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'Very Last War'— On Way to Armageddon?

To the Editor:

C. L. Sulzberger's highly interesting "This is probably the very last war" interview [March 10] underlines grave basic fallacies in President Nixon's policies.

In insisting on a "non-Communist Asia," Mr. Nixon fails to point out that both the Chinese People's Republic and the Soviet Union would have to be overpowered to achieve his goal.

In stating that "for the next 25 years the United States is destined to play this superpower role as both an economic and a nuclear giant" in order to build a "world that is relatively peaceful," Mr. Nixon not only ignores the fact that the United States is already on the brink of bankruptcy and exhaustion from pursuing this policy. As self-appointed arbiter of world politics and economics, Mr. Nixon also omits any reference whatsoever to the United Nations, the organization duly constituted to solve international problems peacefully.

One can only conclude that Mr. Nixon is still as blindly dedicated as he was when he first came to Congress 24 years ago to the complete extinction of Communism, at whatever cost in American lives and substance, and that he will not end but will continue indefinitely to widen the war in Southeast Asia.

For many years, as a capitalist concerned with the preservation of our system, I have made a point of having direct and constant contacts with the statesmen, scholars and industrial leaders of all of the Communist nations, now constituting half the world's population. It is utterly incomprehensible that the White House, the Pentagon and the State Department, far from seizing obvious opportunities for accommodation with the Communist world, have consistently taken active steps to stir up heightened anger and bitterness.

At this moment in history, unless Mr. Nixon voluntarily alters his headlong course, or the Congress exercises its constitutional right to cut the military purse strings, it would appear that "this is probably the very last war," to use Mr. Nixon's very own words, and that nuclear Armageddon must inevitably engulf the globe.

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