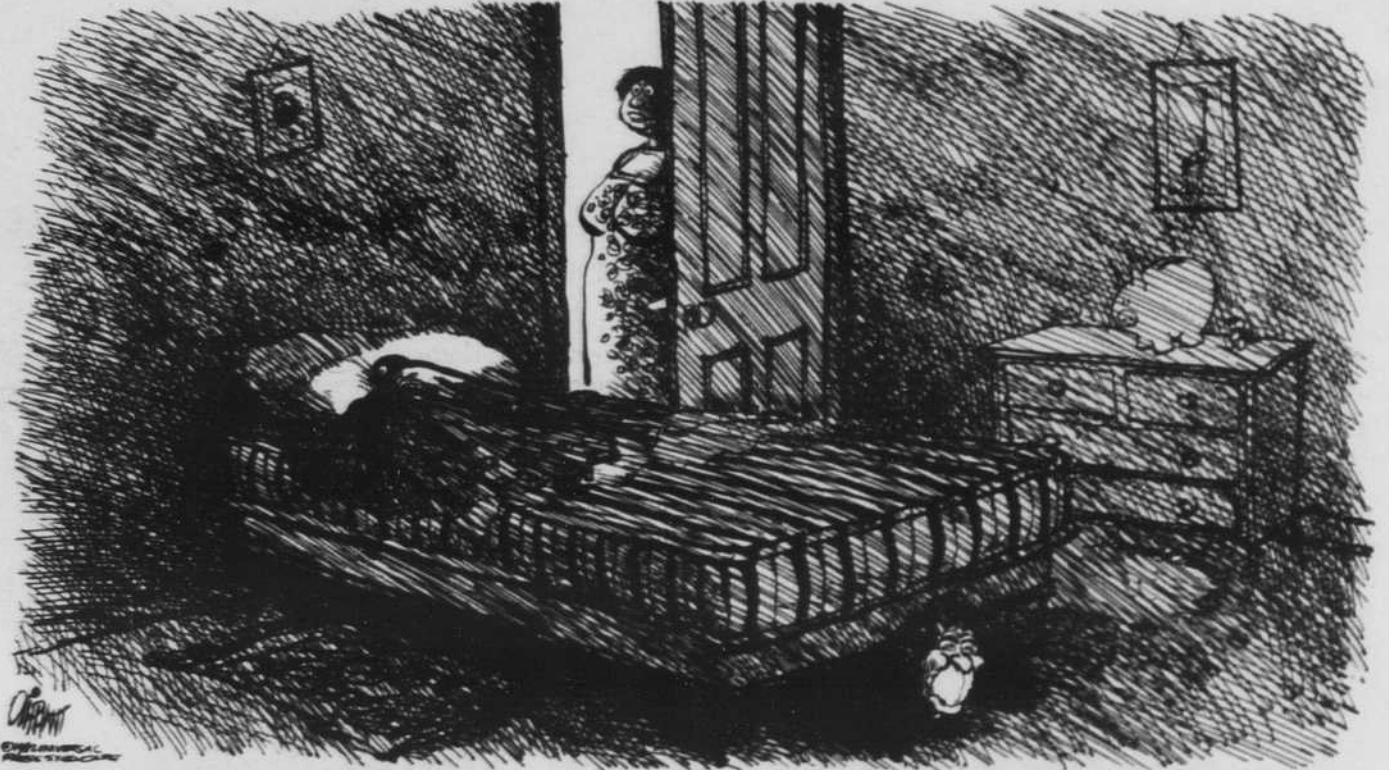
these large corporations have become, in effect, another branch of government," Rickover told the Congress. "They often exercise the power of government, but without the checks and balances inherent in our democratic system."

Rickover is echoing a long-standing criticism of what used to be called "The military-industrial complex." The way many of the multinational corporations work with international dealing and diplomacy is certainly like a shadow government.

Finally, regarding nuclear weapons and nu-

clear power, the man often called the father of the nuclear Navy calls for nuclear weapons and nuclear power to be outlawed.

Why such a turnabout for Rickover? Has he had enough years in the military hierarchy to perceive the present direction as dangerous? Amazingly, Rickover is reciting the sentiments of contemporary nuclear arms and power protesters. That's something to ponder for those who haven't an opinion on nuclear issues or the defense establishment.



