

America-Canada Air Defense Pact Asked by A-Energy Chief

NEW YORK (AP) — Rep. W. Sterling Cole (R-N.Y.), asserting the Soviets soon could launch a "saturation" attack against our nation, called Thursday night for an American-Canadian air defense pact to hasten the erection of outflung defenses.

Cole, chairman of the Senate-House Atomic Energy Committee, said American scientists "have devised radical new weapons and electronics devices," including atomic warheads, which promise "hitherto unattainable degrees of success" in intercepting enemy planes.

But, he added in a speech at a Colgate University banquet that adequate defense depends upon correlation of weapons and sufficient warning time.

Cole said Canada's defense is interdependent with that of the United States and he proposed: "That our government, as speedily as possible, enter into a mutual continental defense pact with Canada, under the authority of the United Nations, comparable in purpose, scope and organization with the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)."

He said this should create a North American continental defense organization, under a supreme commander, with American and Canadian land, sea and air forces assigned to it.

Conceding that such a North American defense organization would be "radical and unprecedented," Cole said it would be no more so "than the threat we now face from the Soviet Union."

"I submit that all other considerations notwithstanding, it would be suicidal for Canada and the United States not to recognize the new dimensions to sovereignty brought by the threat of atomic and hydrogen warfare," he said.

Cole said it might be debatable whether the Soviets "could now mount an attack of such intensity and scope that our ability to retaliate would be eliminated," but he added:

Saturation Attack
"Three or four years from now, the Soviets will be able to launch a saturation attack against our nation — an attack so massive that our ability ultimately to prevail may be open to grave question."

"Were an attack to occur this week, or this year, we would have no effective way of repelling it."

A 100 per cent defense against assault is impossible, Cole said, but:

"It is within our capacity to inflict such losses on raiding formations that an enemy will in all probability be dissuaded from casting the tide for intercontinental atomic war and be kept from dealing us a mortal blow even if he does."

Since 1950 American scientists, including some who developed the atomic bomb, have "made a series of discoveries which promise to revolutionize the science of military defense as much as nuclear bombs have revolutionized offensive warfare," Cole said.

He mentioned guided missiles, new jet performance rocket-carrying jet interceptors and "small-scale atomic weapons specifically designed for the interception of enemy aircraft."

Tours of U. S. Bases Set by Businessmen

PORTLAND (AP) — Sid Woodbury and Ernest G. Swigert, Portland businessmen, said Thursday they and 75 others from over the nation will inspect Florida, Virginia and Georgia military installations next month at the invitation of Defense Secretary Wilson.

Woodbury, who will fly with Swigert to Washington, D.C., Sunday, said purpose of the tour is to acquaint civilians better with how defense funds are spent.

Monday Woodbury and T. Morris Dunne, chairman of the Oregon Unemployment Compensation Commission, will attend the President's conference on occupational safety.

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Close Watcher May See Fir Trees Grow

No one has as yet come forward with the claim that he has actually seen a Douglas fir tree grow. But, this is not outside the realm of possibility.

Young, growing trees of this species average 6 inches a month in height growth from May through August or 2 feet a growing season, according to W. D. Hagenstein, managing director of the Industrial Forestry Association.

Some trees in rain-favored areas like the Oregon and Washington coastal counties have made a measured gain of as much as six feet in a single growing season.

West of the Cascade mountain range in the two states are more than 12 million acres of new forests, Hagenstein observed, which are pushing upward toward the sun at an amazing rate. At the same time, he said, these young trees are growing in diameter from a quarter inch to an inch a year.

Grows Straight, Tall
"It is the rapid increase in height," the forester stated, "which gives this species one of its great values. The Douglas fir, while stretching upward to keep its needles exposed to sunlight, grows straight as well as tall."

"These tall, straight and slim trees," he stated, "supply man with many of his needs. Douglas fir piling, spars and poles, some as tall as 150 feet, are in demand around the world for docks, wharfs, utility poles, whip spars and masts, keel timbers, dredge spuds and many other uses. This wood is strong and tough and when sawed into long timbers has great structural strength. Shorter lengths of fir are glued together into arches and trusses which may span an area over 200 feet wide without supporting posts for the strength of the wood, is built into the fibre by nature."

