

# ALLIED INTELLIGENCE THINKS RUSSIA IS NOT READY FOR WAR

Editor's Note—A correspondent with unusually wide wartime and postwar European experience and unparalleled contacts at high levels, the writer has prepared this vital article after most careful investigation and has based it only upon authenticated information gathered from trustworthy sources.

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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 satellites, 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 Russian 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 that an attack on western Europe means global war involving the United States. (It was important to establish this point in view of the authenticated fact that Hitler had no true conception of Britain's attitude in August 1939.)

2. The Soviet Union is not prepared, either militarily or from the viewpoint of internal politics, to undertake aggressive, global war during 1951. Indeed, if a full-scale military and propaganda campaign of preparation for global war began in the Soviet Union today, the Russians could not be ready before summer of 1952. There is no evidence that the Soviet is beginning such preparation. The Russian military machine has never been demobilized and Russian armament output always is growing, but the dreadful urgency of all-out preparation is not yet in evidence. The fact is not overlooked that such preparation may begin and be well under way before the western nations are aware of it.

3. A satellite attack on Yugoslavia is possible during the coming spring or summer, but the

weight of intelligence opinion holds that it is not probable. On this point, there is a cleavage 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.

## STIFFENING OF POLICY.

4. The spectacular stiffening of American policy since General Eisenhower's tour, and 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. With the defense of western Europe assured by 1953, the Politburo must decide at once whether to risk war in 1952 or to forego a policy of military persuasion for at least a generation.

5. The main Russian external effort in the next 12 months will be aimed toward creating divisions among the western Allies, with special emphasis on using China as a military wedge.

## 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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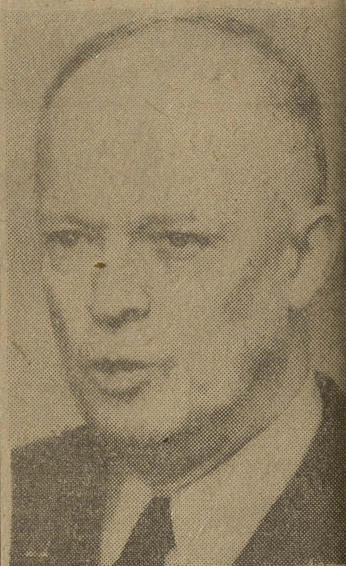
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These are the main points on which, it is believed, General Eisenhower based his optimistic report to the American people. This evaluation also has developed a spirit of confidence among the western European nations.

## RUSSIA STILL STRONGER.

It is abundantly clear that an immense change of attitude on the feasibility of a united defense has taken place in Europe during the last three weeks. Yet the stark military picture has not changed. Russia still is immensely stronger than any combination of western European nations. As of today, the Russians can reach the channel in a matter of weeks.

This intelligence estimate has created the new attitude. We know now that Russia is not prepared to risk aggressive, global war. The European nations know that America has solemnly and unitedly undertaken a full share



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of responsibility and that its production machine has gone into high gear.

Add to these factors the inspiration of General Eisenhower and the new European picture becomes exceedingly clear.

## GENERAL GETS 3 BIRDIES IN TWO DAYS; HE'S HAPPY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22 (NANA).—General Eisenhower likes victory on the golf course as much as on the battlefield.

After a week-end in Puerto Rico just before he was to return to Europe, the general talked about his battle of the birdie with as much pride as if it had been the Battle of the Bulge.

"I feel mighty good when I get two birdies a season," said Golfer Eisenhower. "But when I got three birdies in two days down in Puerto Rico, I wasn't fit to live with!"

## Crash Injuries Fatal

BELTON, Feb. 22 (P).—William Thomas Eli, 72, of Killeen, died here Wednesday of injuries received when struck by an automobile west of Nolanville.

## Rancher, Jeweler Dies

BRYAN, Feb. 22 (P).—John Seeley Caldwell, prominent rancher and retail jeweler, died here Wednesday on his 56th birthday.

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