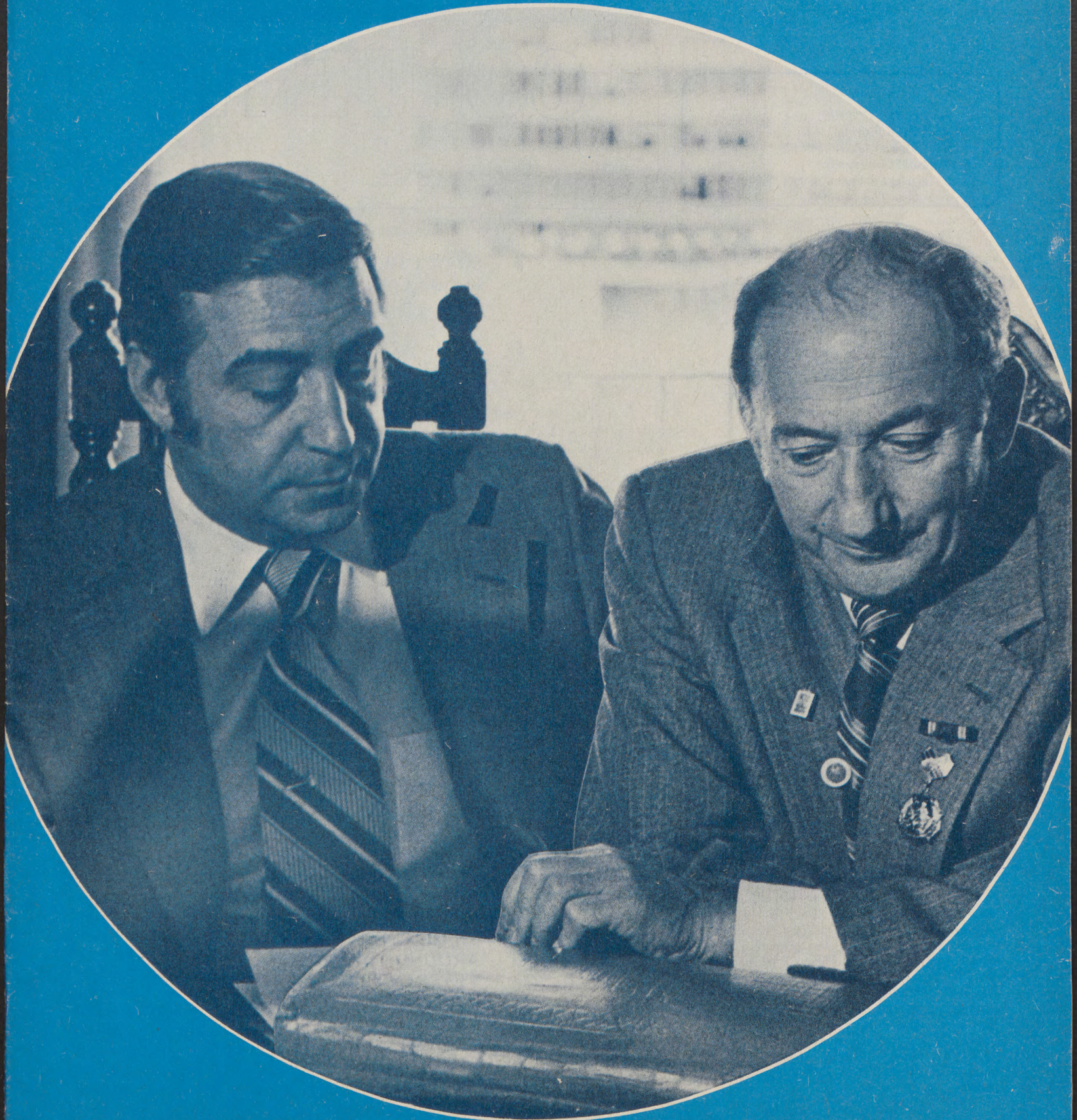


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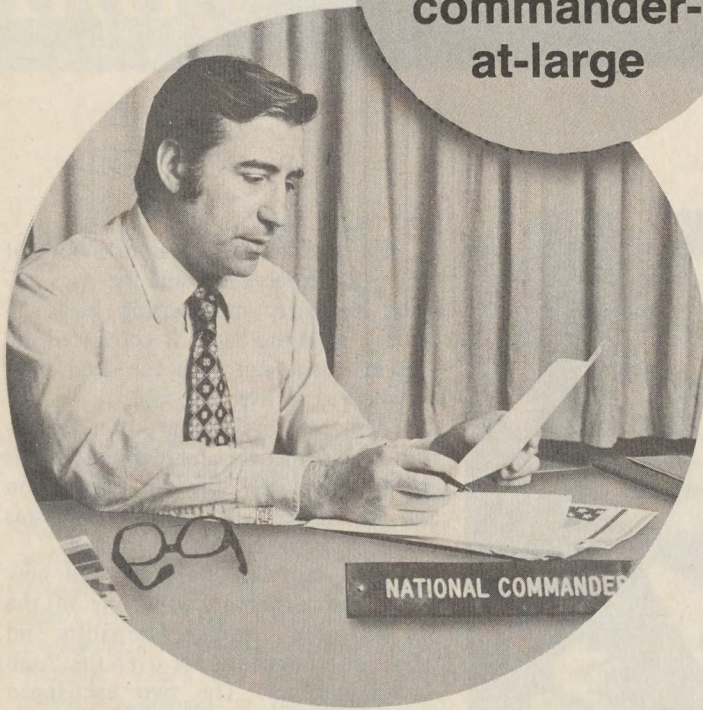
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U.S. UNDER ATTACK

Recent events in the United Nations have merely underscored a process which has been developing throughout the world for some years, and is now reaching a clearly defined stage. The United States has not been militarily attacked, but, nevertheless, we are in a form of war. The communist, Arab, and so-called third world nations are combining to engage in a political, economic, and psychological war, with the ultimate aim of destroying our present political and economic system. Unless we recognize this brutal fact of life and react in a tough and intelligent fashion, our chances of winning this war will fade out.

The oil-producing nations will continue to raise oil prices until they press us to the brink of economic disaster, although they do not want to push us off that brink. This is because they want customers who are democracies and thus limited in their options to respond, rather than customers who are totalitarians with regulated and managed economies. A communist nation, needing oil, but which had food, arms and manufactured goods to sell, would be able to strike a tougher bargain with oil producing countries, which we cannot do because we have a competitive, free enterprise system. But the oil producers won't mind draining our economy dry. The Russians will be happy if raising costs of

energy devastate our economy and cause a ruinous inflation, all of which will cause us to ignore our military needs and fall behind the communist bloc in military strength. The third world bloc, which consists in the main of totalitarian regimes, hopes to get the benefits of its alliance with the other non-democratic nations. They all hope to see a restructuring of the world economic system and a redistribution of wealth to their benefit.

Make no mistake about this. The large majority of nations are hostile to us, while demanding that we continue to be generous and give them free food, free technological assistance and other forms of aid. They oppose our political interest at every opportunity and have no regard for our security. Even those who were friends in the past aren't concerned about our welfare at all. When potentially vast oil deposits were recently found in Mexico, that government said it would sell us oil, but at the same price set by the other oil producers. Even Canada has announced that shipments of oil to the United States will be phased out in the next few years. Venezuela has cut back shipments to us.

