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government's propaganda efforts to gain popular support for its policies.

These ideals are particularly important in the current arms race between the United States and the Soviet Union. The Soviet government, through its media, blends appeals to traditional Russian suspicion of the outside world with constant memories of World War II to remind the population of the role it played in defending the country against Hitler's Germany.

These efforts keep the wounds of the past deep and fresh. Most importantly, they rally the nation, and help the government maintain its control over the Russian people.

### *A Nation Beseiged*

Furthermore, the image of nation beseiged, protected by a caring, fatherly government in Moscow helps Kremlin leaders spiritually and politically to unite the country. For better or for worse, the average Soviet citizen strongly and patriotically supports his government and its policies because it has fed him, given him stability, successfully defended him against outside aggressors, and provided him

with a level of prosperity unknown in Russian history.

One question, however, remains. Is the USSR a threat to world peace? Are its leaders primed and anxious for war? No.

The image of the Soviet Union as a highly sophisticated military power is a false one. Though they have made tremendous strides militarily since World War II, and have achieved some important technological breakthroughs in this area, the Soviets remain very backward.

Isolated gains and numerical superiority in certain areas are not enough to achieve a sophisticated, advanced, evenly developed, modern military system on par with the United States. It takes time to develop a technologically advanced society with a sophisticated industrial base and highly trained support personnel, and the Russians have only been at it since World War II.

This does not mean, of course, that they are still not a threat. As long as any nation has one destructive nuclear device in its defensive or offensive arsenal, it is a danger to world peace and security.

### *Fear of War*

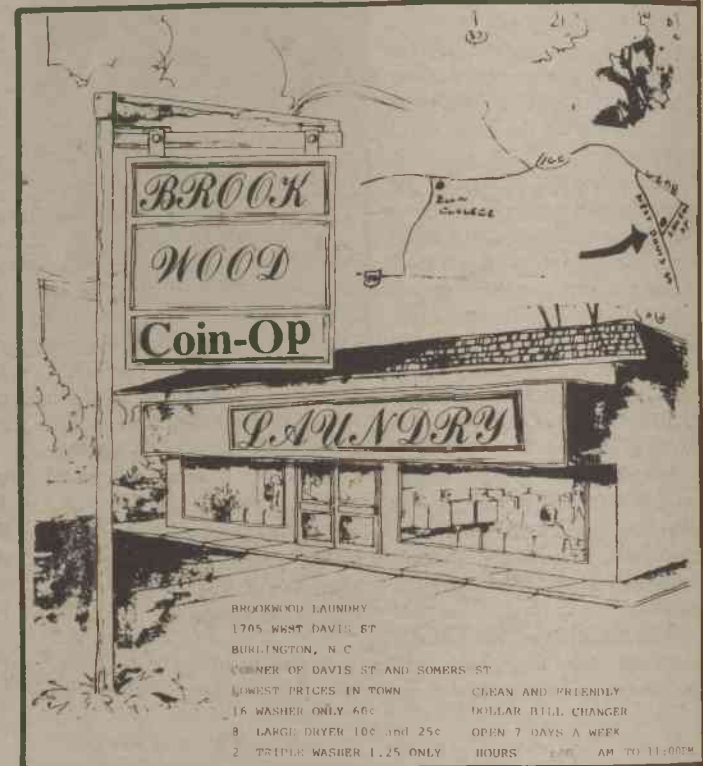
Consequently, while we need to be cautious in our dealings with the Soviets, we must temper our reservations and remember that, because of the horrible losses they have suffered in wars throughout this century, they are much more realistically afraid of war than we are.

But we must deal with this fear with respect, not threats. We should never look at their fear of war and the United States as a sign of weakness. Charles XII, Napoleon, and Hitler made this mistake, and suffered the consequences.

It remains, then, for us partially to determine the future role that the Soviet Union will play in world politics. As a nation beseiged, it will remain a threat to world peace.

If this threat is lessened, and we return to an era of detente, it is possible that we can restore some sanity to international politics and diminish the threat of nuclear holocaust.

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## Elon's lady Netters start Season slow

Elon's women's tennis team lost their season opener Sunday afternoon. They played well but not well enough, losing to Haverford of Pennsylvania, 5-4.

Elon won three singles matches, but Haverford won two of the three doubles matches to capture the victory.

Michelle Palumbo, the number for seed for Elon defeated Beth Glass 6-2, 6-4. Elon's number five seed, Missy Jones defeated Kara Segret's 6-1, 2-6, 6-2, while Dana Campagna defeated Seema Byahatly 6-2, 6-1 in the number six match.

Jill Goodman and Jones defeated Segrets-Byahath 10-6 for Elon's only doubles victory.

Elon is now 0-1 for the season.



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