

Looking at WASHINGTON

BRADLEY BLASTS THE ADMIRALS

General Omar N. Bradley, the nation's highest military officer, in his testimony before the House Armed Services Committee, denounced complaining naval officers as men in "open rebellion" against civil authority who had done "infinite harm" to the United States and its world position. He accused them of "misrepresentations" and false "insinuations." In addition, he charged that Admiral Louis E. Denfeld had broken an agreement not to disclose the way in which the three members of the joint chiefs of staff had voted.

The allegation that "infinite harm" has been done to this country in its world position can only be based on the belief that it is better for the services to appear harmonious than to iron out their differences as to the fundamental strategy to be employed by this country in time of war.

The testimony of the highest ranking naval officers has disclosed a sharp difference of opinion between the Navy and the other services as to the value of the B-36 and the strategy which has led Army and Air Force officers to rely upon it for the protection of the nation.

Obviously, in hearings before a board, where two men are already on the side of the B-36, those who oppose such a policy have no opportunity to seriously test the theories upon which its potential strategy is based. The only way to have this done is to have a thorough hearing of the subject before members of Congress or an impartial board of civilians to be appointed by the president.

It seems to us that an impartial agency ought to review the military, naval and aerial operations of the last war with a view to making some appraisal of future possibilities. They should also take into consideration the development of guided missiles, the improvement of interceptor planes and the perfection of radar detection weapons. Moreover, they should go into the question that has been raised about the relative value of strategic as compared with tactical bombing.

The average citizen, understanding the line-up of the officers of the three services, would like to hear from an impartial umpire and, if such a conclusion is not to be had, then the Con-

gress should provide appropriations to permit the development of whatever is needed to carry out both theories of warfare for our next conflict.

WHY RUSSIA

CAUSES CONCERN

Of the so-called Big Five Nations, including the United States, Great Britain, France, China and Russia, three are thoroughly under the control of their people. No important decision can be taken by the governments of these democratic states without adequate discussion and without having the fundamental approval of those who vote.

The situation is radically different in Russia and China, of course, the decision of the Communist Party leaders is not only supreme, but opposition is not permitted. By force, if necessary, those who disagree are liquidated. In China where the Communists will soon have power, the situation may be similar but it is possible that the Red Regime of China will not be as complete as that now in Moscow.

These observations have a bearing on the grave tension which exists in international affairs. The entire world is able to check up on the drift of popular sentiment in democratic countries and can, likewise, observe the deliberations of legislative bodies. From these sources of information, together with the past history of the countries and the tendencies of their peoples, it is fairly easy to forecast the probable action of the democratic governments.

No such possibility exists in regard to Soviet Russia. As Mr. Andrei Y. Vishinsky, Foreign Minister of the Communist State, says, "The Soviet Union never tells in advance what it is going to do." Consequently, the

world is in ignorance as to the direction of Soviet foreign policy until definite action is taken. In addition, there is no background to the international policy of the present Communist Government and no reasonable guides upon which other nations may predicate the direction of Soviet policy.

This doubt as to what the Soviet Government may do, together with complete ignorance as to what is transpiring behind the Iron Curtain, tends to keep the democracies on the alert. They know, also, that the Communist regime not only has absolute control of Russian policy but there is available, for the execution of such policies, the largest army in the world, a considerable air force and a regimented industry.

Because of this uncertainty, the democracies know that, overnight, the Soviet, upon the secret decision of a small group of men, can reverse a

peace policy into a war policy and put into active operation military forces which might well overcome Europe. U. S. PAYS FOR

ITS EXPORT TRADE

If the United States does not want to see its own exports dwindle "to a mere trickle," then it must buy at least two billion dollars more annually from Europe, according to the report of a special investigating mission to Marshall Plan countries.

The report was made public by the Economic Cooperation Administration, which denounced this country's "antiquated and, in some cases, inequitable customs procedures" and "prohibitory" tariff rates. These are inconsistent, the report says, with our position as the only big creditor nation in the world.

The report listed 260 products that Europe is particularly equipped to manufacture but on which the United States exacts duties of twenty-five

per cent or more. Obviously, such a high duty, plus the cost of shipping goods into this country, makes it almost prohibitive and prevents the sale of the products in the United States.

The report, prepared by Wayne C. Taylor, head of the investigating mission which spent ten weeks in Europe, pointed out, very clearly, that the traditional excess of American exports over imports had been financed for the most part by the United States government and its nationals.

The so-called "favorite balance" which amounted to \$101,000,000,000 between 1914 and 1949, was offset in large parts by the government loans and grants totalling \$68,000,000,000. Of this amount, only \$14,000,000,000 was designated "loans."

The remainder of the excess was offset by \$10,500,000,000 of private remittances or donations made in the normal way, about \$1,500,000,000 of long and short term private capital (Continued on Page Four)

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