

## Will Far North DEW Line Give Exaggerated Sense of Security?

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 Point Barrow, Alaska—(U.P.)—Will the radar warning line being built in the Far North become a Maginot Line, a "wall" giving the public an exaggerated sense of safety against Russian attack?

This question persists as one tours the 3000 miles of desolate, snow-drenched wasteland where 4000 construction workers of many nationalities are erecting the Distant Early Warning or DEW line at a cost of at least \$400,000,000.

Strung across the North American Arctic rim, "the line" is intended to warn key target areas four to six hours before jet bombers swooping over the polar reaches can deliver a nuclear attack. It runs generally along the 70th parallel high above the Arctic Circle and the continental tree line and within 1200 miles of the North Pole, at dozens of sites where few white men have been before.

**Work Unfinished**  
 Defense leaders believe there was no choice in this cold war, air-atomic era but to carry out the fantastic construction project. But they know the DEW line's limitations and hope it will not create a Maginot complex, an overdone feeling of safety and a letdown in other vital defense areas.

For one thing, it is still as much as two years from completion, according to the Air Force which made the prime contract with Western Electric Co. to build it. It was started in early 1955, more than two years after scientists called it feasible and urgently needed. Its sensitive radar, mounting guard on towers high in the northland's tundra and rocky pinnacles, will be arrayed to detect sneak attacks by planes of a type Russia has right now in considerable numbers.

The line will hardly become fully operational. Sometime in

1958, before military men will be grouping for revolutionary improvements in the hope it can be made useful in combatting the threat of approaching intercontinental ballistic missiles. There is an evident hope that eventually it may become the scene of pilotless interceptor or guided missile facilities, so that counterattacks can be put up instantly.

**Newsmen Tour Line**  
 Entirely American financed, the DEW line stretches from Cape Lisburne to the southwest of here on the Bering Strait across Alaska's Arctic slope and Canada's wind-swept northern flatlands to Baffin Island's craggy, fjord-marked East coast.

In the first officially authorized press tour of this sensitive defense area, 31 U.S. and Canadian newsmen mushed in deep snow at temperatures as much as 38 below zero, travelled in vehicles up rocky roads with hairpin turns to the radar sites, landed on ice strips marked out on foreign lakes and surveyed the vast enterprise from a big Air Force C124 Globemaster.

Little more than a year ago, much of this territory knew only the migrant Eskimo, the Arctic fox bark and wolf's howl. Not a speck marred the acres of snow. Now the area is alive with little construction camps of tents, shacks and quonset huts; tractor-drawn sled trains, radio beacons, the steady drone of aircraft overhead and the ceaseless labors of hardy men putting up the permanent, pre-fabricated DEW line buildings.

The function of the DEW lines, when completed, will be to give the Strategic Air Command

**OSCAR ARRIVES**  
 Rome—(U.P.)—The Oscar won by Italian film actress Anna Magnani arrived here from Los Angeles tonight and will be presented to her in a formal ceremony in a few days.

enough warning of their attack to get its bombers off their vulnerable bases and on the way toward Russia. The brief warning time it gives Air Defense Command and Civil Defense agencies may be enough, according to the Air Force assistant deputy chief of staff, Maj. Gen. James E. Briggs, to "save millions of lives."

## Air Search Resumes For Plane in Alaska

Anchorage, Alaska—(U.P.)—An air search was expected to resume today for a Cordova Airlines plane missing with six persons aboard on a flight between here and Seward, Alaska.

The missing Aero Commander, piloted by John Waide of Anchorage, left here yesterday and has not been heard from since. Estimated flying time to Seward is 45 minutes. The plane had enough fuel for six hours.

Civilian and military planes were sent out to search for the craft. Air Force officials, said, however, a storm which has been lashing all of southwestern Alaska seriously hampered yesterday's search. Visibility was very poor.

The search was to resume today, weather permitting.

**CHEAP DINNER**  
 Stockholm, Sweden—(U.P.)—Viktor Bergman and his family got a cheap dinner in their remote Lapland community of Mandjaerv. A grouse flew through the kitchen window and landed on the stove. The Bergmans twisted its neck, plucked it and put it in the oven.

Nicosia, Cyprus—(U.P.)—British security forces opened fire over the heads of Cypriot Greek demonstrators Sunday when the demonstrators surrounded a police station at Evrykhou, a suburb of Nicosia.

## Britain's Russian Envoy Flying Home

London—(U.P.)—Sir William Hayter, the British ambassador to Moscow, will fly home Friday for important talks on the forthcoming visit of the Soviet leaders, it was reported today.

Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin and Communist Party Secretary Nikita S. Krushchev leave Moscow this week end for the trip which begins officially April 18.

Hayter had been expected to fly here ahead of the Russians, but his trip took on new significance in view of sudden Russian criticism of official British arrangements for the trip. The Russians said Sunday they regretted they could not meet more of the British people. The British Foreign Office replied Monday that it was "quite untrue" that there were "certain forces" in Britain who did not want them to have wider contacts with the British people.

## Submarine Seawolf Escapes Flash Fire

Groton, Conn.—(U.P.)—A flash fire broke out Monday night near the world's second atomic submarine, the Seawolf, but the \$58,000,000 craft was not damaged.

The General Dynamics Corp., builder of the hull which is in wet dock, said the blaze was confined to an electric pump used for testing operations at the pier where the submarine is being outfitted.

Two workmen were treated for face burns and two others for smoke inhalation. None was in serious condition.

The Seawolf, bigger and faster than her sister ship, the Nautilus, was launched July 21.

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