

Cautions Against Giving NATO Too Much Strength

LONDON (AP) — George F. Kennan cautioned Sunday night against strengthening NATO too much lest it prejudice chances for peaceful negotiation with the Soviet Union.

The former U.S. ambassador to Moscow, speaking at a six-part BBC lecture series, had planned to conclude with a talk on Anglo-American relations but, with the North Atlantic Treaty Organization meeting in Paris scheduled for today, he scrapped his prepared speech in favor of one on the subject of a nuclear war.

"Let us not look to the council basic strength on which the security of the Western world rests," Kennan said, "I cannot fear too strongly against the general assumption that there is no kernel of sincerity in the recent flood of messages from Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin to the nations of the world."

"It would be idle to suppose that the strengthening of NATO alone would provide the necessary climate and background for negotiations with the Soviet Union."

"Moscow fights with all the political and psychological means at its command, and it will know how to take advantage as indeed it already has in many ways, of any one-sided concentration of effort on our part."

DON'T NEGLECT POSITIVE

"It would be idle to suppose that to pull our eggs in the military basket, and to neglect the positive side of what we ought to be doing, and would be doing, if the military threat were to be removed," Kennan, now a visiting professor at Oxford University, had called in a previous lecture for thorough reassessment of Western policy in the light of the Soviet Union, for possible withdrawal of East and West forces from Europe and an end to "hopeless exertions" of the nuclear race.

...and wholly apocalyptic form of out-right military operations."

"NO-WAR" ROUTE SAFER?

He raised the question whether the West would be safer and better off today "if we could put our military fix a lion's aside and stake our safety on the earnestness of our effort to do the constructive things, the things for which the conditions of our age cry out and for which the stage of our technological progress has fitted us."

Kennan said Russia no less than the West is "tired of this blind and sterile military competition in the ability to wreak destruction."

WOULD DITCH WAR CAUSES

He urged piecemeal removal, by negotiation, of the major sources of military danger, particularly the abnormal situation now prevailing in Central and Eastern Europe, and the gradual achievement of a state of affairs in which the political competition could take its course without the constant threat of a general war.

"There is no use looking any further than this, Kennan said. "Our first concern must be to achieve what we can, or might be, immediately possible. After that, we shall see."

Kennan described the world crisis today as one "comparable in solemnity to the great crises we have experienced together in the earlier years of this century."

"It is not one that can be met by the immediate use of arms. It can be won—or had I better say can be survived—only by virtue of what we do about it now, the way of what we do about it now in peacetime and only if it can be prevented from assuming the

WRAPPINGS ARE PROBLEM

Each year some 36,000 babies are born to Middle East refugee mothers, who have nothing to wrap them in.

The United States Office of War Relocation Administration has donated 25,000 layettes to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency.

(UNRWA) for these destitute Arab mothers, and is appealing to Canadian women to use their talents in stitching up articles from scraps of soft material around the home, or to donate what their own infants have outgrown.

Yank Says Industrial Power From H-Bomb Long Way Off

By FRANK CAREY

WASHINGTON (AP) — The chief of the American drive to harness the H-bomb for industrial power said Saturday such a long way off.

That's true of all countries working on the problem, said Dr. Arthur E. Ruark of the Atomic Energy Commission.

Dr. Ruark was commenting on reports that British scientists have achieved a temperature of 1,000,000 degrees centigrade in heating hydrogen.

He called that a "step on the road."

He also said "as far as we know, all nations are some steps along the road, but for all nations it's a long way off."

Ruark returned last Monday from a visit to the British project for research in the field of controlled thermonuclear reactions.

At the same time, Ruark denied reports that the United States has been withholding control for Britain to announce new developments in the field.

LEAP-FROG SITUATION

Asked directly whether Britain is ahead of the United States

in controlled thermonuclear research, Ruark said "The view would shift from month to month because of all the work that is going on in our United States and British laboratories."

"This can be a leap-frog situation," he said.

He said the exchange of information regarding respective research projects in the field "has been free and open" and he added:

"I don't think we have ever asked them a question if they haven't answered, and I hope the same is true of us."

Regarding the temperature, Ruark said "The temperature that would be required as one of the means of attaining a sustained power-producing thermonuclear reaction, Ruark said it would be "of the order of 100,000,000 degrees centigrade."

He referred several times to a joint statement made Oct. 18 and repeated in essence Nov. 22 by representatives of the British and American projects that temperatures of several million degrees had been achieved by the two countries.

It's Not Just The Basic Cost - It's The Trimmings

By FORBES RHUDE

Canadian Press Business Editor

It's not just the basic cost of things that sends up the cost of living. It's also what people want with them.

The additions — in processing, packaging and convenience—may help why retail prices have not until October's minor dip, followed the downward trend of wholesale prices.

This was indicated by Neil J. McKinnon, president of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, in his address to the bank's annual meeting, held Tuesday in Toronto.

"Much attention," Mr. McKinnon said, "has been given over a period of years to the consumer price index, and it is usually referred to as the cost-of-living index."

"During the last year this index has shown a gradually rising movement, while wholesale prices have declined."

"There is normally a delay between a drop in wholesale prices and its reflection in consumer prices but there are other and perhaps more important factors which suggest that the rise in the consumer price index is not wholly a function of prices."

"There are many indications that consumers have changed their preferences and that they now increasingly purchase goods — notably foods — in a more finished form. This processing and different packaging which means more labor in the manufacturing and distribution plants and less labor in the home."

