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The Pacific Tests

THE NUCLEAR weapons tests in the Pacific this summer, which the Russians are trying so hard to stop, may produce the most powerful deterrents to future war the world has ever known.

They would be the exclusive weapons of the free world.

This is the reason why the Russians have mustered the full strength of international Communism against the forthcoming American tests.

They know the tests may prove the final and vast capacities of remarkable and fantastic nuclear weapons, hitherto unheard of and still entirely unknown to the Communist powers.

They believe, and with the greatest possible weight of reason, that American scientists have developed and perhaps perfected an unprecedented range of nuclear weapons that will make the costs of aggressive war prohibitive, that will deprive future aggressors of all prospects of success.

They know the Pacific tests may raise invincible safeguards against war, and may consolidate the universal hopes of peace and security.

They know the difference between holding and not holding these vital tests is the important difference between the Communists having the top hand in the struggle for world domination and not having it.

They are clamoring for calling off the tests, because they recognize that this may be the point beyond which they cannot go and will not dare to go in their aspirations to put the whole world under the Communist heel.

The Pacific nuclear testing grounds this summer may give us a deterrent to war and a power for defense so tremendous that we will be closer to permanent peace than we have ever been since the menace of Communism cast its evil shadows over the face of the earth.

The Russians are striving desperately to stop them, in their own unholy interest.

We will let them be stopped, at our own

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