**ALLIED INTELLIGENCE THINKS RUSSIA IS NOT READY FOR WAR**

By Lionel Shapiro

PARIS, Feb. 22 (NANA).—Probably the most delicate, intense and far-reaching intelligence effort ever undertaken has just been completed. Its subject was Russia; its objective, to divine the military and political intentions of the Soviet empire during the next two years.

The effort was co-ordinated by the North Atlantic Treaty powers several months ago on a grander scale than ever was possible in wartime by any of the member nations individually or severally. In order to give the Allied high command, both military and political, a clear idea of the time element involved in the great defense mobilization.

Every conceivable source of intelligence within Soviet Russia, its approaches and its occupied territories was examined—from the opinions of accredited diplomats to the suspect evidence of volunteer agents.

Military men were called in to interpret troop strengths, positions and recent movements. Policy speeches by Soviet leaders were weighed in relation to traditional Russian military and political objectives.

**RESULTS SUMMARIZED.**

The volume of evidence was evaluated, sifted and condensed, and the results may be roughly summarized as follows:

1. The policy makers of the Politburo, as high as Stalin himself, know quite unmistakably the weight of intelligence opinion. It holds that it is not probable. On this point, there is a divergence between American and western European intelligence. Washington believes such an attack is probable; British, French and Italian intelligence is more optimistic—on the ground that Russia’s Balkan satellites could well be bled white without attaining the decisive victory that would be essential to such an operation.

2. The spectaculor stiffening of American policy since General Eisenhower’s tour, the subsequent burst of enthusiasm for rearmament in Europe, will force the Politburo to make fateful decisions almost immediately. So far as Europe is concerned, time is no longer on the Soviet side.

3. With the defense of western Europe assured by 1953, the Politburo must decide at least by early 1952 or to forego a policy of military persuasion for at least a generation.

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**French Farmers Study Vineyards in America**

PARIS, Feb. 15 (CTS).—Bernard Gagon and Jean Martin, two French vineyard farmers, have just returned from six months in the United States, where they have been studying New York and California vineyards and wineries under the Marshall Plan technical assistance program.

“The French fruit farmer,” said Martin, “can increase his income by using American methods of pruning, thinning and fertilizing, and save on labor by the use of bottling machinery. The latest automatic fermentation controls used in America also can help us make better wine.”

Gagon was impressed by the government aid given wine growers in America. “In New York State,” he said, “I learned how to produce hybrid grapes and visited the state experimental vineyards. The county agent brings the results of government research to the growers and helps them to improve their crops.”

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