Present-day forest management, as practiced on West Coast tree farms, Hagenstein said, will insure a continuing supply of these valuable long-length trees as long as there are people to use them.

Forests Protected
He cited several tree farm developments which help guarantee continuing crops of trees. Better forest fire protection has greatly reduced the number of man-made forest fires and sharply cut the area burned, has been of untold importance in protecting young timber. Intensive tree planting and direct seeding by private forest owners and government agencies in recent years to put non-stocked areas into new forests brings the region closer to a full timber crop.

He said modern logging methods, tied closely to good forest practices, insure rapid natural regrowth from solid seed blocks left next to harvested areas. Another end product of modern machinery which is good for forestry, he said, is the effect of power logging.

Oppenheimer Work Praised By President

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower expressed respect and admiration Thursday for what he called the very great professional attainments of J. Robert Oppenheimer, the scientist who has been suspended as an adviser to the Atomic Energy Commission pending a security check.

The President was asked at his news conference whether the Oppenheimer case was reopened as a routine application of the government's new security order or because there was some new information.

Eisenhower replied that here was a case which, because of its character, seemed to him should be handled only in accordance with the processes that have been laid down by scientists and others in the most delicate and sensitive subject of scientific research in the government.

Oppenheimer helped direct the building of the first American atom bomb.

The President commented that he had the greatest admiration for all scientific men and is keenly aware of the debt America owes them.

He referred to evidence in the Oppenheimer case and then corrected himself.

He said emphatically he wanted to change the word evidence to allegations — that because of allegations it seemed that the only thing to do was to assemble the kind of investigating board that had been agreed upon in the past, and that he secured the services of one of the finest Americans he knows to head it.

This was a reference to Gordon Gray, president of the University of North Carolina and former Secretary of the Army, who was appointed chairman of the three-man inquiry board. The board has been working in the utmost secrecy since Oppenheimer's suspension was announced April 13.

Until the board has reached a conclusion, Eisenhower said, he is not going to comment further. Then, expressing his admiration for Oppenheimer's scientific attainments, he said that this is the kind of thing that must be gone through with, and he thought it best that it not be talked about too much until it is known that answers there may be.

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Permit Allows Construction Of Warehouse

Construction permit for building a \$3,500 warehouse at 1180 Bellevue St., was issued Thursday by the city engineer's office to the O. W. Klang Wrecking Company.

The warehouse, to be used for sale of used lumbe, and plumbing equipment, is expected to be open for business in the next few weeks.

Two \$7,000 permits were issued Thursday to the General Realty Co., for construction of dwellings at 2335 Rural St. and 2295 Rural St. Construction permits for new homes also were issued to Ed Fischer, \$10,000 home at 705 Wildwind Dr., and J. A. Barham, an \$8,000 dwelling at 1320 Olive St.

Other permits went to W. E. Pulse, reroof garage, 1240 N. 4th St., \$50; Harvey M. Hill, erect

Cattle Shipper Faces Charge For Test Lack

ASTORIA (AP) — Preliminary hearing has been set for Norman Raymond, Portland, on a charge of bringing cattle untested for Bangs disease into Clatsop County, a compulsory test area.

The complaint is one of the first of its kind filed under a 1953 law. Dist. Atty. Thomas E. Brownhill said.

Dr. H. M. Adams, deputy Clatsop County veterinarian, charged in the complaint that some 14 yearling Hereford heifers were found without ear tags, indicating they had not been tested within 30 days for brucellosis—Bangs disease.

The new law provides a maximum fine of \$500.

garage, 1030 Estate Ct., \$700, and Everett Leay, repair garage, 845 Hoyt St., \$50.

Friends Hear College Chief

PENDLETON (AP) — Oregon, Washington and Idaho Society of Friends (Quaker) churchmen wound up a three-day convention here Thursday.

The Rev. Milo Ross, president of George Fox College at New-

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