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If a mirror image makes you study twice as hard, Gretchen Roeder should have no trouble passing her computer science test she is studying for. Roeder, a senior marketing student from Houston, found a quiet spot in the Memorial Student Center Wednesday afternoon to do some intense studying.

Reagan says Soviets distorting U.S. policy

United Press International WASHINGTON — President Reagan Wednesday accused the Soviet Union of gross distortions of U.S. policy and said America stands firmly opposed to the use of nuclear weapons at any level.

The statement, issued aboard Air Force One as the president was en route to the 22-nation summit at Cancun, was an apparent attempt to stem rising concern in Western Europe about Reagan's comments, which suggested a tactical nuclear exchange could be limited to Europe, in an interview last week.

"The suggestion that the United States could even consider fighting a nuclear war at Europe's expense is an outright deception," the president said.

"The essence of U.S. nuclear strategy is that no aggressor should believe that the use of nuclear weapons in Europe could reasonably be limited to Europe," Reagan said the United States

would seek to respond to aggression against Western Europe at the lowest possible level.

Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev warned Tuesday it would be "dangerous madness" for any nation to believe a nuclear war would be winnable. He also said any country that used nuclear weapons would face full retribution.

"In the past few days, the Soviet Union has issued several propaganda statements that seek to drive a wedge between the United States and some of our closest friends in Europe," Reagan said.

"I do not intend to let these gross distortions of our policies go unchallenged."

The statement shifted the emphasis of Reagan's comment Friday to a group of editorial writers that he "could see where you could have the exchange of tactical weapons in the field without it bringing either one of the major powers to pushing the button."

Asked whether all-out nuclear war would be an inevitable outgrowth of an exchange of tactical weapons, Reagan replied Friday, that he didn't honestly know.

In Moscow, those comments prompted Brezhnev to call on Reagan to "make a clear and unambiguous statement rejecting the very idea of nuclear attack as a criminal one."

But in his statement Wednesday, Reagan said his position is no different from that taken by previous presidents who have had to deal with the ever-present threat of nuclear war.

"As all presidents have acknowledged, any use of nuclear weapons would have the most profound consequences," he said. "In a nuclear war, all mankind would lose."

He added that "375,000 U.S. servicemen (in Europe) provide the living guarantee of this unshakeable U.S. commitment to the peace and security of Europe."

General gets the axe because of fiery talk

United Press International WASHINGTON — Maj. Gen. Robert Schweitzer learned the hard way that good soldiers do not make potentially inflammatory remarks without their superior's knowledge — especially when their superior is at the White House.

White House officials said Schweitzer, until Tuesday a member of the National Security Council, was speaking for himself when he told a group of Army officers the Soviet Union is poised to strike against a vulnerable United States.

What's more, White House spokesman David Gergen said, Schweitzer understood the talk was off the record. "People speak their personal feelings off the record," he said.

Nonetheless, Schweitzer lost his NSC job Tuesday because he did not clear what one Pentagon official called "incendiary" remarks with his superiors — specifically National Security Adviser Richard Allen — at the White House.

Schweitzer, a 28-year Army veteran, was the chief defense strategist for the NSC. He is being reassigned to the Department of the Army over the next few days, a spokesman said.

Schweitzer's remarks were published in Tuesday's Washington Post. The general spoke of a drift toward war, the Post reported, and he added:

"The Soviet Union knows that for the first time they have superiority in every leg of the triad — land- and submarine-based nuclear missiles and long-range bombers."

The Soviets, he said, "are on the move; they are going to strike."

The United States, the general continued, is "in the greatest danger that the republic has ever faced since its founding days."

Schweitzer also said there is mounting evidence the Soviets plan to invade Poland and continue to prepare to take over the Persian Gulf oil fields.

At an afternoon briefing Tuesday, Allen said the NSC staff is not telling Reagan "we are drifting toward war." But he declined to comment on what information Schweitzer based his remarks.

Allen told reporters Schweitzer, 53, "was abjectly sorry for having undertaken to make the speech and was also sorry about the content."

Allen told Schweitzer Tuesday morning it would be best for him to leave the White House because he had broken the rule that all speeches by NSC staff members must be approved in advance by Allen.

Reagan agreed with the decision to transfer Schweitzer, but the president told reporters later in the day he considered Schweitzer to be a fine soldier.

The president said he does not

believe the United States is imperiled by the Soviet Union, but said it could have been if the new administration had not halted a trend toward unilateral U.S. disarmament.

While Allen regretted having to take the action because of his high regard for Schweitzer, the aide said, "He (Schweitzer) clearly violated the rules."

Gergen said: "It's fair to say it (Schweitzer's opinion) is more pessimistic in tone and substance than the president's own view is."

Schweitzer's transfer has ample precedent. In 1977, Army Maj. Gen. John Singlaub was removed from command as U.S. chief of

staff in South Korea by Jimmy Carter after criticizing the president's announced plans to withdraw ground troops, saying such a pullout would lead to war.

Carter said Singlaub was guilty of a very serious breach of propriety that ought to exist among military officers after a policy has been made.

Carter said, however, that Singlaub had not been fired and was not being chastised, but merely transferred to a position of equal responsibility and stature. The general's new assignment was chief of staff of the Army Forces Command at Ft. McPherson, Atlanta.

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