

ECONOMIC HIGHLIGHTS

Lack of National Direction Said to Be Major Weakness

Happenings that affect the future of every individual; National and international problems inseparable from local welfare.

"Has the balance of power in today's world shifted to Soviet Russia and away from the U. S.? Would Russia win and the U. S. and her Allies lose if war should break out now or in the foreseeable future?"

These enormous questions, which are being asked throughout the world, lead off a U. S. News & World Report article entitled: "So-

viet Threats: Power or Bluff?" In seeking answers the magazine went to military and diplomatic leaders both here at home and in key capitals overseas. Here are its findings:

First, we are still ahead of the Russians in the ability to wage total war—that is, nuclear war in which the ultimate weapons would be employed to bring absolute destruction to an enemy. We would, however, sustain devastating damage on our own side even in victory.

Second, the Russians have an overwhelming edge in the ability to wage non-nuclear wars—that is, so-called limited wars in which conventional weapons and only the small tactical atomic weapons would be employed. Her armies are far larger than those of ourselves and our Allies and are powerfully supported with air power.

Our military leaders think it will be some time before Russia will have enough long-range ballistic missiles to cancel out our present superiority in intercontinental manned bombers. It quotes a top-level general as saying this about all-out war: "Assuming exhaustion of nuclear stockpiles in the early exchanges, both U. S. and Soviet Russia would lose their major population centers and the bases needed for support of large-scale military forces operating beyond their borders. If, under those circumstances, the concept of 'residual superiority' can be entertained, the margin probably would lie with the United States because of its greater and more efficient industrial and transportation system.

"The problem of the U. S. then would be twofold: to find the will to go on with the war; to reorganize so the war could be pressed until the enemy surrendered."

At the same time, many military men are doubtful if the total weapons would be used in another war.

Both sides, they think, would shrink from unleashing them and, perhaps, ending civilization as we understand it.

U. S. News also quotes an American authority as saying: "It is in the realm of national strategy and supporting military strategy that the balance of power seems unmistakably to be in favor of the Russians.

"They seek destruction of the non-Communist world and gear all strategy to that concept. The U. S. seeks only to contain the Communist nations and has no plan beyond that. . . ." There is, in other words, a lack of national direction on our side—and that, says the military men, becomes an increasingly serious weakness in our position.

Finally, U. S. News presents an interesting British view of U. S.-Soviet rivalry. It is based on the belief that a delicate balance is being approached, if it does not exist now. Specifically: "In a few years, the British experts conclude, the difference between American and Russian thermonuclear striking power will be academic. Both will possess enough to totally devastate the other. Then the growing 'nuclear stalemate,' they believe, may be complete."

Believe, if thou wilt, that mountains change their places, but believe not that man changes his nature. — Mohammed.

HOMEMAKER'S CORNER

An imaginative touch to any meal . . . but a perfect go-along with fish are Marinated Cucumbers. Chill the cucumbers thoroughly. Slice 'em thin, add a little salad oil and enough fresh lemon juice to cover. Sprinkle with fresh dill or dill seed. Add salt and pepper to taste just before serving.

This might become a specialty of the house . . . Grilled Fish Sandwiches. Just fry up some fish filets. Spread buns with Lemon Mayonnaise (mayonnaise seasoned with fresh juice). Add the fish filets, lettuce and tomato slice. Serve with pickle slices or ripe olives. They're wonderful for lunch or a quick supper dish.

Next time you run out of "vegetable ideas," here's a quickie for you to try: Cook your canned or frozen vegetables according to package directions. Add a squeeze of fresh lemon juice and put into a buttered flat casserole. Make a medium white sauce or use the convenient canned white sauce and add 1 egg yolk and 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice, blending thoroughly. Pour

over vegetables and sprinkle with grated cheddar cheese. Bake in 350-degree oven until cheese melts.

MODERN ETIQUETTE

Q—My dog recently jumped on a woman guest's lap and caused her to spill her tea over her dress. Should I have her dress cleaned for her?

A—Most certainly, you should.
Q—What amount of tip is it customary to give to the bellboy who brings a telegram to one's hotel room?

A—Not less than 25 cents.

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