

Reduction is Planned In Service Personnel

By DAVE McINTOSH
OTTAWA (CP)—Special manpower studies prepared for Defence Minister Hellyer show that the armed forces have more personnel but are doing fewer tasks than were a few years ago, inform officials.

As a result of these and other studies ordered by the minister, the government plans to reduce the combined strength of the armed forces by some 10 per cent—that is, to about 109,000 personnel from 122,000. The reduction won't be sudden. It will be carried out over a period of at least 18 months starting next year and can be accomplished by temporarily drying up recruiting.

Gen. Charles Foulkes, chief of the armed general staff from 1948 to 1961 and chairman of the chiefs of staff committee from 1961 to 1960, summed up the matter in the Commons defence committee Tuesday when he said: "We have more men to do less." His chief example was the Royal Canadian Air Force.

Up until a few years ago, the RCAF operated nine air defence squadrons of 18 interceptors each instead of the present five with 10 planes each; its air division in Europe had 12 squadrons instead of the present eight; thousands of aircrew were trained in Canada for NATO compared with a few score now; the air defence system has been automated releasing many personnel from manual tasks.

Gen. Foulkes did not refer to other factors such as the aircraft and maintenance personnel required to enable armaments normally on ground duties to earn flying pay; disbandment of most of the ground observer corps in 1960; the retirement of two Comet jetliners; automation of the supply system; and the probable shutdown of some heavy radar stations.

While these reductions in RCAF tasks were going on, RCAF

Yanks Seeking Invitation To Talks On Grain

WASHINGTON (CP)—A state department official has suggested the Canadian government should take the initiative and invite U.S. government grain authorities to a meeting in an attempt to resolve differences between the two countries on wheat marketing policy.

Henry Brodie, head of the department's office of international resources, said in an interview: "The people down here are still quite concerned about no satisfactory solution."

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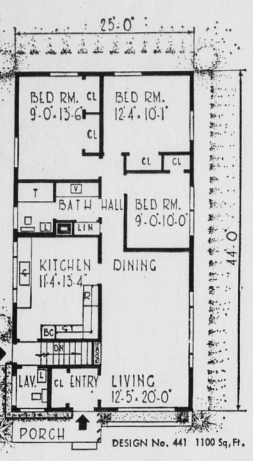
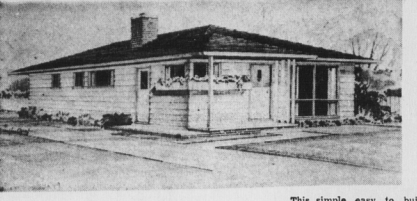
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But there is evidence that the U.S. is aiding and encouraging revival of the Cuban underground which was decimated and rendered impotent after the Bay of Pigs disaster of April 1961. Although U.S. authorities appear to feel the military threat from Cuba has been contained, they still are not satisfied.

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One Year After Cuban Crisis U.S. Is Stronger, More Alert

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Soviet Union and Cuba confront a much stronger and more alert United States than they did just a year ago when the opposing sides stood at the brink of war over Soviet missiles on Castro's island. At the same time, the latest intelligence information indicates:—There has been no Soviet effort to reintroduce offensive missiles or bombers. The defence department says the old missile bases "are still in a state of disrepair and there is no reason to believe that strategic missiles are stored in caves."—Russia's military forces in Cuba have been trimmed gradually from a high of about 22,000 to somewhat more than 7,000.—A formidable total of up-to-date Soviet-supplied tanks, artillery, battlefield rockets, MIG fighters, missile-equipped patrol boats and anti-aircraft missiles remains. But the Soviet's haven't tried to add to these arms since the crisis eased last fall, the Pentagon says.—U.S. POWER GROWS
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