

Nikola Tesla and the World Olympic Wars

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Abstract

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The proposal, perhaps utopian, but contains elements of inventive novelty and practical significance - Nikola Tesla could well have patented it.

He called it: THE SECOND PROBLEM: HOW TO REDUCE THE FORCE RETARDING THE HUMAN MASS – THE ART OF TELAUTOMATICS.

Link to its text in Russian

<https://www.library.raikevich.com/tesla/04.htm#29>

and in English.

<https://www.aetherwizard.com/tesla/Articles/ProblemOfIncreasingHumanEnergy.pdf>

It seems that he correctly saw the evolution of warfare - and gave hope for the transition from bloodshed to wars, which can be called World Olympic Wars, by analogy with the World Olympic Games.

Here is his recommendation:

“So long as men meet in battle, there will be bloodshed. Bloodshed will ever keep up barbarous passion. To break this fierce spirit, a radical departure must be made, an entirely new principle must be introduced, something that never existed before in warfare - a principle which will forcibly, unavoidably, turn the battle into a mere spectacle, a play, a contest without loss of blood.

To bring on this result men must be dispensed with: machine must fight machine.

But how accomplish that which seems impossible?

The answer is simple enough: produce a machine capable of acting as though it were part of a human being - no mere mechanical contrivance, comprising levers, screws, wheels, clutches, and nothing more, but a machine embodying a higher principle, which will enable it to perform its duties as though it had intelligence, experience, judgment, a mind! This conclusion is the result of my thoughts and observations which have extended through virtually my whole life, and I shall now briefly describe how I came to accomplish that which at first seemed an unrealizable dream.”

He goes on to talk about robots, drones, and telautomatics, - topics a little unusual in 1900.

Takeaways from the recommendation:

_ it is desirable to mobilize the scientific forces of the Earth for the creative creation and implementation of AI in all areas of the planetary community.

_ the primary goal of Russians is to set the settlement of the uninhabited expanses of the Earth as a training preparation for an inspiring outcome, together with AI, to other worlds.