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"Military Implications of a Possible World Order Crisis in the 1980s" by Guy J. Pauker  
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The fantastic thing about this RAND "study" is both that the "contingencies analysis" and the actual relations to the 3rd World ~~analysis~~ are related a great deal more to "international tension" and nothing short of "conceptual development," not to mention the quoting of FF Wretched of the Earth. Then on the figures. At the same time they portray that they don't mean any of this conceptual double talk --

is that the introduction, or rather summary that they always put in the introduction is a bare 10 pp. whereas the figures and all the data is 101 pp. Nevertheless, there are some quite interesting facts that they tell themselves about the N-S conflict: (1) whereas the UN Charter was signed in 1945, had only 51 states, mostly West, in 1970 there were 107 new developing countries "known as the group of 77." (2) During the last 5 years, the conferences held on the subject of N-S resolved exactly nothing, and in 1974 for example, a total value of private long-term and short-term American foreign assets in the 3rd World was only \$68.8 billion "less than 1/2 of the estimated cost of the limited war fought in Vietnam." (3) In 1973-4 Arab oil embargo, which produced a lot of talk about coercive diplomacy, likewise produced nothing. In addition to which they go to the trouble of taking up specifically 200 incidents, "since the end of WWII where U.S. forces were used. So all the talk of the "new economic international order" (p.72), the "3rd World" did keep more united with the oil barons than anything the West could come up with, so that they themselves have to ask "collective bargaining or class war?" And as if that weren't enough they have to admit that the Law of the Sea conference likewise got absolutely nowhere (p.56).

All these futurologists (see esp. p.66) talk glibly about the 1980s, 90s, and the year 2000 and get about as far as the Battle of Crecy in 1346 as sure proof of what happened. They end up all over again with the role of manned aircraft as against "precision guided missiles" that would "permit careful selection of targets, thus avoiding unwanted collateral damage and costly combat operations for air superiority."

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