

U.S. President Seen Moving To Cut U.S. European Force

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER
WASHINGTON (AP) — President Johnson now appears to be moving decisively toward some reduction of U.S. military forces in Europe, probably beginning next year.

A study of allied defence strategy, to be made by the United States, West Germany and Britain, is expected to provide a new basis for troop strength decisions.

Informed U.S. officials already believe, however, that one result, due especially to the recent French withdrawal of troops from NATO, will be a finding for greater reliance on nuclear weapons in the defence of Europe and therefore a decline in manpower needs.

U.S. officials cite several reasons for a strategic review of allied defence plans at this time. Some of these arguments already point to likely conclusions:

—The French break with NATO, which became effective July 1, has left West Germany as a front-line country without back-up territory. NATO planners can no longer count on automatic French support in the event of war.

WOULD SAVE MONEY
—The United States, Britain and Germany are all suffering

economic pressures for reduction of costs. Chancellor Ludwig Erhard of West Germany made clear to Johnson last week that he wants to trim military purchases. He pledged to offset U.S. troop costs in Germany. Erhard had already refused to increase such offset payments to Britain and Britain intends to adjust its forces in Germany—cut back to save money.

—The danger of a Soviet attack in Europe is considered by all allied leaders to have declined sharply in the last few years, but they differ on how to react. Europeans resist American arguments that they should put more men under arms but insist equally that U.S. reductions could endanger Europe by weakening its defences.

—Johnson is under heavy and insistent pressure from Senate majority leader Mike Mansfield and other senators worried about the drains of war in Vietnam to make substantial cuts in troop strength in Europe.

The decision to remove many thousands of men—perhaps up to 75,000 over several years—would require a reversal of policy, but one which in the administration's view could be required and justified by changing circumstances.

The United States now has an assigned level of 225,000 men in Germany, a force equivalent to six divisions. The actual level at present is about 218,000.

U.S. Space Plan Proves Basic Research Paying Off

By JIM STROTHMAN
CAPE KENNEDY, Fla. (AP) — The United States' \$5,000,000,000 annual investment in its space program is proving that although it may take time, basic research pays off.

Benefits already are accruing in medicine, industry, communications and the home.

Here are some of the lesser-known dividends quietly being harvested:

Tiny devices derived from space medicine, which measure accurately the temperature of frozen tissue, have been incorporated in surgery-by-freezing techniques on the brain and eye. The devices, called thermocouples, are contributing to the development of freezing-style surgery for treating Parkinson's disease, brain and pituitary gland tumors, detached retinas and removing tonsils.

Precision control systems used on space vehicles for operating lightweight plastic pumps have been beneficial in developing artificial hearts.

HOME
Filament-winding techniques used in space suits have developed better brassiere supports. Space suit technology has also suggested better lining methods when making clothing built for spacecraft use, which moves when current is applied and freezes in position when the current stops, may be applied to position television antennas. A

tape recorder developed for space use could monitor home telephones during vacations.

INDUSTRY
Space suits created for astronauts are being tested for use in firefighting and in industries where toxic gases and extreme temperatures could be hazardous to workmen.

Huge turtle-like land vehicles built to haul the Saturn V moon rocket to the launch pad at Cape Kennedy required development techniques that may lead to bigger earthmoving equipment than ever before known.

