

# Drastic Shakeup of Armed Forces Recommended by Rockefeller Fund

New York — A panel of noted Americans called today for a drastic shakeup of the armed forces and expenditure of an additional \$3 billion annually for defenses to keep the Soviet bloc from getting the upper hand by 1960.

In a 25,000-word report issued on the eve of the opening of Congress, a Rockefeller Brothers Fund panel warned the nation that "it appears the United States is

rapidly losing its lead over the U.S.S.R. in the military race."

"Unless present trends are reversed, the world balance of power will shift in favor of the Soviet bloc," the report said. "If that should happen, we are not likely to be given another chance to remedy our failings."

**Report Took 18 Months**

The report, which took 30 experts 18 months to prepare, recommended a sweeping

corrective program including the following:

1. Elevation of the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff to principal military adviser to the secretary of defense and the President.
2. Reorganization of the chiefs of staff on a unified basis to serve only as advisers to the chairman. The various service chiefs would devote themselves primarily to recruiting, training, and supply.
3. Reorganization of all operational military forces—land, sea and air—into unified commands, with higher officers serving under the title of "officers of the armed forces of the United States."
4. Streamline Command

of defense holding direct authority over all research, development and procurement.

5. An immediate increase of \$3 billion a year in the defense budget through 1965.

Nelson A. Rockefeller is chairman of the private foundation which provided funds for the study, and Dr. Henry A. Kissinger of the Harvard Center for International Affairs was director of the project.

Panel members included former Atomic Energy Commission Commissioner Gordon Dean, nuclear physicist Edward Teller, Gen. Lucius D. Clay, Brig. Gen. David Sarnoff, former Health Secretary Oveta Culp Hobby, publisher Henry R. Luce and Charles M. Spoford, former U.S. deputy to NATO.

## Blemish Displayed By Movie Actress

Madrid — Film star Ava Gardner displayed a slight blemish on her right cheek and said reports she was "disfigured" in a recent bullfight accident were a "bunch of lies."

She said she had instructed her lawyers to demand retraction from columnists who wrote "that sort of thing." She left Saturday for a visit to London and plans to go to Rome "about the 10th."

The beautiful actress also denied reports she had needed an operation to repair damage done to her face in

a Spanish bullfight ring and pointed to the small blemish as proof.

The small dark spot on her cheek "will be gone shortly," she said. "I've consulted two of the world's best plastic surgeons and they both said it would be healed without a trace by early February."

**"Nothing Serious"**

During an interview with United Press, Miss Gardner sat on a red camel saddle in front of a dancing fire. She wore a yellow satin dress, buckled shoes of the same color, a pearl and emerald necklace and earrings and ring to match. She patted her dark, swept back hair and said:

"It is a blood clot that has to be absorbed into the body. Here feel it. It's nothing serious."

What is serious she said, are the reports of "scars and disfigurement."

"That sort of thing can be very dangerous to my career. It's all a bunch of lies. It's not nice."

Miss Gardner flicked a tipped cigarette with a gold lighter, then added:

"I'm off to Rome on Jan. 10 to begin preliminary work on a new picture. We begin shooting on March first. Long before then the spot will be gone."

The accident happened 10 weeks ago.

**Saw Two Doctors**

"Four days afterwards I went to London. The whole side of my face, throat and down to the chest was bruised. I bled up and covered it with a scarf," she said, as she pantomimed tying a scarf over her face.

"I went to Sir Archibald MacIndoe, a famous plastic surgeon. He told me it was a hematoma and I couldn't expect anything for three months. He recommended massage and heat. But, he told me, it would be healed after three months."

"In early December I was in New York and went to see another plastic surgeon, Dr. Marco Converse — I think that's his first name — who told me exactly the same thing."

## Quick Action Urged On Naval Program

San Francisco — Rear Adm. Elton W. Grenfell, commander of the Navy's Pacific submarines, called Sunday for quick action on the Navy's proposed program for construction of subs capable of launching the Polaris missile from undersea.

