

Forceful Measures Against Reds Means Sanctions Says Analyst

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We hear from informed quarters in Washington that the Western Allies — America, Britain and France — are expected to reach agreement this week on a program

aimed at countering, with forceful measures, the Russian food blockade of Western Berlin.

That's grand! It means a major show-down, because this savage attempt to starve the civilian population of the German capital has become a symbol of the Russian challenge to democracy. If the Bolsheviks can get away with that barbarity, then they can get away with anything.

However, before we applaud any more let's get it straight in our minds just what that expression "forceful measures" means.

It doesn't necessarily mean "measures of force," that is, strong arm action. It presumably does mean economic or political sanctions (or both) which would be calculated to put a fierce squeeze on the Muscovites.

"Measures of Force"
I emphasize this point because rather a lot of talk about "measures of force" is being bandied about. In its essence that is war talk. Such talk doesn't win wars, but it can breed 'em. We've already seen one sharp reaction in the heavy slump on the stock market.

Now mind you, there might come a time when "measures of force" would have to be used, because the democracies have no intention of backing down. However, that would be after "forceful measures" had failed.

There are various ways in which powerful sanctions could be applied to Russia if she persists in her efforts to force the hands of the Western Allies by the inhuman expedient of depriving 2,400,000 defenseless civilians of food and fuel. One of these, as this column has pointed out before, would be through action by the United Nations which could apply sanctions after conviction.

Stoppage of Trade Seen
But supposing the U.N. should find it impossible to handle this crisis—what then? Well, the Democratic bloc could get together and apply the sanctions outside the U.N. They are the ones who would have to make the sanctions effective anyway, even of the peace organization ordered them. The Russians and their slave-states certainly wouldn't cut their own throats.

Such sanctions might mean not only a severance of diplomatic relations with Russia and her satellites but the stoppage of all trade with the Communist bloc. That would be terrific punishment.

What is the Red program for Central Europe? Answer: It calls not only for the consolidation of such shaky conquests as Czechoslovakia, but for the taking over of both Germany and Austria. The battle of Berlin is part and parcel of an effort to oust the Western Allies entirely from the Reich and incorporate it in the Communist empire. With this achieved, Russia would hold an almost impregnable military position across Central Europe from which to further her world revolution.

Nomads make up a large share of the population in Afghanistan.

US Building Korean Army

SEOUL, Korea—(U.P.)—The United States is quietly building a native army in South Korea.

Its size is a secret. But any casual observer can see that the force is growing rapidly.

The green-uniformed troops can be seen drilling in the countryside. Small units move in the streets of Seoul, marching on the double and singing.

This organization is known as the Korean constabulary. Nobody can tell it from an army. It has newly-rebuilt American Garand rifles.

An occasional American light machine gun also is seen in the hands of the constabulary. Nobody is saying whether they yet have

American mortars and artillery. The constabulary openly boasts, however, that when the U.S. army clears out of southern Korea, it will leave its trucks and shooting equipment behind. This is a possibility, because the United States is pledged to help the young Korean nation get going—and that requires an army.

WIGGLE THOSE TOES, GIRLS
CHICAGO—(U.P.)—Dr. O. N. Woolman, a chiropodist, says women should buy stockings a half-size larger than their foot size to prevent foot trouble. Seven out of ten women wear stockings too small for them, he finds. He said they should be able to wiggle their toes freely.

With the opening of Foreign Trade Zone No. 3 at San Francisco, Cal., U.S. for the first time has a free port area on each coast.

Widow Has Simple Solution

MINAMITAKU, Kyushu, (U.P.)—Sixty-seven year-old widower Tomitaro Hirokawa loved and wooed the handsomest war widow of this village, Shigechiyo Okumura, 49.

But Widow Okumura had two unmarried daughters and her suitor had two unmarried sons.

"After a conference of many nights held in farmer Hirokawa's barn," Jiji press reported, "Mrs. Okumura consented to become his wife on two conditions."
A triple wedding took place yesterday.

BAKERS TO ADVERTISE
MINNEAPOLIS—(U.P.)—The nation's flour millers and bakers

propose to spend \$4,000,000 trying to persuade Americans to eat more bread. The millers alone will lay out \$2,500,000 for a nation-wide "nutrition education" program. A similar campaign by the American Bakers Association will cost an estimated \$1,600,000.

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