

Faster Build-Up of Missile Forces Declared Urgent Aim of NATO

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Foreign Minister Meeting Marks 10th Anniversary

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Editor's note: This is the second of two reports on the state of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization on its 10th anniversary.

Washington—UPI—A faster build-up of supersonic aircraft and missile forces is urgent aim of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization as it completes its first decade.

The foreign ministers of the alliance are meeting here against the grave backdrop of crisis in Berlin and alarm in the U.S. Congress over Soviet missile progress. The meeting marks the anniversary of the signing of the NATO treaty on April 4, 1949.

At hand, as the statesmen take stock of NATO's strength is a new report from a U.S. presidential advisory group urging immediate addition of \$400,000,000 to American military aid funds. It would go mostly for advanced jet aircraft and missiles for NATO.

Moves are also afoot to stimulate production on the European continent of a variety of U.S. missiles from air defense to bombardment types.

Constant Theme
The need for supersonic planes is a constant theme. European pilots and commanders argue that they could be the first to tangle with Russia's superior numbers of planes in a war. They say they should have more aircraft comparable to those of the Americans operating beside them.

Similar urgent problems for NATO leaders are the quick filling of remaining ground force needs in Central Europe, more rapid deployment of 1,500-mile range ballistic missiles and early completion of radar warning and communications networks.

The Soviet forces arrayed opposite NATO's 4,000-mile front from Norway to Turkey are "terrifyingly efficient and equipped for nuclear war," in the words of a top British official. All that holds the Russians down is the threat of air-atomic reprisal.

Russia and her European satellites have an estimated six million men under arms, close to four million of them ground forces. The bulk apparently is in Western Russia and the satellites.

Comparison Not Valid
The 15 NATO powers can count as many or more men under arms. But the comparison is not too valid. Allowance must be made for the world-wide commitments and deployments of America and Britain. Together they account for more than half of NATO's total military manpower. They have about 425,000 to 450,000 men in Europe, the Middle East, Mediterranean and North Africa. The rest of their forces, totaling more than 2,700,000, are conserved at home or deployed in other areas around the globe.

Available estimates indicate that Gen. Lauris Norstad, Supreme Allied Commander in Europe, has assigned to him about 50 divisions, 5,500 to 6,000 aircraft, more than 160 air bases and, in the event of war, the Navy's big Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean.

175 Soviet Divisions
The Soviets, NATO estimates, have 175 divisions, of which 22 are in East Germany and 60 more in other puppet countries and in western Russia. The satellites have 65 divisions of varying degrees of reliability. Russia has 18,000 to 20,000 military aircraft, largely jets, including 1,500 medium range bombers comparable to the American B-47 but hardly more than 100 long-range Bisons which they once were expected to stamp out in huge numbers.

Many of their 450 submarines are in the White, Baltic and Black seas. It would be NATO's task to try to keep as many as possible from breaking to the Atlantic where they could attack convoys and bombard America.

In the missile field, Russia officially is credited with having operational weapons with ranges of 700 to 800 miles. Reporters have heard those estimates from intelligence officers in several NATO European headquarters and they have been publicly stated here.

No Evidence Revealed
To be effective, such missiles would have to be deployed to the satellites. Inquiry in American, British and NATO quarters on the continent reveals no evidence that such has been done. From the satellites, Russian missiles could reach any European target except some in Spain.

The estimates, if accurate, make the American Thor missile now based in England the

longest range operational ballistic missile—more than 1,500 miles.

Washington estimates that the U.S. and Russia will have intercontinental ballistic missiles operational at about the same time. Congressional critics dispute that, claiming Russia is ahead. So does Russia.

On the Western side American land, air and sea forces have a variety of missiles in Europe. They include the 200-mile range Redstone, the 500-mile Matador pilotless bomber, the 75-mile Corporal, the 15-mile Honest John, and Nike anti-aircraft missiles. The sixth fleet can employ Sparrow air-to-air rockets, Regulus pilotless bombers and Terrier anti-aircraft missiles.

Own Production
Most European countries are receiving, under U.S. military aid or buying, one or more of these missile types and some planning their own production.

But NATO is not a military theater unto itself. It is part of a global defense system, a system that has brought about the "strategic encirclement" of the Soviet Union so that, as NATO officers put it, there is "nowhere that the Soviets can feel secure around their whole periphery."

Besides the air-atomic deterrent, NATO now has a shield force running from the top of Norway, where there is a common border with Russia, to the east frontier of Turkey, also a common border with Russia.

In the crucial Central European sector are now deployed approximately 22 of the 30 divisions Norstad considers the minimum he needs. When West Germany completes its 12 divisions and France is able to return two from Algeria, Norstad will have 30 on the central front.

The central land forces are backed up by heavy contingents of U.S. Air Force, Royal Air Force and Royal Canadian Air Force jets. The U.S. alone has 525 jet fighter planes in Europe that can carry atomic weapons.

PLAN MALARIA CONTROL
Makassar, Celebes, Indonesia—UPI—The Malaria Eradication department of the East Indonesian islands said today that malaria kills at least 120,000 persons a year in Indonesia. The department said it is planning a 10-year program for controlling the disease.

Importance of NATO Said To Lie in Principle of Solidarity

By HALVARD M. LANGE
Foreign Minister of Norway
(Written for UPI)

The primary importance of NATO lies in the principle of solidarity embodied in the treaty. The collective defense organized on the basis of this principle has made it possible for NATO to play a decisive role in preventing war and aggression in the last decade.

This aspect of NATO is common to all the member countries small and big alike, and, indeed the stabilizing effects of the solidarity between the NATO countries makes itself felt outside the NATO group.

It is of the utmost importance that this solidarity be kept and strengthened in the difficult times we face as we celebrate the first 10 years of the existence of the North Atlantic Treaty.

Young Prince May Have Chickenpox

Windsor, England—UPI—The 10-year-old Prince of Wales started his spring holiday in bed at Windsor Castle today, awaiting what doctors thought would be an official diagnosis of chickenpox.

Prince Charles was sent home from Cheam School several hours earlier than his schoolmates Thursday when it was discovered he was running a fever. Doctors promised to announce the results of their examination later today.

All pupils at the exclusive private school have been under quarantine for two weeks because of an outbreak of chickenpox among some members of the student body.

Charles' mother, Queen Elizabeth II, his sister Princess Anne, and his aunt, Princess Margaret, are all staying at Windsor Castle, but they are not likely to be allowed to see the young prince.

Neither the Queen nor Princess Anne has ever had chickenpox.

New York—UPI—A new teaching machine demonstrated here Thursday not only corrects students when they give the wrong answers but has a little lecture ready for those who still can't answer properly. The recorded message: "Listen, son, you are being very careless. You really should study a lot harder. Careful study habits will help you make your own way in the world."

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smaller countries to express their views on important international problems and thus influence the formulation of the policies of member countries with world-wide responsibilities. This is a novel development in international co-operation.

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It is, of course, true that the United Nations Organization, like its predecessor, the League of Nations, offers opportunities to all member countries to appeal to world opinion in order to influence development in world politics. The importance of the

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This, however, is different from the intimate day-to-day consultation going on in NATO, both with regard to the nature of the process and more particularly when it comes to the practical results obtained.

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The consultations in NATO on matters of direct concern to all member nations and the treaty area aim at working out common policies which are binding on member countries. They constitute an answer to one of the central problems that arise in voluntary co-operation between sovereign states. Consultation means a pooling of sovereignties without recourse to supranational institutions.

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