

# Europe, Divided by Barbed Wire, Said To Be Made Up of Two Armed Camps

Editor's note: This is the fourth in a series by Charles Corddry, United Press military affairs writer. It sizes up the opposing forces on each side of the Iron Curtain.

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Paris — Militarily, Europe is two armed camps.  
It is divided by electrified barbed wire which the Communists have strung along the "Iron Curtain."

On the Western or free side of the no-man's land, there appears to be little if any war fever or nervousness to disturb the continent's seemingly prosperous and happy exterior. That condition may be a reflection of the tempered confidence of the men charged with defending this vital part of the world.

There are weaknesses on the west side of the front, notably shortages of anti-aircraft missiles and supersonic jet fighters and a ground force with 18 instead of the desired 30 divisions.

But for those who tote up numbers, this disparity appears not as great as commonly supposed.

### Over Four-Million Men

Russia's total military manpower is estimated at 4,600,000. Satellite forces of questionable value raise that figure to 6 million.

The West's total, including the United States and Canada, probably is 5,300,000 to 5,600,000.

Russia's army, unless it has made some of the cuts it said it would, is estimated at 3,200,000.

More than 900,000 Russian army troops plus air force and navy men, estimates unavailable, are in the Russian Far East and Soviet interior. That indicates the Soviets have 2,300,000 army men, plus air force and navy elements, in western Russia, the satellites and southern Russia.

Satellite forces add about 1,400,000 to the total. But Western intelligence rates them a slender reed for Russia in the light of widespread unrest.

The West's total manpower in Europe is about 3,100,000, including 250,000 U. S. Army, 80,000 U. S. Air Force and 25,000 U. S. 6th Fleet. These figures do not include the 400,000 French troops now in Algeria.

175 Red Divisions  
The Russian army has 175 divisions. About 50 of them are in the Far East and the interior. The satellites have 65. The Soviet bloc could expand to 400 divisions in 30 days, according to military men here.

The Red air force numbers 20,000 planes. Substantially all of them are jets, except the probably 2,000 copies of America's World War II B29 bomber. The satellites have 2,500 aircraft, half jets.

The Red navy's chief threat is submarines, variously estimated at 450 to 500. About half of them are long-range, ocean-going types, a considerable number are in the Black Sea.

From northern Norway to Turkey, the North Atlantic Treaty powers today are said to have 100 active and reserve divisions, 6,000 aircraft and 1,300 naval vessels. American forces include only those assigned to NATO.

The immediate Soviet threat, U. S. Army intelligence says, comprises 425,000 men in East Germany. They are organized into a 22-division tank and mechanized spearhead supported by MIG17 fighters and light jet bombers.

30 Division Minimum  
This force could be more quickly reinforced from western Russia than could their opposite numbers — primarily American and British forces — from their home bases.

The minimum force NATO military planners want on the central front is 30 divisions. They say such a force will be available when all 12 German divisions are formed and three French divisions are returned

from Africa. Today there are 18 divisions, not all at full strength.

NATO's expectation of reaching 30 divisions is based on hoped-for reconsideration of Britain's plans for a 26,000-man cut in its 77,000-man Army of the Rhine. It also hinges on no other cuts in NATO ground forces. Britain definitely intends to cut its

Rhine army by at least 13,000 men.

The shield force today comprises the five-division U. S. 7th Army, most powerful ever fielded by the United States in peacetime; the four-division British contingent, two French divisions, and an estimated four divisions of the Benelux coun-

tries and Canada. The three new German divisions bring the total to 18.

The NATO land forces are supported by U. S. Army Corporal and Honest John missiles and 280 mm. cannon. All can deliver atomic explosives.

Tomorrow — U. S. Army in Europe.

## Umatilla Revises Buying Procedures

Pendleton — The Umatilla county court revised its purchasing procedures and announced that all departmental purchases will be made by one central purchasing agent.

Tom Keating has been announced as new purchasing agent for the court.

In the past each department has purchased its own supplies and handed in the bills to the county court, but according to Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton this is against the Oregon statutes.

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