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on, soldiers are to be issued with grey-beige uniforms and bronze overcoats. The new vogue will cost £20 million but the intention is to save money: the uniforms will be for year-round use.

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DEEP FEARS

WAR is the greatest fear of young people in the EC, according to a poll in Libération. Of the 1,300 EC citizens aged between 18 and 30 who were asked to name their greatest fear, 46 per cent said war. Others named illness (44 per cent), pollution (33 per cent), unemployment and recession (26 per cent), religious fanaticism (18 per cent), Aids (16 per cent) and immigration (3 per cent).

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Asked to name the greatest threat to the future of Europe, 24 per cent said US dominance and 21 per cent named the Soviet Union — as many as named Japan. Their favourite leader was President Gorbachev (59 per cent), followed by President George Bush (23 per cent), Mrs Thatcher (16 per cent) and Lech Walesa (13 per cent). Asked how many countries belong to the EC, 86 per cent of French and 90 per cent of Portuguese youngsters answered correctly against 20 per cent in Germany and 25 per cent in Britain.

The foreign capital in which most of them would chose to live was Paris (33 per cent), followed by London and Rome (both 20 per cent). Moscow was the least enticing (4 per cent).

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