

# Defense Warning Lines in Canada to Be Valuable Even in Age of Big Missiles

Editor's note: Charles Corddry, United Press military affairs writer in Washington, has made a 2,000-mile tour of the new Mid-Canada Defense Warning Line in the Far North. In this third and final dispatch, summing up his observations, he reports on the value of defense lines even with the coming of the intercontinental ballistic missile.

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Ottawa—(U.P.)—The No. 2 man of the Royal Canadian Air Force said today it probably will be "well on toward the end of the 1960s" before intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBM) become a serious threat to this continent.

"There is no ICBM today," Air Vice Marshal C. R. Dunlap, vice chief of air staff, told a group of Canadian, American and British newsmen in connection with a

tour of the new \$170 million Mid-Canada Warning Line.

The electronic "burglar alarm" which Canada is building 400 miles north of the United States and the \$400 million Distant Early Warning (DEW) Line at the top of the continent, which America is building, have come in for criticism here by some retired Army officers, publications and other sources.

The argument is made that the warning lines will be obsolete—like the French Maginot Line in World War II—and that the Canadian strategy too closely to America's. There also has been some U.S. criticisms, but milder than here.

Dunlap, an authority on air defense, asserted that warning lines in the North can reduce the possibility of surprise attack to the point that there may be "little likelihood" of attack at all on this continent.

If an enemy could "drive into a continent and destroy its means of retaliation," he said, the prospect would be "tempting." Therefore, it is "absolutely imperative" to have at least the means for limited warning.

Warning lines certainly will not be obsolete as long as bombers are used, Dunlap said. He said the Russians are just in the "early stages" of introducing long-range jet bombers to replace their piston-engine copies of the World War II B-29.

It will take "several years" to build the Russian Bison bomber force, he said, and these bombers probably won't be in operational use until the "late 1960s."

The ICBM is still a "big question mark," Dunlap went on, but responsible opinion holds that it will take until the late 1960s to develop the city-wrecking rocket into an accurate weapon.

He said the ICBM, which he described as a 6,000-mile cannon, probably will be employed for a time side-by-side with bombers, rather than replacing the manned aircraft.

**Could Be Modernized**

While Dunlap did not touch on the point, the RCAF told newsmen in prepared material given them on the tour that the northern warning lines can be "modernized" in the future to become defense lines against ballistic missiles.

"Any defense against the ICBM will require forward defense lines so that these installations will not be wasted," the RCAF said. "They will merely require to be modernized."

Some criticism of the northern defense construction projects has been linked with concern that Canada's sovereignty may be impaired by the presence of numbers of Americans on Canada's

far northern soil. There was published criticism last spring, after a Dew Line press tour, that the American flag was flying at an RCAF station being used to support the Dew Line project.

An editorial in a Prairie province newspaper said the other day that airmen "are nowadays essentially a denationalized crew. They may be Canadian or they may be American but their decisions are ruled more from Washington than from Ottawa."

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## On The Side

By E. V. DURLING  
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What is the origin of the saying, "the life of Reilly?" That is a question long discussed by the clientele of this department but never settled. Some claim it has a reference to a hotel keeper named Reilly. That is an error. The hotel keeper they are thinking of was named O'Reilly, as in the song, "Are You The O'Reilly that keeps the hotel?" Others say it has to do with a man who was very friendly with a certain Mrs. Reilly while her husband was off on a trip. It was said of this man that he "lived the life of Reilly while Reilly was away."

**Get It Right**

Another question inspiring much difference of opinion among the customers is "what is the largest city in the world?" The answer to that is New York. If you won't accept my decision check with Rand, McNally. Then there is that argument about Mile. De Leon "The Girl in Blue." Was she a trapeze artist or a dancer? The original Mile. De Leon was definitely a trapeze artist who tossed garters to the customers. Jack Norworth agrees that this is correct. Says he played on the bill with her.

**Widow**

What is a "Grass Widow"? On that there is quite a difference of opinion. I say a "Grass Widow" is a married woman whose husband is temporarily absent from home. As for example, the wife of a traveling salesman. The term definitely does not refer to a divorcee.