There are several things which we, as concerned American citizens, must demand of Congress and the White House if we are to continue to exist in the future. First, we must insure our

military strength by an adequate military budget and by the development of superior weapons. We must restrict the flow of arms to any nation which is not allied with us and which may be undependable in case of future conflicts.

Second, it is imperative that we develop a rational energy policy so that we might free ourselves of dependence on the OPEC countries. Self-sufficiency will not only add to our security but will force those nations to set more reasonable and sane prices for the oil they wish to sell us. In fact, they thereby will be forced into a competitive situation which will stop the indefensible flow of the world capital to a few backward nations.

Third, during the interim period when we have to deal with price-gouging countries and nations who oppose us politically at every step of the way, we should start getting tough in our dealings. Instead of meekly accepting the constant rise in price for raw materials, we should sell our products to other nations at a price other than what our own citizens pay. Or, to put it in a more simple fashion, we should decide how much oil we need and rather than pay for it in dollars, we should offer the oil producers a certain amount of food, arms, industrial goods and technology which we think would be a fair exchange for our raw material requirements. If, for example, Russia needs wheat, we should ask her to supply our oil needs from her vast oil resources in exchange for our grain. By this method, we can slow down the inflationary trend in this country and stop the intolerable pressures and potential disaster awaiting us.

The foregoing is a very simple approach to a very complex problem but, in my view, it is a guideline for governmental policies which will prevent a continuous worsening of our position in the world.