

Experts Believe U.S. Could Win Atomic War

WASHINGTON (AP)—Military experts have told Congress the United States could sustain an initial surprise attack by the Soviet Union and still recover sufficiently to annihilate Russia.

The experts believe the U.S. is ahead of Russia in the over-all missile field and can "come pretty close" to sending a rocket to the moon by the end of 1953 if Congress is willing to put up enough money.

These views were given to the House of Representatives appropriations committee last week during closed hearings on the Eisenhower administration's \$1,260,000,000 emergency program to speed missile work and spread out bases for retaliatory strikes by long-range planes carrying hydrogen bombs.

The House group made its testimony public as it called a meeting for today to act formally on President Eisenhower's request for additional defence funds. Indications are that the committee would approve the request and might even recommend more money.

The appraisal of American ability to recover from a sneak attack came from Admiral Arleigh Burke, chief of naval operations. "NO CHANGE IN POWER"

"The advent of missiles does not change our capability to destroy Russia," Burke said. "We can do that now . . . We can destroy Russia, so our capability is not decreasing. Our capability to destroy Russia is not decreasing."

We can do it. What has happened time, have the prospect of a case that they now, for the quickness of their action, they are quick. That is what has happened . . . We can destroy Russia, and Sputnik or no Sputnik, or if they get intercontinental ballistic missiles or not, or if they get intermediate ballistic missiles, or not, that does not make any difference. We can still knock her out."

Burke said he had taken into consideration that "we probably would receive a very damaging blow before we ever knew we were at war."

Asked whether he thought the Russians know of U.S. retaliatory capabilities, Burke replied: "They know that. I am sure they do."

the article comments and probably the most difficult obstacle is payments.

"It is known that China's reserves of foreign exchange in general are limited.

"Nevertheless, it is believed she would not find it too difficult to finance a reasonably large increase in imports from Canada because her trade balance with Canada over the last few years has been favorable and her exports to Canada are not likely to decline."

Allocations of foreign exchange for raw materials and other goods are made quarterly—usually toward the end of each quarter. For this reason Chinese officials recommend that Canadian businessmen visit China during the last month of each quarter—early in March, June, September and December.

VARIETY IN EXPORTS

China's own range of exports has expanded greatly, the article says, and although she still depends largely on sales abroad of traditional agricultural commodities and by-products (such as walnuts, peanuts, essential oils, beans, bristles, carpets, wood-oil, tea, etc.) she now offers also a fairly wide variety of manufactured and semi-manufactured goods.

Included are textile machinery, some machine tools, scientific equipment, musical instruments, sporting goods and hardware.

"In general," the article comments, "these manufactured goods are reasonably good in quality and competitive in price."

U.S. Delegation Head Says No Tolls On St. Lawrence Seaway

SEIGNIORY CLUB, Que. (CP)—Admiral Lyndon Spencer, head of the United States delegation to a conference of Canadian and U.S. ship operators, said Tuesday he personally feels there should be no tolls on the St. Lawrence seaway.

Admiral Spencer, president of the Lake Carriers Association, said:

"It's not the shipowners who will pay the tolls. It will be the shippers and producers, and ultimately the consumers, meaning that the public will pay a lot more for the seaway in the long run."

"Let's pay it off in taxes and be done with it."

However, his association "will not oppose tolls—simply because the (U.S.) seaway legislation re-

quires them."

The Lake Carriers Association and the Dominion Marine Association, speaking for 22 Canadian inland shipping firms on the Great Lakes, meet today to try to narrow their differences on tolls for the seaway.

The Dominion Marine Association has amended slightly its original anti-tolls stand. The association proposes a three- to five-year test period be instituted in 1959 when the seaway is to start operation. During this period tolls would not be collected.

Seaway legislation passed in Canada and the U.S. requires that both countries charge tolls—probably on cargo tonnage and ship dimensions—to pay the cost of the seven-lock seaway over a 50-year period.

Socialists Are Sentenced

By SIDNEY WEILAND
BELGRADE (Reuters)—Three veteran Yugoslav socialists Tuesday were sentenced to jail terms on charges of plotting to overthrow Marshal Tito's Communist regime.

The two main defendants were Aleksander Pavlovic, 73-year-old vice president of Yugoslavia's pre-war Socialist party, and Bogdan Kreckic 70, one of the party's founders. They were jailed for 8½ and seven years respectively. All had pleaded not guilty.

The third man, Dr. Milan Zujovic, 58, former deputy dean of Belgrade University's law faculty,

was given four years on charges he assisted the other two. A fourth defendant, Dr. Dragoslav Stranjakovic, 56, pleaded illness and will be tried later.

The trial was Yugoslavia's first major political trial since former vice-president Milovan Djilas last October was sentenced to nine years for publishing "hostile propaganda" abroad.

Judge Cedomir Rumenic, standing under a giant portrait of Tito, said the sentences corresponded to the "social danger" of the acts committed.

The three were accused of forming an organization whose program was the "destruction of the anti-national Communist regime in Yugoslavia."

