



Frozen Frontier

World's Most Powerful Nations Face Each Other Across Arctic

With President Truman's recent disclosure of an atomic explosion in Russia, the vast, frozen wastes of the Arctic take on new importance as America's most strategic line of defense. The polar map above points out locations of major American and Canadian installations on the common northern frontier, stretching from Attu in the Aleutians to Newfoundland and Greenland. Most of the Canadian bases fly both U. S. and Canadian flags; joint airfields are known to be as near the pole as Resolute bay and Eureka sound. Hub of Russia's northern military defense system is believed to be Tikal (A), a newly-built city of possibly 100,000 located only 400 miles from Nome and 500 miles from Resolute bay. Its eastern anchors are Vladivostok (B), Russia's principal Pacific port, and Petropavlovsk (C), submarine, naval and air base built largely since the end of World War II. Western anchors include Franz Joseph Land (D), site of red air bases, and Norwegian-controlled Spitzbergen (E), where the Russians have important mining interests and many nationalities. Vital lifeline of the Soviet arctic frontier is the 5500-mile Trans-Siberian railway (F). The Lake Baikal area (G) is its principal arctic depot. From there, supplies go north to Tikal over the Lena river (H), an ice highway for most of the year. Also vital is the arctic shipping route (I) from Ar-

khangsk (J) to Tikal. Other strategic points in the Soviet arctic military system include, the Kommandorski islands (K), site of the important naval base of Nikolaiok; Sakhalin Island (L), which Russia got from Japan for her belated entry in the Pacific war; the Siberian coastal jet fighter base area (M), including Wrangel island (N), also a jet base; Oshotsk sea coast (O), where the reds have a research center, and Little Koldewey and Shannon islands (P), where the Germans held Greenlandic bases during World War II. In manpower, the Russians outnumber us in the arctic 10 to one.

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NW Loses Chance For Big Plant

SEATTLE, Oct. 12 (AP)—The Pacific Northwest has lost out as site for the air force's planned huge super-sonic air research laboratory. Ross Cunningham, Seattle Times associate editor, wrote in his column yesterday.

The work was planned to cost about \$100,000,000 and members of the state's congressional delegation have announced from time to time that it would be located in central Washington, Cunningham said.

"The latest word, however, is that the project has been denied to this area by the air force and will be located in Tennessee;—the apparent reason being that the Pacific Northwest is considered relatively more vulnerable than Tennessee," Cunningham wrote.

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78-Year-Old Still Mountain Climber
LOS ANGELES (AP)—Thomas E. Clarke, 78, has climbed Mt. Whitney for the 13th time. What's more, the 6-foot, 160-pound Hemet, Calif., man scrambled to the top of the nation's highest peak, 14,496 feet, only five and a half hours after leaving the 10,000 foot level.

Clarke made his latest ascent with a friend. "When we rolled out of our sleeping bags," he said, "frost and ice were on the ground." He said one inexperienced hiker collapsed near him on the trail and had to be carried down. For 30 years an inspector of public works in Los Angeles, Clarke has been an enthusiastic alpinist for as long as he can remember. "In my younger days I would even quit a good job to go off into the mountains," he said.

His only complaint about his last jaunt was the heavy traffic on the trail and the discourtesy of some

climbers, whom he compared to Sunday drivers. "I was knocked down several times," he said, "and I don't get up so quick as I used to."

Color Video Study, Long Process
NEW YORK (AP)—Color television has been in the process of research for two decades.

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