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WHY AMERICA WILL NEVER BE BOMBED!

Russia won't dare attack as long as we possess a mobile, constant threat of retaliation, says this military expert

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NO SOVIET H-BOMB will ever explode in our homeland! That, I realize, is a large prediction.

It isn't an official prediction, of course, since I have no official status. But it isn't based on wishful thinking, either. After 30 years writing and lecturing on the hard facts of military problems, I've developed an allergy to wishful thinking.

My prediction is based on facts and on faith—the facts of military technology in these first years of the space age, and faith in the wisdom and courage of the American people, faith that in the future as in the past they will do what is necessary to protect our country from enemy attack.

If you share my faith, you'll be interested in the facts.

First and foremost, an H-bomb attack on America can have only one primary purpose: to knock out by

complete surprise our ability to strike back. Otherwise, H-bombs being what they are, the attacker is simply committing suicide.

Therefore our first requirement for security against an H-bomb attack is an invulnerable retaliatory force which cannot be knocked out by a surprise move.

We have such a force today in the Strategic Air Command. If the Soviets tried to attack SAC bases, our early warning systems would give ample time for SAC's planes to take off before the bases could be struck. Thus retaliation would be certain.

For this reason, the Soviets have virtually stopped building long-range bombing planes. Instead they are building long-range ballistic missiles.

With ballistic missiles they hope—when they have enough of them—to

be able to score a complete surprise knock-out of all our bomber and missile forces. The United States would then be at the mercy of the Communist enemy.

The Soviets have already produced hundreds of ballistic missiles of short and medium range (500 to 1,300 miles) which threaten many of our overseas air and missile bases, and those of our allies, right now.

They are developing missiles of intercontinental range (3,500-5,000 miles) with which air and missile bases in the United States could be attacked from Soviet launching sites. They have only a few of these ICBMs now. They may have as many as 100 by the middle or end of 1960 and as many as 500 by 1962.

No warning system against ballistic missile attack yet exists that would give us a chance to launch our