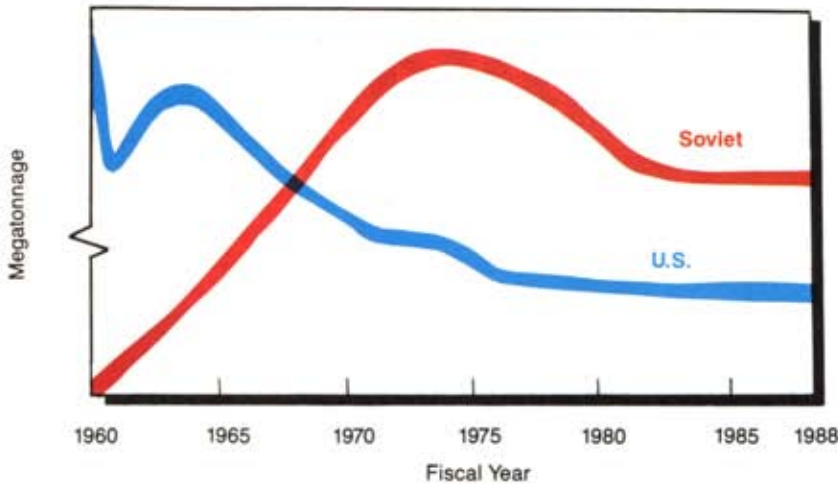


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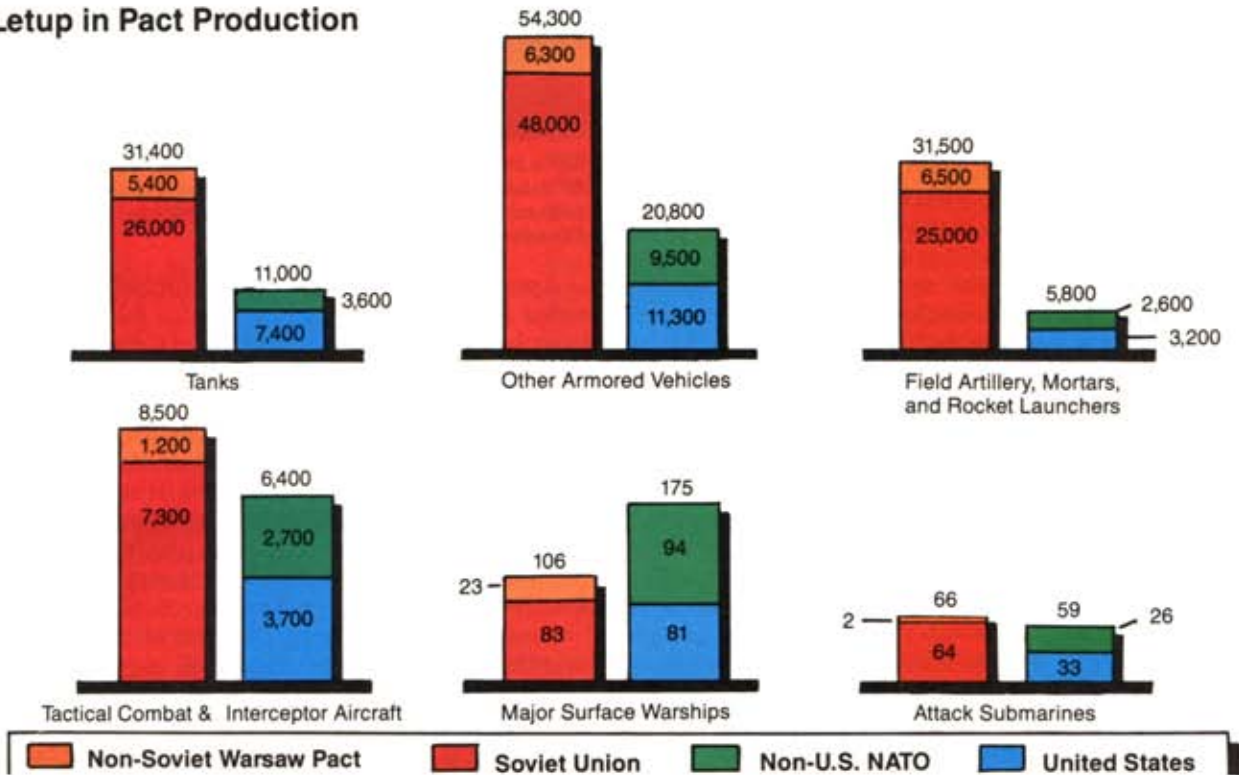


The Megatonnage Shift

Thirty years ago, Soviet nuclear forces had far less megatonnage in their weapons than US forces did. Today, the situation is reversed. One reason is that the United States has introduced safer and more effective systems while reducing the number of weapons and their total explosive power.

Source: DoD Annual Report to Congress, FY '90

No Letup in Pact Production



This chart shows the production of selected weapons for NATO and Warsaw Pact forces from 1979 to 1988. According to the DoD Annual Report to Congress, the Warsaw Pact will maintain its quantitative advantage over NATO in most categories of weapon systems and is positioned to hold that advantage for at least the next five years—even if reductions proposed by Gorbachev are implemented.