

Long Range Nuclear Missile Said To Have Made Russians Uneasy

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Oslo, Norway — (U.P.) — The NATO alliance of Norway and Denmark and the age of the long range nuclear missile apparently have made Russia extremely uncomfortable at the proximity of its Scandinavian neighbors.

This seems to be the reason behind Moscow's sudden "northern diplomatic offensive," which is aimed particularly at Norway and Denmark, both of which are members of the North Atlantic Treaty organization.

Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin last week bluntly warned the Norwegian and Danish governments that their homelands would be obliterated if they allowed them to be used for western rocket bases in a new war.

This threat was tempered to some extent Wednesday in a broadcast by Moscow radio.

'On Friendly Terms'
"Denmark and Norway are neighbors of the USSR," the broadcast said. "We are on friendly terms with them and we want still closer friendship. That doesn't mean we urge Norway to withdraw at once from NATO nor that we call on the Scandinavian countries to break off friendly relations with the United States."

"But, being good neighbors, we feel we must call attention to the danger arising from the participation of Denmark and Norway in NATO. This danger is now even greater in view of the plan to locate U. S. nuclear weapons on the territory of these countries. Since these weapons are intended for aggressive action against the USSR, there is every reason why we should take precautions."

The Subtle Approach
Moscow has not been so blunt to neutral Sweden or tight rope walking Finland, although both these countries more than once have felt the hot breath of the Russian Bear.

Finland has fought Russia twice in a generation. Soviet air force pilots have shot down Swedish planes. Both Sweden and Finland keep picking up "woodsmen" and "trappers" on their borders who turn out to be Soviet spies.

Russia admittedly is worried over U. S. plans to arm Britain with missiles capable of delivering nuclear warheads, and Scandinavian observers believe Moscow fears that Norway and Denmark may be next to receive the "ultimate weapons."

Not Frightened
Sweden is known to be working quietly on its missiles and atomic program.

Tightening the ring even further U. S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles told a Washington news conference last week there is no reason why missiles can not be delivered to France and other NATO allies when they are available.

Leaders of both Norway and Denmark have made it known they are not frightened by the Russian threats.

"It is entirely wrong to suppose that the Russian note caused the slightest nervousness here," Danish Premier and Foreign Minister H. C. Hansen told

a meeting in Jutland early last week. Norwegian spokesmen echoed similar sentiments.

Scandinavian intelligence reports say the Russian diplomatic threats are backed up by a "massive" postwar buildup of Soviet forces, air and rocket bases in western Russia, the former Baltic states, northern Poland and East Germany.

Building Defenses
The Russians are reported to have turned the island of Ruegen in the Baltic Sea into a missile base. The site is less than 50 miles from the southern coast of Sweden and the eastern Danish

islands of Lolland, Falster and Mon.

Danish radar stations have tracked an increasing number of Soviet rockets in the past 12 months, all following courses parallel with the Baltic coast between Ruegen and the northeast, where they presumably fall in the sea.

Scandinavian intelligence sources also say the Soviets built nearly 100 air fields in the western Arctic during and since World War II, and they are now used as bases for some 1,500 Red Air Force planes of all types, including jet bombers.

Red Army forces in the Kola Peninsula, adjoining Finland and northeastern Norway, and in the western Arctic reportedly comprise a relatively small number of only six or eight divisions, which leaves rocket, navy and air force bases the main threat to the Scandinavian countries.

The Soviet Arctic navy, according to Scandinavian sources, is estimated at six 15,000 ton cruisers, between 70 and 90 ocean going submarines, 40 to 50 destroyers, 10 big icebreakers and a "large number" of motor torpedo boats.

Noticeable Coolness
Russia's Baltic armada reportedly includes 10 cruisers in the 15,000 ton class, more than 100 submarines, 50 destroyers, close to 100 frigates and 200 motor torpedo boats. These would support any northern drive by the Red Army in East Germany.

The Scandinavian countries have noticeably cooled toward

Russia in recent years, and this has become even more marked since Soviet intervention in Hungary last October. Bulganin and Soviet Communist Party Chief Nikita Khrushchev planned to visit all Scandinavian countries for "good will" tours this year. All but Finland cancelled the tours following the Hungarian rebellion.

