

France's Failure On Nato Job Seen Weakening West Stand

By RALPH HARRIS
 WASHINGTON (Reuters)—Highly-placed diplomatic sources have said the failure of France to fulfill her NATO defence commitments would weaken the West's position at the East-West summit conference next spring.

Secretary of State Christian Herter was expected to issue a warning in these terms at the North Atlantic ministerial council meeting opening in Paris today.

Diplomatic sources expressed regret that the outspoken criticism which Gen. Nathan Twining, chairman of the U.S. joint chiefs of staff, levelled at France at a secret military meeting in the French capital had "leaked" to the press.

It had been hoped that United States' concern about French policies could be discussed so that France would not lose face and the prestige of President de Gaulle would not become involved.

VALID CRITICISM
 But, with the quarrel now in the open, sources said Twining's criticism was valid and had to be met.

In the state department view, several NATO members were not

pulling their weight, but France had to bear the chief responsibility for the failure of the alliance to meet the defence goals which the Western summit conference drew up in December, 1957.

France has refused to accept U.S. nuclear weapons on her territory unless she shares control over them and has withheld integration of her air force into a single NATO defence system. In addition, she has transferred much of her NATO troop commitment for use in Algeria.

AGAINST DELAY
 Sources said Monday that Herter intends to oppose what the U.S. feels is a tendency to postpone military decisions within NATO until after the summit conference with the Soviet Union.

It was stated that Soviet policy had become less rigid as a result of the 1957 decision to increase NATO strength but might assume a new toughness if the Western allies dropped their guard.

The U.S. argument at the NATO council meeting is expected to emphasize that any sign of weakening in NATO defences, or of failure to strengthen them, would increase Soviet demands at the summit.

Bridgeheads Claimed By Paraguayan Rebels

BUENOS AIRES (Reuters)—Paraguayan rebels who invaded their homeland from Argentina have claimed to have firmly established three bridgeheads over the Parana River, which forms Paraguay's border with this country.

One of them was near the town of Encarnacion, the second near the Iguazu falls and the third at the river-port of Piray, rebel sources said. The rebel radio station claimed occupation of the small towns of Aquiry and Hermandarias, near the bridgeheads.

It added that rebel aircraft had started reconnaissance and sabotage were in action.

Considerable movement of Paraguayan troops was spotted from the Argentine border near Encarnacion, Gen. Alfredo Stroessner, Paraguay's strongman - president, paid a quick visit to the town Monday to inspect the garrison.

PRISONERS SHOT
 A correspondent of the Buenos Aires newspaper La Nacion reported that 25 rebel prisoners were shot aboard the Paraguayan gunboat Humaita at the confluence of the Rivers Negro and Paraguay. He said the rebels had several sub-machine guns, 30 pistols and 100 hand grenades.

The Paraguayan newspaper El Pais said 42 "bandits" were killed in an attack on Encarnacion which was repelled by loyal troops. Large quantities of machine-guns, rifles and ammunition were captured.

"The centre of disturbance has moved from the Caribbean to Argentina," said El Pais in an editorial.

Travellers arriving from Asuncion said 600 persons had been detained since the rebellion started.

They said military police and pro-government militia with red armbands were searching every vehicle entering or leaving the capital. Flying squads were checking personal papers of residents and strong guards were posted at the approaches to Government House.

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2,000-Yr. Old Mummy Found In Cairo Museum Basement

By DAVID HINNAWI
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The perfectly preserved mummy, in an exquisite coffin, was not listed in museum records. Officials had no idea where it came from, who had dug it up, and just how it got to the museum.

This is just one example of the chaos which Dr. Selim Hassan, emergency curator of the museum, is uncovering in the handling of Egypt's invaluable ancient heritage.

An inventory of the museum was ordered last August after discovery of the theft of Tutankhamen's 3,000-year-old gold-plated sceptre from a museum showcase. Investigations in the theft disclosed additional unpunished pilferings, lax security measures and careless management of the huge collection.

A report dug up from the files on the registration department of the museum showed 26,000 pieces of antiquity missing from the museum. The report, published in 1938, collected dust for more than 20 years. Nothing was done about it.

No inventory had been made of the museum's contents, reputed to amount to 2,000,000 objects, for the last 30 years.

UNLISTED OBJECTS
 Two months after the inventory began Hassan announced that thousands of objects in the museum's basement have never been registered, photographed or assessed. Hundreds more still lie in wooden boxes which have not been opened for 50 years.

Some of the boxes from Luxor, Minia, San al Hagar and East Zagazig, all scenes of important excavations, have never been opened since their arrival at the museum.

Says Hassan: "Wandering through the basement of the museum is just as exciting as making new discoveries. You never know what you may come across."

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FIRED BY FAROUK
 Hassan was appointed assistant

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—by Byrne Hope Sanders
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