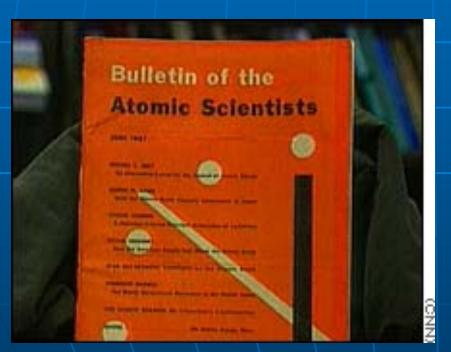
# Peace Psychology: Institutionalization

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#### US President Ronald Reagan

Doomsday Clock: Minutes to Midnight (Nuclear War)





### Reagan as Political Realist

- Hobbesian worldview: Belief that human nature is inherently competitive and selfish
- Belief in state sovereignty
  - Supreme authority over its citizens
  - Not subject to legal control by other states
  - Right to raise taxes and wage war
- Goals of States:
  - preserve power
  - expand power
  - demonstrate power



### The Evil Empire Speech

I urge you to beware the temptation ... of blithely declaring yourselves above it all and label both sides [United States & Soviet Union] equally at fault, to ignore the facts of history and the aggressive impulses of an evil empire, to simply call the arms race a giant misunderstanding and thereby remove yourself from the struggle between right and wrong and good and evil ....

[The Soviet Leaders] are the focus of evil in the modern world (Ronald Reagan, 1983, p. 363-364)

# Psychologists for Social Responsibility (Established in USA, 1982)



### Euromissiles: Deployed in 1983



Pershing II Missile

Ground Launched Cruise Missile



## Peace Psychology Forum (Established in Germany, 1983)



#### THE DOOMSDAY CLOCK

Minutes to midnight



Typical reactions of children in USA to the threat of nuclear war (1984)



### Psychologists for the Prevention of War (Established in Australia, 1984)



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We are working to promote peace in the world and prevent conflict through psychological research, education and advocacy.

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The aims and objectives of PFP are to:

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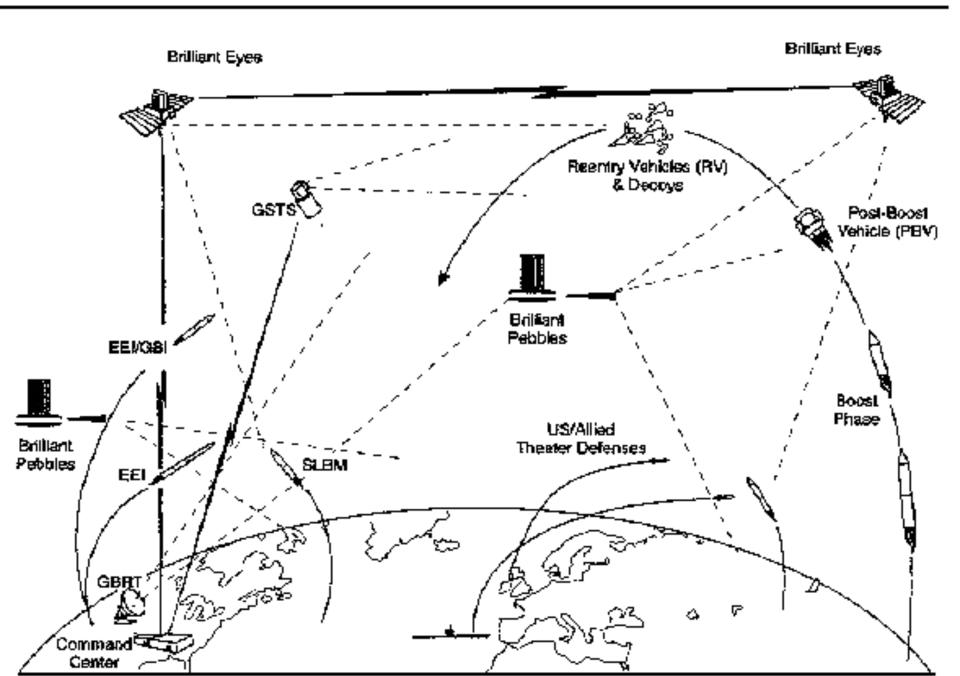
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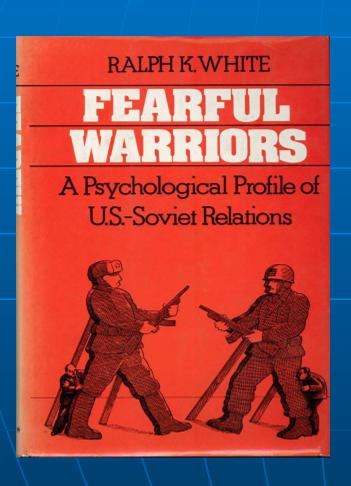
Figure 3-5. Original SDI Concept





### War-Promoting Perceptions

(White, 1984)



- A diabolical enemy-image
- A moral self-image
- A "pro-us" illusion
- Overconfidence and worse case thinking
- Overlapping territorial self-images

# Challenges to Cold War Resurface

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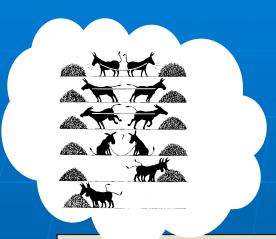
- The madness of MAD
- fear driven arms race
- mutually distorted perceptions
- destructive communication patterns
- coercive interactions
- conflict management

## Psychology and the Prevention of Nuclear War White (1986)

- Empathy (White)
- Mirror Image (Bronfenbrennerr)
- Inducing Cooperation (Deutsch)
- Interactional Conflict Resolution (Kelman)
- GRIT (Osgood)
- Perception and Misperception (Jervis)
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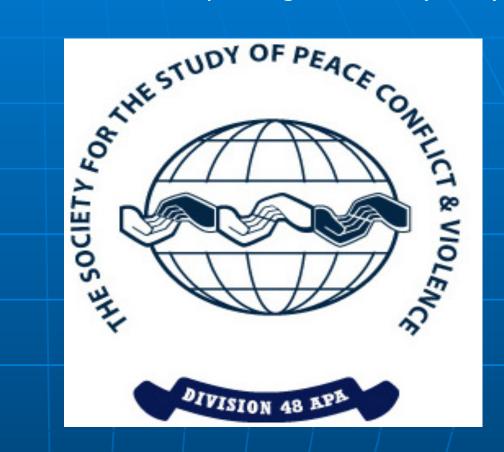
- Deterrence Reconsidered (Lebow)
- Crisis Management (Janis)
- Escalation (Holsti, Smoke)
- Integrative Agreements (Pruitt)
- Principled Negotiation (Fisher & Ury)
- Mediation (Rubin)



# Mediation and Confl Resolution

First President of Peace Psychology Division 48, APA

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Peace and Conflict: Journal of Peace Psychology

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