**That Lily**

Consider the constantly used term "Gilded Lily." That is one of the most misquoted terms of all time. It should be the "Painted Lily." That's what Shakespeare said. Still many stubborn fellows insist "Gilded Lily" is now correct because of constant usage. That to me is a ridiculous claim. Here is what Shakespeare wrote:

"To Gild Refined Gold,  
To Paint The Lily  
To Throw A Perfume On The Violet"

A frequently noted error is the quoting of that biblical passage as "Money is The Root Of All Evil." It should be "The Love Of Money is The Root Of All Evil." That, of course, has a very different meaning.

**Greatest**

"Who was the greatest baseball player of all time?" On that query it appears sports fans will never agree. Some say Ty Cobb. Others Hans Wagner. I'll take Hans. That was John McGraw's opinion. What about the greatest American race horse of the twentieth century? Was it Man O' War? Most people will say so. However, my choice is Exterminator. Matt Winn had that opinion, too.

**Other Arguments**

What is the origin of the saying "O.K.?" It is impossible to get a 100 per cent agreement on that. I claim it is from the Choctaw Indian word "OKEH" meaning "it is as desired." Who originated the "Monkey On a Stick" style of riding? The great majority claims it was Ted Slean. I believe it was the great negro jockey, Willis Simms.

**Please Note**

On what date of the year was George M. Cohan born? Most people will say July 3, 1878. Here's another question that is endlessly disputed: "Who was the original 'It Girl' of the films?" The general belief is that it was Clara Bow. That is erroneous. It was Aileen Pringle. Another query causing much discussion is "What is a Turkhen?" Most people say it is a bird that is a cross between a Rhode Island red hen and a turkey. Others say that is wrong. That the Turkhen is a bird originally bred in Persia. I am not sure about the answer to that myself. What do you say?

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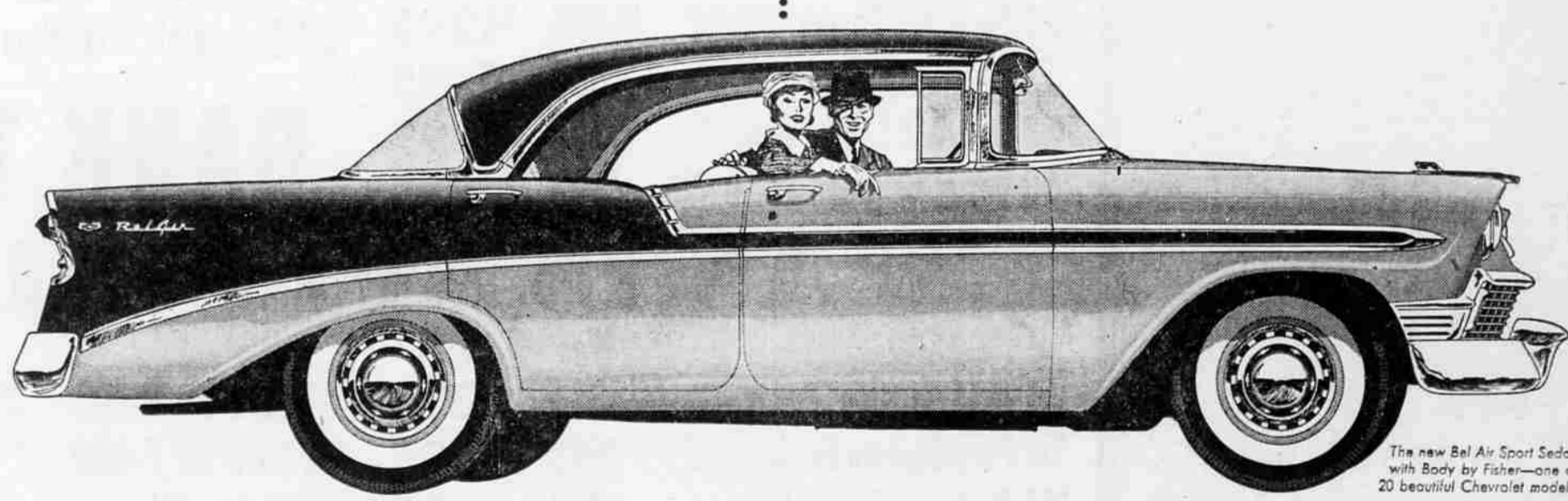
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