

Pentagon Planning Risk To Clip Russ Leadership

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WASHINGTON (NEA)—The Defense Department has decided to take a series of calculated risks for now in an attempt to catch up with the Russians in defense later.

This is the situation as Thomas Gates picks up the reins as Secretary of Defense from Neil McElroy:

Take it easy on actual intercontinental missile production for the time being. Let the Russians get well ahead for the next three years if they have a mind to.

Use the funds saved in a desperate hurry-up attempt to leapfrog over the cumbersome-10-fire Atlas into superior missiles.

Go more slowly than expected on building elaborate new systems for defending the U.S. Specifically, hold off on actual production of the multi-billion-dollar Nike-Zeus anti-missile defense program.

Instead, put the money into research speedups in order to develop a defense system less likely to be obsolete before it's installed.

Take it easy on the production of today's conventional "obsoles-

cent" Army, Navy and Air Force weapons—and clamp down on the size of U.S. forces. This will lower the U.S. ability to handle brush-size wars. Where possible, substitute military aid to allies in an attempt to get them to use their own funds to build stronger forces, handle more problems locally.

Use the funds saved by holding back on some major types of weapons to develop and equip smaller U.S. forces with some new type and some unconventional weapons now on the drawing boards.

The Atlas intercontinental ballistic missile takes too long to fuel and fire, say Pentagon strategists. Its fixed bases are easy for the Russians to pinpoint for a sneak attack.

The Atlas will be built in some numbers for specialized missions and to get the U.S. by for now. But first priority will go to the Minuteman, now scheduled to be ready by 1963. The Minuteman program will get all the funds it can absorb.

The emphasis on Minuteman is because of cheapness, reliability and mobility. Key Pentagon planners—Air Force, Navy and Army—now insist privately no missile

system will be of much use to the U.S. unless it's mobile, so its launching site can't be mapped in advance by the Russians. Plans call for the Minuteman to be installed on special railway cars.

These new decisions, it's understood, also mean a speedup in Polaris, the intermediate range 1,300-mile missile that can be fired underwater from submarines.

The first Polaris submarine missile system should go into operation some time next year. Additional units are targeted one every four months indefinitely. That's because a Polaris submarine can be hidden and moved.

Both Minuteman and Polaris have additional advantages. Good as the first ones appear likely to be, scientists see wide possibilities

for making sizeable improvements in range, reliability and in bomb-carrying capacity on future models.

The missile men are also working on research that would turn these two missiles or others into a family of missiles, thus making a very limited form of "mass production" possible. Military men think, for example, that the Minuteman, now designed as an intercontinental missile, could be modified into a 1,300-mile type.

Polaris, an underwater-fired missile, could be used as an accurate land-based 1,300-mile weapon. Interchangeability, the dream of the Pentagon, would reduce costs tremendously. This is essential if enough of these expensive weapons are to be made to "sat-

urate" Russian targets in case of war.

But how then does the U.S. get by in the crucial 1961 to 1963 period when the Russians can get well ahead of the United States in intercontinental missiles if they desire?

This is the Pentagon theory: By bolstering the U.S. Air Force with an ample supply of Hound Dog missiles with atomic war heads. They theoretically will enable U.S. strategic B-52 bombers to stand off 500 miles from target and "knock out" Soviet defenses before moving in to drop their bomb loads. If necessary

the U.S. does make, the intermediate range missiles based on Turkey, Greece and Britain, the Navy's carrier-based bombers.

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New Ike Doctrine Seen; Chances Of Success Good

NEW DELHI, India (AP)—Less than three years ago the Eisenhower Doctrine boomeranged. Today it seems highly likely a new Eisenhower doctrine is emerging—and this one has every chance of being a rousing success.

The message brought by the American President to India plus the impact of his personality may prove in the long run a big help in mending U.S. fortunes in areas where they have been sagging.

The new Eisenhower doctrine is suggested in salient points of his pronouncements in India.

These are the U.S. stands for peace and genuine disarmament, determination to help friends against aggressors, need for people-to-people contacts, need for recognition of world law and, most important in this area, the need for a massive "noble" war against hunger.

Since the end of World War II Asians, Africans and Middle Easterners have exhibited a strong bond springing from common history, common woes and common problems.

The leaders of these areas underscored this four years ago in Indonesia where they created what they called the Spirit of Bandung in the city of that name.

The Eisenhower Doctrine was proclaimed after the Suez crisis as a warning to the Communists against armed intrusion in the Middle East. But the Arabs—just attacked by Britain, France and Israel—complained "We suffer from cholera and Dr. Eisenhower offers to treat us for measles."

Finally there was a dangerous Middle East blowoff sparked by the little Lebanese civil war in 1958, bringing U.S. troops to Lebanon and British troops to Jordan.

Many Arabs and Asians called that Western imperialism. Egypt's President Gamel Abdel Nasser used every means to promote what he called Asian-African solidarity. The Communists were swift to offer support, advice and sympathy.

Two men stood out as Asian-Arab leaders: Nehru of India, Nasser of Egypt.

Implicit in the Asian-African solidarity idea was the fellow

feeling among nations emerging from colonialism. The reasoning went this way: the United States was an ally of the colonial powers and often sided with them when the chips were down for fear of damaging NATO. Thus, there were undercurrents in the Asian-African solidarity idea of resentment against the United States.

Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev had all along been taking advantage of such a notion, courting all over Asia, offering solicitude, arms and economic help to the Arabs, playing big brother to all colonial and ex-colonial peoples.

Nehru, a symbol of anticolonialism to Asians and Africans, echoed Khrushchev's peaceful co-existence phrase and frequently seemed to scold the West for persisting in a posture of strength.

A change set in after Eisenhower accepted Khrushchev as a U.S. guest and Red China began belligerent gestures toward India. Now India has given Eisenhower an enormous welcome as a symbol of its hopes.

The unprecedented Eisenhower welcome in Asia indicates the Asians want to believe he stands for peace and that Asians still look toward the United States hopefully.

Jobs In Oregon Hit Fall Mark

SALEM (AP)—Employment in Oregon last month was at the highest November level in history, the state Department of Employment said Friday.

It said 653,499 persons had jobs, or 16,800 higher than a year earlier, and 37,300 more than in November, 1957.

Total unemployment was 30,100, which was 10,499 fewer than a year previous.

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