"We need the Polaris and need it soon," Grenfell told a news conference. "It will give us much more of an attack role."

Grenfell said a submarine equipped with the Polaris will be the "little brother of the task force, taking atomic warfare to the enemy."

At present, Grenfell said, the Navy has only one undersea craft, the Tunny, which can fire missiles. The Tunny carries two of the Big Regulus I missiles which have a range of 500 miles.

The Polaris has a range of 1500 miles and a nuclear warhead.

identified, more than 50 types of moss, and one or two species of coarse grass. A pitiful few as contrasted to the rich flora of the Arctic.

But it was not always thus. The first clue that Antarctica was not always buried under an ice sheet — in some places two miles thick — was the discovery in the summer of 1892-93 of what seemed to be part of a fossil pine on nearby Seymour Island. Sixteen years later, extensive seams of low-grade coal were found. And later from these seams were found fossil leaves and twigs. The bigger leaves resembled beeches in shape and venation but in size they were a little smaller than the British beech.

Later the date of this coal deposit was identified as having been laid down during the Carboniferous and Permian periods.

These finds were backed up with others of a more recent period — no less than 61

## Is That So?

By EUGENE BURNS  
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Forbidding as Antarctica may be today with not one single tree, there was the time that this giant continent now covered with ice was green with pine forests and jungles of tree fern.

Today the explorer may find a few lichens, mosses and grass, the former being scaly, paper-like plants that cling to rocks even on the mountains bordering the South Polar Plateau which may well be the coldest spot on earth. A temperature of 100 below zero has been recorded.

To date, over a hundred kinds of lichen have been

species of plants being identified, including 13 kinds of cone-bearing trees. Because of the abundance of fossils found, one peak was named Mount Flora — although it is today a barren lump of rock. Yet, the imprints of leaves and hemlock - type pine branches in its stone paint for the imaginative interpreter a vivid picture of the rain forests which once thrived over all which is now the Antarctica mainland, forests dense with fig trees, laurel, beech, sequoia and arucaria — an evergreen which still grows in Brazil, Chile and the South Seas.

**Marked Seasons**

The tree rings in the petrified logs indicate a climate with marked seasons of heat and cold.

Quite likely forests may have covered all of Antarctica because petrified logs up to 18 inches through have been found close to the South Pole and identified as flourishing in a time when dinosaurs roamed the earth.

What animals may have trodden these jungles of Antarctica?

So far, no remains have been found of true land animals, states Walter Sullivan in *Quest for a Continent* (McGraw-Hill, N.Y.) and he suggests that because of the continent's isolation — being separated from its nearest neighbor, South America, by 600 miles — that there may never have been four-footed creatures there.

To bear Sullivan out, New Zealand has no native land mammals.

Of birds, five kinds of prehistoric penguins have been discovered. One of these was a giant bird perhaps as tall as a man. Some scientists have suggested that these might have been the survivors of bird species who roamed the forests without fear of rival or enemy and gradually became flightless.

But yet, there are strong indications that Antarctica was not always isolated — one of the most striking features of the petrified forests of Palmer Peninsula is their similarity to those still growing in New Zealand, Australia and lower South America. This would seem to indicate earlier land connections or chains of islands.

And to continue the speculation — either Antarctica was the starting point of these forests or the bridge for them between South America and Australia.

But this we do know: low-grade coal has been discovered in every sector of the great Antarctic mountain range, positive evidence that immense coal fields may cap the entire polar area.



## Car Skids on Ice; Portlander Killed

Hillsboro, Ore. — Fredrick L. Dethoff, Portland, was killed Sunday night when a car skidded on an icy spot on Highway 8 near Glenwood and went into a ditch.

Marion H. Short, 34, Portland, was hospitalized for observation. Sheriff's deputies said they were not able to determine immediately which of the two men was driving.

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