[Review of the book Arsenals of folly: the making of the nuclear arms race]

Arsenals of Folly: the making of the nuclear arms race by Richard Rhodes Alfred A Knopf, New York, 2007, 386 pages including notes, bibliography, and index
Schell argues that with the threat of nuclear terrorism, the Bush administration has made a deliberate shift from a strategy based broadly on consent and law to one based on force and pre-emption. Going back to Thomas Hobbes’s theories of absolute monarchy for his model, Schell calls the Bush policy “something like Earth-rule by one nation. In a very real sense, Bush was proposing the United States as a global Leviathan.” Arsenals of folly. The Making of the Nuclear Arms Race. By Richard Rhodes. Illustrated.