

Gaither Report Unavailable to Military Chiefs

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PARIS, Jan. 7 (U) — Top American diplomats and military men, charged with shaping U.S. defense policy in Western Europe say they have not seen the controversial Gaither report on U.S. defense capabilities.

Sources close to Air Force Gen. Lauris Norstad, NATO commander in Europe and W. Randolph Burgess, ambassador to NATO, say even they have not seen the report.

Leaks about the report, still under secrecy wraps in Washington, say it warns that the United States is in danger of falling behind the Soviet Union in military strength by 1963. Decisions must be taken this year if the country is to have supremacy in the arms race, the report is said to warn.

It derives its name from H. Rowan Gaither Jr., San Francisco lawyer who was the original chairman of the drafting committee. While House press secretary James C. Hagerty, commenting on it, said on Dec. 28 that the United States was not "at this time" in a position of military weakness.

American military men in key posts are known to be eager for a look at the report. One senior officer got a fill from an aide who managed a look while in the Pentagon. Others have also received bits through a sort of professional grapevine.

Paper Claims U.S. Bombers Over Russia

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7 (U) — The Magazine Missiles and Rockets said today U.S. Strategic Air Command bombers are flying mapping missions over the Soviet Union despite attacks by Russian fighters.

But the Pentagon denied it. "The Air Force denies that it is engaged in photographing Soviet Russia," the Defense Department said. There was no further comment.

An article by Seabrook Hull, associate editor of the privately owned trade publication, said such flights demonstrate that this country retains "an overwhelming retaliatory ability" as compared with Russia.

"The clincher that demonstrates the United States' capability through its SAC bombers is the fact that these aircraft continue to fly over the Soviet Union with a relative degree of immunity," the magazine said.

"It is true that modern Russian fighters attack our bombers with major advantages of altitude, speed and maneuverability. It is true that they score some hits.

"But so far no attacks have been made by the Russians with missiles, either because they don't have antiaircraft missiles that are operational or because the Reds don't want to tip their hand.

"In any case, U.S. radar and photographic mapping missions over the Russian land mass continue with a fair degree of success and immunity.

"This indicates that in the event of an all-out situation, SAC bombers would get through in high enough proportion to result in a major catastrophe to the Soviet Union. The Kremlin knows this."

Accused Bank Robber Bound to Federal Jury

PORTLAND, Jan. 7 (U) — Edward Joseph Dillon, 32, Portland, waived preliminary hearing on a bank robbery charge Monday, and was bound over to a federal grand jury.

He is accused, along with Robert Newell Lovelace, 38, of holding up the Foster-Powell Branch of the First National Bank of Portland Dec. 13 for \$5,000. Lovelace was given until Wednesday to obtain an attorney. They were arrested Jan. 3.

Narrow House Built

ALEXANDRIA, Va., Jan. 7 (U) — It doesn't take a very wide wall-to-wall carpet for William M. Holter's house. But the length is something else.

Holter, a 28-year-old bachelor, lives in a house 7 feet wide and 36 feet long. "It only looks small from the outside," he says.

It contains a living room, a bedroom, kitchen and bath.

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