Finland Must Be Careful
The Soviet leaders are scheduled to arrive in Helsinki for a one week visit June 6.

Finland, which must be more careful than any other of the northern countries in her relations with Russia, nevertheless joined the Nordic Council last year.

The council brings together the premiers of all the Scandinavian countries for periodic reviews of common policy. Moscow gave tacit blessing to Finland's membership in the group, apparently in the belief it can do some good in the role of a neutralist nation.

However, the Soviets are now reported concerned lest Finland may be drawn into the council's common market plan and other "western ventures."

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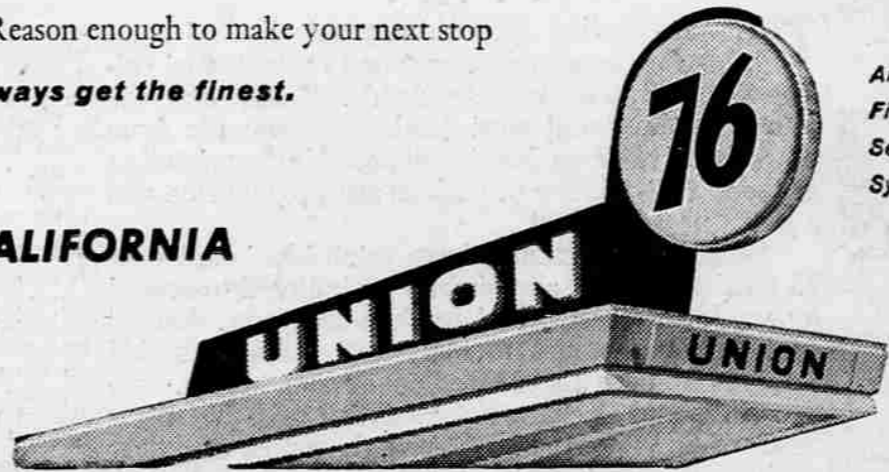
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Quotes From the News

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Hong Kong—The Rev. Fulgence Gross, Roman Catholic missionary, refusing to discuss years of "tough" imprisonment in Communist China:

"I do not trust anyone."

Washington—Philippine Ambassador Carlos P. Romulo, after saying he does not intend to run for the Philippine presidency and presently sees no need that he run:

"If there is a real need for somebody to carry on with the Mag-saysay traditions and see to it that his love for the masses and his leadership of the people for democracy should continue . . . I will not shirk my duty to my people and my country."

Washington—Democratic Sen. Richard L. Neuberger, defending to his Oregon constituents the purchase of helicopters for the President's use:

"Do people expect Mr. Eisenhower to take a trolley car when he decides to play a round of golf."

Washington—Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, in testimony before a House Appropriations committee made public Sunday night:

"I think the only serious danger of war with the Soviet Union is a war which might come about through a miscalculation on their part. I think if we make our own position clear in advance so as to exclude that risk of miscalculation, then we do away with the greatest risk of war."

Washington—Sen. Karl E. Mundt (R-S.D.) describing forthcoming Senate Rackets committee hearings on collusion between "dishonest management" and union leaders in the New York City construction industry:

"They will be dirty enough to satisfy me and nearly everybody else."

Atlantic City—Walter Reuther, to the convention of the United Auto Workers of which he is president:

Organized labor "better take up the job of cleaning our house with the strongest broom and soap and discipline."

Bridges Opposed to Plans to Aid Poland

Washington — Sen. Styles Bridges (R-N.H.) protested Saturday against administration plans to provide \$75,000,000 in economic aid to Poland because "their resources are being drained off by the Russians."

Bridges is chairman of the Senate Republican Policy Committee. He asserted the Polish government is seeking U.S. aid to avert unrest after the Soviet Union failed to honor commitments to supply it with commodities.

GOT TIME TO LISTEN?

Watford, England — (U.P.) — Dr. Nanna Yakkara Godekand Egraachchchige Don Julius Da Silva Wjesekera, 40, signed resignedly here Thursday when police, investigating a traffic violation charge, asked him to spell his name—slowly.

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