Kreckic was charged with writing a book called Profile of Tito's

Yugoslavia, intended for publication abroad but seized when he was arrested early this year. The judge called the book "ill-intentioned and slanderous."

Zujovic was accused of trying to smuggle the group's "program" to Paris for transmission to Yugoslav emigre circles linked with the Chetnik movement, a Serbian guerrilla army whose leaders were executed by the Communists after the war.

POWER ASSET

The water power resources of Manitoba are estimated at 5,250,000 horsepower.

DIEFENBAKER TO WINNIPEG

OTTAWA (CP)—Prime Minister Diefenbaker flies to Winnipeg Friday to address a Ukrainian-Canadian gathering there Saturday, his office said Wednesday. His address is to the Ukrainian-Canadian Committee, which is sponsoring celebrations

marking the 40th anniversary of the establishment of an independent Ukrainian state.

HELICOPTERS GROUNDED

OTTAWA (CP)—The transport department has ordered grounding of all Bell 47-J helicopters in

Canada pending findings of an investigation into a fatal crash that type of helicopter near Ottawa Friday. A department pilot and two former RCAF jet pilots were killed in the crash of a department helicopter 12 miles west of Ottawa.

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BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

China Market For Canada's Raw Materials Widens

By FORBES RHUDE
Canadian Press Business Editor

Canada's share of the mainland China market for raw materials can without question be substantially increased, says an article in foreign trade, publication of the department of trade and commerce.

The article, written by C. M. Forsyth-Smith, Canadian trade commissioner at Hong Kong, says the rapid rate of industrialization in recent years means China's requirements of raw materials and semi-processed goods have increased greatly in volume and diversity. The article adds:

"The most promising products for Canada to sell in China appear to be wood pulp, fertilizers, some non-ferrous metals such as zinc and aluminum, synthetic fibres, plastic raw materials, some types of paper and a wide range of chemicals."

STIFF COMPETITION HERE

"There is also considerable interest in various types of machin-

ery but in this field the competition is extremely stiff.

"The equipment which appears to be in greatest demand includes woodworking and sawmill equipment, mining equipment, marine and industrial diesel engines, air compressors, water and steam turbines and generators, electric motors, transformers, rolling-mill equipment, papermaking machinery and agricultural equipment.

"Despite the many difficulties in trade with China, Canadian exporters may find it profitable to approach the market with a view to long-term sales. The economies of the two countries are sufficiently complementary for development of mutually advantageous trade and, because China is in the process of developing industries, her import need will continue to grow."

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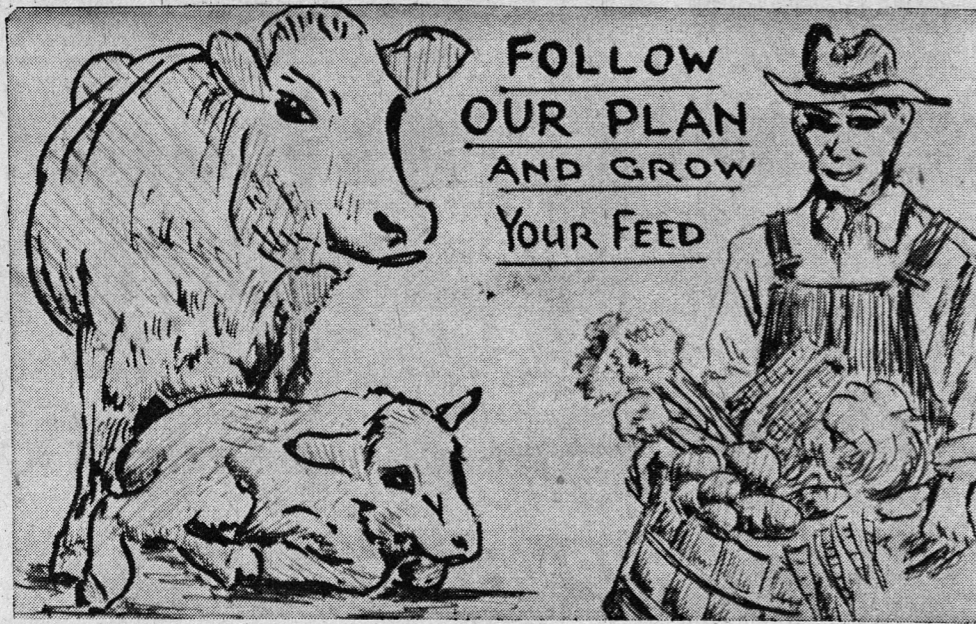
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- Alberton, Feb. 11th, at 7:30 p.m. Institute Hall
- Summerside, Feb. 12th, High School meeting room, 7:30 p.m.
- Kensington, Feb. 13th, High School Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
- Kinkora, Feb. 17th, High School, 7:30 p.m.
- New Glasgow, Feb. 18th, 7:30 p.m., New Glasgow Hall
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- 8:30—Results possible with conservation practices, Joe Tucker of Rome Plow
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