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## No World War in 1952; Soviet Not Ready Yet, Is Western Assessment

[Editor's Note: William L. Ryan, AP foreign news analyst, has travelled from Belgrade to Helsinki in a two-month tour of Europe tapping sources of information at the edges of the Iron Curtain. In this article he appraises the current status of the cold war in Europe and brings out how the Soviet Union is pushing its campaign.]

By WILLIAM L. RYAN

BERLIN (AP)—“After all,” said the diplomat, “here is what the cold war is all about.” He pointed to the map of Germany in the heart of Europe.

“If and when the Russians are ready for war, we will know it here first,” he said. “But it will not be in 1952. The Russians aren't ready. And Stalin can wait.”

“We will know a year in advance. Right now we know that their communications and transport are in no shape to start a war. We know they lack faith in their satellite armies and populations. We know they would need large numbers of troops to hold what they have now. We know they lack the technical and economic resources on a scale permitting war.”

Many western diplomats agree with this assessment. The consensus here appears to be that Russia is intent now upon holding whatever it can in the west, protecting its western flank, while consolidating and pushing forward in the Orient.

### NEUTRALIZE ORIENT

Thus, goes the reasoning. Russia's entire program in Europe today appears to be aimed at paralyzing the western Europeans' will to resist—to render western Europe impotent and neutral.

In the drive to neutralize western Europe, the prime target is Germany. Competent observers speculate that Stalin would even be prepared to dump the whole East German Com-

munist party if he could achieve the goal of a German vacuum.

Stalin now says the time is ripe for talks on unification of Germany. He has let it be known he is willing for Germany to be unified with its own army, sufficient to defend itself. This was a shock to the Communists, long playing on the fear of a rearmament Germany.

In May the three western powers meet with western Germany to sign a peace contract. This would finalize the split of Germany into two parts. It would presage a western Germany, able to flourish economically, fitted into the western defence scheme.

That is the last thing Moscow wants. But Moscow remembers other times when the Germans were willing to make deals at the moments when they thought Germany would reap the most benefit, and the devil take the hindmost. Possibly Moscow banks on the theory that the Germans haven't changed.

### Rotary Called To Charlottes

Ten minutes is too little time to start talking about the glories of Queen Charlotte Islands, Gordon Jolliffe told Rotarians at luncheon yesterday. So, instead of speaking about his Queen Charlotte City home and surrounding territory, he invited Rotary Club members to come “when the geese are low.”

Other guests at the luncheon was Clyde Paulson, of Vancouver. Visiting Rotarians were Harry Jackson and Horace Crandall, both of Vancouver; Dr. R. E. Foerster, Nanaimo, and Jim Collins, Marpole.

### PEROW NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Chorney and children left Perow on Sunday to return to their farm at Dumas, Saskatchewan.

Mr. and Mrs. Stan Ransome have moved into K. Byman's house.

Mrs. Ed. Westgarde sponsored a baby shower at her home last week, in honor of Mrs. M. Forsythe.

Spring is coming slowly in this part of the valley, with snow, rain and cloudy weather. The tremendous amount of snow up in the hills has hardly begun to melt yet.

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Turchinetz from Rose Lake are living in Sherwood Westgarde's cabin in Perow.

Lester Oppen of Quesnel has been spending a few days at his cabin here in Perow.

Mrs. Anna MacKay, Perow school teacher, and son Ronnie, have gone to Kamloops for their Easter holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Fontaine have returned from Alberta where Mrs. Fontaine was hospitalized for surgery.

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The boy was never actually kidnapped, police said, although Daniel Ritcher was convinced he was buying his son's safe return with \$15,000 of jewels and \$200 in cash.

While the police and Federal Bureau of Investigation marshalled forces to meet what they thought a genuine kidnapping, the child was riding in a taxicab from private school at Miami Beach to a doctor's hospital about 12 miles away.

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