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economic cooperation between conversation with President anti-Malaysian campaign also will come under discussion in five days of talks.

Russian-Western Alliance Seen As 1964 Possibility

LONDON (AP)—They're asking a surprising question in London's diplomatic colony these days: "Will Nikita Khrushchev in 1964 lead Russia toward some sort of 'alliance' with the West?"

"Even more surprising is the fact that few experienced diplomats totally reject the idea. The Chinese-Soviet split is considered here to be one of the most historic events since the Second World War. Two highly significant international movements have occurred since the Peking-Moscow break:

1. A third great power bloc began to rise as the Communist Chinese set about winning friends and influencing people to their views. Premier Chou En-lai's current swing through North Africa is part of the process. He may go on through Asia, too.
2. The United States, as leader of the West, began a dialogue with the Russians on ways of living together. Within months it has become possible to argue that Moscow may have more in common with Washington than with Peking.

As if to illustrate common cause in 1964, both President Johnson and Premier Khrushchev have issued resounding promises to try and improve East-West relations.

"What common interest has emerged to bind Russia with the West only 15 months after the missile confrontation over Cuba?"

A major interest seems to be a wish by both to halt the expansion of the Chinese Communists and try to keep nuclear weapons from spreading.

Britain expects China to test fire her first nuclear weapon in 1964 or 1965 at the latest. By 1970 China may have a nuclear armory.

A China with nuclear bombs would disturb the Russian Union as well as the West. Peking might be expected to pose as the only non-white na-

tion with the industry and technical knowledge to build atomic weapons. African and Asian states might be lured into her orbit.

Few prospects disturb European diplomats more than the possibility that East-West rivalries one day might be replaced by a duel between white and non-white peoples.

Over and above these factors the Russians, Americans and Europeans alike realize that if leaders of 700,000,000 Chinese are true to their philosophy they will keep pressing toward their avowed goal of dominating the world.

Talk Is Revived At Ottawa Of Nuclear Depth Charges

By DAVE MCINTOSH
OTTAWA (CP)—Talk of the possibility of acquiring nuclear depth charges for Canadian maritime forces has been revived within the defence department, it was learned reliably here.

Discussion on this point is expected to become more prevalent following the New Year's Eve arrival at North Bay, Ont., of nuclear warheads for the Bomarc anti-aircraft missile.

Some sources indicated, however, that the government may be unwilling to extend its nu-

clear-weapons policy beyond the present four nuclear carriers: the Bomarc, Voodoo jet interceptor, CF-104 low-level bomber and Honest John artillery rocket.

No request for nuclear depth charges has been put before the government by the defence department.

A view widely held among the defence planners is that once the nuclear ice was broken there would be no military point in withholding nuclear warheads from Canadian forces whose ca-

reer would be greatly increased by having them.

NOTE DIFFICULTIES
However, the political difficulties are as obvious to the defence department as they are to any member of Parliament. The Liberal government has maintained that it signed a nuclear custody-and-control agreement with the United States as the means to carry out commitments made by the previous Conservative administration.

Any decision to acquire nuclear depth charges would be a commitment undertaken by the Liberals, although defence authorities were saying in 1963 before the nuclear controversy broke out, that nuclear depth charges would almost automatically be part of Canada's nuclear armament.

The navy has never pressed for acquisition of nuclear depth charges. One reason is that it hasn't any adequate means of launching them from surface ships. Another is its declaration that detection, not destruction, is the chief problem in anti-submarine warfare.

The RCAF, however, has long considered that it needs nuclear depth charges for its long-range Argus maritime patrol plane.

The navy may take a similar view when it gets its new anti-submarine helicopters. A helicopter carrier, or helicopter, is the type of ship now being chiefly considered as a replacement for the cancelled superfrigates.

Gov. Romney Gives Views On Election
WASHINGTON (Reuters)—Governor George Romney of Michigan said here he would have a duty to accept a draft for nomination as Republican party candidate for the United States presidential election in November.

But, he said in an address at a National Press Club luncheon, "I am not going to be an active candidate seeking the nomination."

Questioned about the possibility that the party convention, meeting in July in Chicago, might call on him to be the standard-bearer, he replied: "I would, of course, have a duty to accept."

Governor Romney has often been spoken of as a possible darkhorse should a deadlock develop between the officially declared candidates for the Republican nomination. Two men have so far entered the race—Governor Nelson Rockefeller of New York and Senator Barry Goldwater of Arizona.

AIRLIFT TROOPS
WASHINGTON (AP)—The airlift of an army mechanized infantry battalion to Europe will take place Jan. 10-13, the U.S. defence department announced Friday. It set this date for the exercise Long-Thrust IX which was previously announced as due sometime in January. The battalion of about 900 men of the 2nd Infantry Division will be flown from Fort Benning, Ga. to West Germany in air force transports.

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