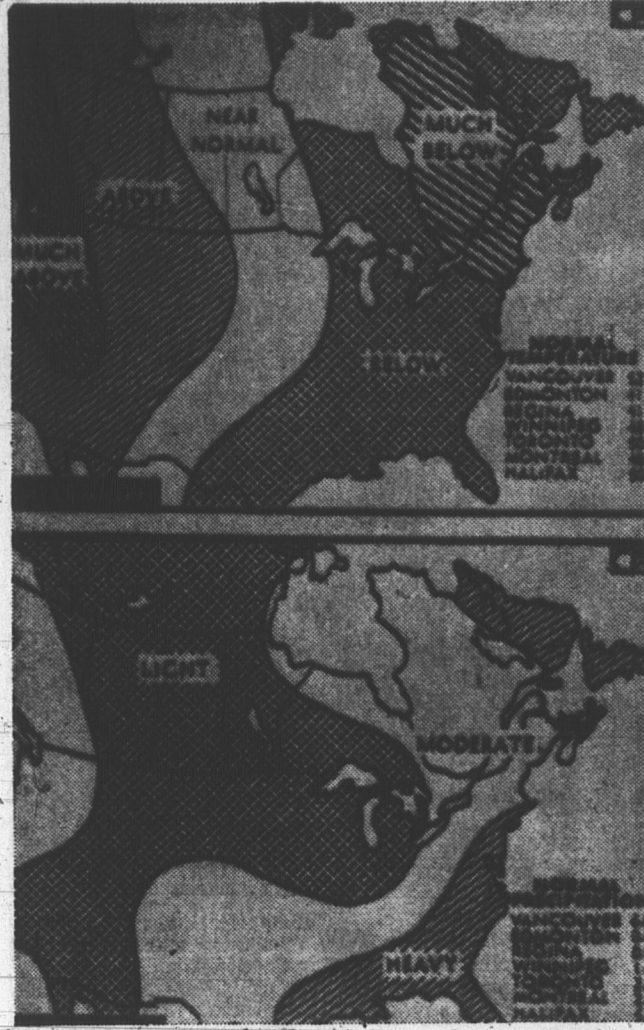
Space research in generating electric power from nuclear energy eventually will lead to

more efficient, less expensive commercial power plants.

Satellites are revolutionizing the communications industry, permitting live TV programs from Europe and opening up more reliable commercial and military telephone links around the world.

Satellite communications—teamed with better computer systems—can speed the apprehension of criminals such as George LeMay's capture in Florida earlier this year.

Automatic repeating tape recorders built for the space program are being used in automatic weather broadcasting, museum and public information displays.



COLD WEATHER IS OUTLOOK

Below and much below normal temperatures are forecast for eastern Canada during the month, while it will be above and much above normal in western Canada, the U.S. Weather bureau says. The outlook is not a specific forecast and changes may occur. (CP Newsmap).

NORAD Developing System To Track Sub-Fired Missiles

By DAVE McINTOSH
OTTAWA (CP)—North American Air Defence Command is developing a system to detect and track missile launched from submarines off North America's coasts.

But Canada is taking no part in the development and none of the missile-tracking radars will be located in this country though NORAD is a joint Canada-U.S. command, sources said here.

The Canadian decision appears to reflect general defence department policy that a nuclear missile exchange between the U.S. and Russia is unlikely and that Canada has gone about as far as it can, or should, in the field of anti-submarine warfare.

However, Dr. A. H. Zimmerman, chairman of the Defence Research Board, said in a recent interview that "the submarine threat is far worse today than it was at the start of the Second World War" and it is directed at the North American continent.

WILL MODIFY RADARS
NORAD headquarters at Colorado Springs, Colo., says seven coastal radars in the present air defence system will be modified so that they can detect and track submarine-launched ballistic missiles.

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NORAD says inability to detect missiles launched from the

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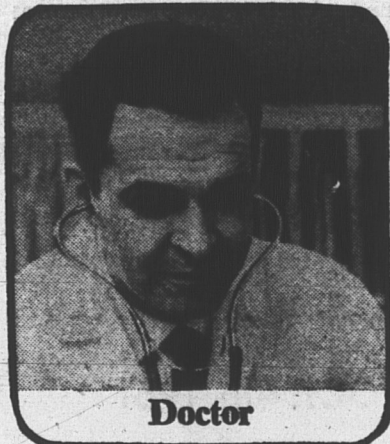
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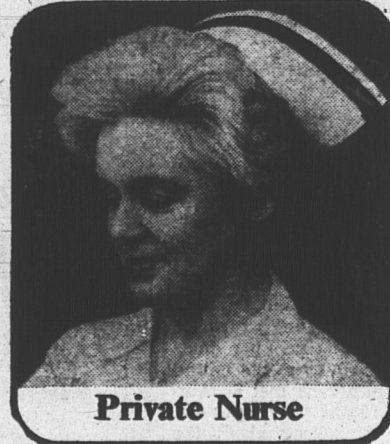
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