PART VOLUNTARY

"At least a part of the increase in consumer prices represents a voluntary additional cost by consumers."

Despite this situation, Mr. McKinnon said the declining tendency of wholesale prices since the early years of the war has gradually reflected in consumer prices.

"Forming the present period of 'adjustment,' he said there are many elements of stability which should be sources of reassurance, and there was every reason to be optimistic about Canada's long-

term outlook.

Comparing conditions with a year ago, he said:

"Evidence of the changed price is to be seen in reduced freight car loadings, a cutback in petroleum production to under one-half of capacity, a lessened rate of growth on consumption of electric energy and a lowered volume of industrial production."

"The value of shipments to external markets so far somewhat exceeds that in the corresponding period of last year. Consumer expenditures continue at a high level although there is some indication that the pace of increase is lessening. While the number of unemployed has increased in a year when the labor force has shown a marked increase, employment continues at a higher level than last year."

MONTHLY MEETING

Of Carpenter's Union, will be held WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18th in Labor Hall, Queen Street at 8 p.m.

All members please attend.

Dutch Planter Is Pessimistic

SINGAPORE (Thursday) (AP) — A Dutch planter from Java on his way to Holland said Wednesday he believes the Indonesian government has lost control.

"They firm talked to Indonesian government and they wanted to start an anti-Dutch campaign in a small way," he said.

"But Communist-led unions exploited the situation and made it a big thing."

"When we arrived Tuesday in Jakarta, and the police and the army were there to meet us, we saw that the situation was

U. S. Civilian Joins In

WASHINGTON (AP)—The U.S. government reported Wednesday that more Americans were unemployed last month than in any November since 1949. The number of unemployed increased by 690,000 to 3,188,000.

A joint announcement by the commerce and labor departments showed an even-greater change in employment figures: The number of civilians holding jobs dropped by 1,132,000 between October and November, to 64,572,000.

That the number of unemployed did not go higher was due to the fact that many persons who left jobs during the month withdrew from the labor force and didn't seek other work.

One Killed, Two Injured In Crash

SEPT-ILES, Que. (CP) — A Carrier Mining Company executive was killed and two pilots injured Tuesday when a twin-engine North Eastern Wings DC-3 crashed 140 miles north of here.

Terry Coghlan, manager of Northern Wings, identified the fatally injured passenger as Ross Clare, 37, in charge of mining operations at Jeanne M. Lake where the accident occurred.

Mr. Clare lived in Sept-Iles although Mr. Coghlan said he was from Niagara Falls, Ont., where his wife and three children live.

Captain of the aircraft was R. H. Murdoch of Sept-Iles. Name of the co-pilot was not released.

Mr. Coghlan said both are in Sept-Iles hospital where their injuries are not considered critical.

The aircraft was landing at the Jeanne Lake strip about 10 a.m. Tuesday when the accident occurred but cause of the crash has not yet been determined. Mr. Clare and the two pilots were the only ones in the aircraft.

Open \$800,000 Recreation Centre

MURDOCHVILLE, Que. (CP) President John R. Bradford of Gaspé Copper Mines Limited officially opened Saturday an \$800,000 recreation centre provided by the company for the 2,500 residents of this wilderness mining community.

The centre includes facilities for hockey, curling, bowling, swimming and social gatherings.

Bradford mentioned the "troubles and difficulties that so many endured" during the seven-month strike of company employees earlier this year. Production is reported back to normal with 850 employees on the job.

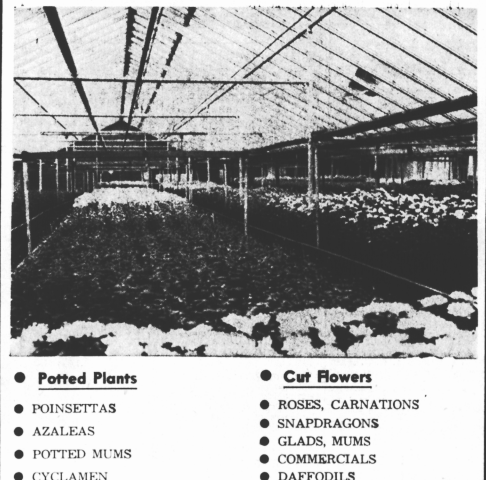
The strike was ordered by the Murdochville local of the United Steelworkers of America (U.S.A.).

He said the strike "was called in the overall strategy of union leaders to force the check-off at Noranda and at other mines."

The company, Mr. Bradford said, realizes the need for "not only good workmen but willing employees who are happy with their work. With this spirit it will not be long before production reaches the objective of 500 tons of ore per day."

The town site for Murdochville was laid out in 1951 two years after development of a large copper deposit began in this area 25 miles inland from St. Louis on the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

Mr. Bradford said next projects include a 17-room school for Murdochville's 800 school-age children for which excavation has begun and "a proper hospital" to be started in the spring.



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C. N. R. Places Order In U. K.

LONDON (CP) — Canadian National Railways Thursday announced it has placed a \$1,574,100 order with three British firms as a result of the Canadian trade mission's tour of British industrial centres.

The order, for rolled steel wheels of various specifications, was placed by the CNR's vice-president in charge of purchases and stores, E. A. Bromley, a member of the mission.

The firms receiving the order are John Baker and Besimier, Rotherham, Yorkshire Steel, Peach and Toner, Sheffield, and Taylor Brothers of Manchester.

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