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Hudson Institute Seminar. On 22 and 23 January 1969, at various sessions, all three Naval War College resident schools were involved in an "Alternatives and Policy Perspectives" seminar conducted by the Hudson Institute, a nonprofit organization devoted to research projects. Mr. Herman Kahn, the interesting and unique director of the institute, and Mr. Johan J. Holst, political scientist and a student of national security problems on the institute staff, presented this stimulating and rewarding 2-day seminar program.

The basic theme of the seminar was centered on the current major undertaking at the institute--the "Analytic Summary Project." This project is designed to explore the best method of acquainting people who are moving into very responsible positions in Government with the broad policy considerations of national security issues.

Mr. Kahn, whom Soviet writers call the "true servant of imperialism," opened the seminar with an introduction to the School of Naval Warfare on Wednesday morning, 22 January. Naval Command Course students joined the senior U.S. officers in a presentation on "Central War Tactics and Escalation" and another on "Soviet Views on Escalation and Central War."

That evening Mr. Kahn went on the stage of the Naval Station Family Theater to offer his view of "The Year 2,000" to more than 750 War College staff, faculty, and students, their adult dependents, and officer guests in the area. This startling presentation professed 100 technological and scientific

developments, speculations on the changing patterns of world government, and stark images of futuristic life.

The following day Naval Command and Staff School students joined School of Naval Warfare students to hear Mr. Kahn's thoughts on "New Revolutionary Movements and Trends" and a discussion on "Current Choices in Vietnam." The seminar was concluded in the afternoon with a lengthy question and answer period conducted by Mr. Kahn.

Hudson Institute representatives are conversant in detail with the widest possible range of knowledge relating to the subjects discussed and also reflect widely divergent viewpoints. The usual procedure during the seminar was for an informal presentation, including questions from the participants at the time the presentation raised a question.

Thus, the seminar fulfilled its purpose of stimulating student thoughts about problems relating to strategy and exposed the student to one type of information input that is being received by individuals who formulate and recommend national security policy. It also provided substantive content and helped to summarize and integrate many of the considerations addressed throughout the academic year.



Admiral Horacio Rivero, USN (left), Commander in Chief, Allied Forces, Southern Europe, points out his broad area of responsibility to Vice Admiral Richard G. Colbert, USN, President, Naval War College. Admiral Rivero at the War College on January 24, gave an address on the defense of the Mediterranean area which has had military significance throughout recorded history and is today of great strategic importance to the Free World.

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