

ECONOMIC HIGHLIGHTS

Connecticut Senator Would Show U. S. Might to Russia

Senator Prescott Bush of Connecticut, who is a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, has an unusual plan for preserving the peace. It is to "show the Russians how strong we are!"

The Senator does not minimize Russian military force, either existing or potential. But he is not a viewer-with-alarm either. In his opinion, which gains weight because of his committee position, we can show "nothing more nor less than the greatest military might ever assembled in the history of the world."

But the Soviets may not appreciate this—so "in a very real sense, the Soviet Union's ignorance of our military strength may be the source of her gravest peril—and our." Here are some grim historical precedents for that concern. Miscalculation of Allied power by Wilhelm II led to World War I. Hitler made the same mistake and

launched World War II. And the destruction, human and material, that followed these errors of judgment and ignorance of conditions are incalculable.

Senator Bush points out that Russian farm experts, scientists and artists have visited this country and have seen something of what we accomplish in their areas of interest. Now, he would like to "have their military leaders over for the most beneficial look of all."

He has blueprinted quite an itinerary for these Russian military people. It would start with a Pentagon briefing, to give them a look at the world-wide distribution of our fighting power. Next would be a demonstration of our B-47 bombers which, with air refueling, can fly anywhere in the world non-stop, and "anyone of which can, in a single mission, deliver explosive power equivalent to that of all bombs dropped by all sides in World War II." Many of these Strategic Air Command planes, incidentally, are now on a 15-minute alert—which means they could take to the air, fully armed, in that time. Following the B-47's, the new B-52's would be displayed—8-engin-

ed jets capable of a speed approaching that of sound.

Senator Bush appreciates that, in time, Russian ballistic missiles may have our SAC bases zeroed in. And he has an answer for "this temptation." It lies in atomic-powered submarines, fast and virtually silent, and Polaris—an atomic ballistic missile fired from under water, and designed to reach almost any target in the Communist area. Here he states: "No power on earth can prevent our nuclear subs from ringing Russia with a silent and deadly deterrent force."

So much for weapons of unlimited, nuclear war. Senator Bush's plan also calls for showing the Russian military leaders the futility of starting limited wars. For instance, he would include a visit to one of our 14 aircraft carriers, such as the Independence, with her hordes of escort vessels and her fighting complement of jet attack bombers with a 1500-mile range. He would also put on a demonstration of amphibious force operations, such as those for which the Marines are especially trained and equipped. Along with this, the Soviets would be shown such amazing new weapons as the Sidewinder—a missile which, attracted by heat, is drawn in magnet-fashion toward the fiery tail of an enemy jet, where it explodes.

Senator Bush touches too on the "multi-billion dollar question—how do we stand with the Soviets in the ballistic-missile race?" He goes into considerable detail in this, saying that we have refused to enter into a panicky production race which would produce quickly outmoded weapons and have, instead, concentrated on perfecting the most advanced types of intercontinental ballistic missiles as quickly as possible. He is convinced this is the right track and that we are succeeding in our efforts. As examples of achievement he names three ICBMs, in addition to Polaris, "which are exceeding our most optimistic expectations"—Atlas, Titan and Minuteman.

The Senator's summing up: "We dare not be complacent. But we need not, on the other hand, be frightened. At present, ours is the more powerful military force, the stronger alliance, the more advantageous strategic position, the more productive economy. And there is no reason why we should not continue to lead the Soviet Union in the years ahead."

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A picnic spectacular is a party extravaganza with glamour and elegance the keynote. Given on the lawn some warm summer evening, it will be heralded by the eight lucky people who attend as the most spectacular party of the year. Shish Kabobs head the list of good food. For cooking either a rotisserie or broiler does an excellent job. With the Shish Kabobs serve a tossed Garden Salad and crisp Corn Meal Discs. These thin flat cakes are subtle in flavor and a perfect accent to the lamb. Simple to make, they are based on an old Armenian recipe and add an authentic continental touch to this wonderful picnic dinner.

Shish Kabobs
3 pounds lamb shoulder
1/4 cup salad oil
1/3 cup lemon juice
1 onion, minced
1 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
3 tomatoes
3 green peppers
1 lb. fresh mushrooms
16 small onions

Cut lamb into 1-inch cubes. Combine oil, lemon juice, garlic, onion and seasonings. Pour over lamb and let stand for several hours. Cut tomatoes and green peppers into wedges. Alternate lamb, mushrooms, onions, tomatoes, and green peppers on metal skewers. Broil 3 inches from source of heat about 15 minutes, turning occasionally to brown evenly. Baste frequently with remaining oil mixture.

Corn Meal Discs
1 cup enriched corn meal
1 cup sifted enriched flour
2 teaspoons baking flour
1 teaspoon salt
2/3 cup shortening
1/2 cup milk

Sift together dry ingredients. Cut in shortening until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Add milk and mix lightly until mixture is dampened. (Add a little more milk if necessary to make dough hold together.)

Turn out on lightly floured board and knead gently a few seconds. Roll out to about 1/8 inch thickness. Cut in 5-inch circles, using a coffee can lid as a cutter; place on greased cookie sheets. With a fork

make several lines at right angles across each. Bake in moderate oven (375 degrees F.) 12 to 15 minutes. Serve warm or cold. Makes 8

The most spectacular of desserts is a must for this picnic. "Mount Everest" fills the bill. Serve in coconut shells, Mount Everests are a combination of ice cream, shaved coconut and chocolate sauce. To make these superb sundaes, drain the milk from eight coconuts and cut off the tops. (A saw does the job nicely.) With a vegetable peeler, shave away some of the fresh coconut and place in the bottom of each shell. Add three scoops of ice cream and top with your favorite chocolate sauce. Yum!

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