"THAT'S JUST A SILLY DREAM, HONEY — AIN'T NO BAD OL' BOOGEYMAN UNDER YOUR BED, WAITING TO STEAL YOUR EDUCATION MONEY."

## letters

### ERA dead

The ERA is obviously dead, but it did not perish with Mormon judge Marion Callister's decision. He ruled against the legality of extending the ratification deadline because there is no clause for it in the Constitution. His probable bias against the ERA does not diminish this.

The real causes for its failure are these: 1) Supporters of the ERA (including many men) were not able to bridge the ideological gap between housewives and "working" women. They were unable to develop common ground even though there is much at hand. 2) Supporters failed to exploit the liberal political climate of the mid-70's. A great fanfare of publicity — especially a large-scale media blitz — could have turned the tide then and there. And 3) supporters failed to understand that their opponents (including many women) would fight as long and as hard as it took to continue the centuries-old discrimination against half the population. And so, even though polls have

continually showed the majority of Americans favoring the ERA, it has lost.

Some truly effective wording in the pending Reenactment of the Civil Rights Act of 1965 would help save face, but the future issues for proponents of sexual equality remain the ones mentioned.

Kevin Quardros

### Women raped

Recent weeks have seen the publication of a number of letters related to the adult bookstores raided in Eugene and Springfield. Local media coverage has provided the public at large with the erroneous impression that Reverend Brooks and his group of fundamental Christians are the only dissenters.

Reverend Brooks is not the only dissenter. We dissent, and have no connection with Brooks. Many other community members like us reject the idea that free speech is at issue.

We are enraged about the violence towards women that is represented by the existence and materials of such an enter-

prise. No one of us can allow a business to be made based on the sale and display of materials that tell us that it is "okay" to overpower and abuse women. One in four women in the United States is raped. That means that the next time you are with, or one of, a group of four women, one of those women, maybe you, has been raped. Rape is a crime of violence, of overpowering; no one asks for it.

Adult bookstores symbolize this same theme: women, whether in live or pictorial form, are to be used for the pleasure of men. Now comes Stacy Larsen (Jan. 24, Eugene Register-Guard), not yet old enough to vote or consume alcohol, advocating "a pleasant attitude of indifference." We cannot be indifferent to violence. Germany was once, a mistake for which 6,000,000 Jews paid. Our mothers and sisters and daughters pay for our indifference, now and until it ends. To allow the existence of adult bookstores in Eugene and Springfield would say that 150,000 people cared not at all about the many daily abuses of women, from rape to al-

coholism.

It's not just Reverend Brooks.  
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### Made in USA?

Following President Ronald Reagan's speech of Jan. 26 a most disturbing commercial was aired on NBC. Sponsored by the Grace Corporation, it went something like this:

The scene is a Japanese baseball game. The camera zooms on the high technology scoreboard which is depicting an animated oriental figure hitting a baseball with terrific fury. It also dwells on the proud players as they hit home runs, the advertisements on the fence, and on the tens of thousands of screaming fans. An announcer, speaking in the same locker-room-pep-talk tone as Reagan used, begins to speak. Unfortunately, according to him, we are losing. The Japanese have developed a stronger industrial sector than ours. On the bright side, they were able to do this only through technology stamped "Made In USA" But all is not lost. By pulling together

and increasing production we can still defend ourselves and even go on to victory.

Two cliches: Man fears nothing more than the unknown. There is nothing to fear but fear itself. Recent history: The reaction to the hostage crisis proved that there is a segment in our society that is ready, indeed eager, to rush where angels fear to tread; to label a nation "enemy," to spread hysteria through fear. And spread it did.

Most of us knew almost nothing of Iran before the incident. It was the unknown. Is Japan different? Having studied Japan for four years I am in a good position to judge and I have found that most people know very little of the Japan that exists today. This ignorance combined with the successes of Japan makes her the perfect scapegoat for our failures.

Shouldn't we really emulate the Japanese? Better that the message be "let's pull together like the Japanese" than "we have to pull together to stomp those sneaky yellow bastards."

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