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Canadian Defence Planners Unhappy on Ground Strategy

OTTAWA (—Defence planners here take a dim view of NATO's reported ground strategy for Western Europe.

This strategy is said to involve mainly the strong defence of "island" positions. Attacking enemy ground forces would be channelled into so-called killing grounds among these islands where they would be decimated with atomic weapons.

Canadian misgivings about this plan are not just technical because this country maintains an infantry brigade group in Europe which would be involved in any such battlefield tactics.

Planners here find two main faults with the strategy:

1. With the enemy milling around the highly-defended islands, it might be impossible to use atomic weapons without causing casualties among the defenders.

2. These "islands" themselves would be prime targets for enemy atomic weapons.

There is some thought here that the NATO strategy represents only the first rudimentary step in attempts to put atomic weapons to use on the battlefield.

One informant said that while the NATO plan was praised by the armystaff college for examination, officers neither [illegible]

And it is known that [illegible] army officers outside the college don't think much of it either.

They are thinking more along the lines of atomic weapons being used for sudden breakthrough of a fairly continuous front. After the gap was made in the battleground forces would have to travel rapidly through it and [illegible] beyond before being hit by an atomic counterstroke.

That is why Canada's army today is concentrating heavily on mobility, dispersal and concealment. It has been found that well dug-in troops have fair protection against atomic weapons.

BLACKWOOD on BRIDGE

By EASLEY BLACKWOOD

Time Element Important To Playing Strategy

Mr. Master knows the importance of the time element in bridge. Using this knowledge he reduced his possible losers in this hand from four to two, thus making five-odd instead of going down one.

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
Mr. Meek
♠ 10 9 4 2
♥ A 7 5
♦ A 6 3
♣ J 9 5

WEST
Mr. Dale
♠ Q J 5
♥ Q 8 2
♦ Q J 10 4
♣ K Q 4

EAST
Mr. Champion
♠ None
♥ 10 9 4 3
♦ K 9 7 5 2
♣ 8 7 3 2

SOUTH
Mr. Masters
♠ A K 8 7 6 3
♥ K J 6
♦ 8
♣ A 10 6

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	All Pass		

Mr. Dale opened the queen of diamonds which was taken on the board with the ace. Preparing the hand for a possible throw-in, Mr. Masters immediately led another diamond and ruffed it in his hand.

Then he laid down the ace of spades and got the bad news that he was going to lose a trump trick, when Mr. Champion discarded a small diamond. In addition, he had a possible heart loser and two possible club losers.

DOES NEITHER

At the fourth trick he led the six of hearts to dummy's ace. This was the last time he could be in dummy without losing the lead. He could take a finesse in club or in hearts. He did neither.

He planned to put Mr. Dale in with a third round of spades. But to get the maximum advantage from that play, he had to make it at the right time. Therefore at trick five he led dummy's last diamond and ruffed it. Then he cashed the king of spades and followed with a small spade.

Mr. Dale won with the queen and any return he chose to make was suicide. If he led a diamond Mr. Masters could ruff it one hand while throwing a loser from the other.

HEART RETURN

A club lead would give up the chance of winning two tricks with the king and queen of that suit. Mr. Dale figured the ace of club was on his right but Mr. Champion might have the jack or the king of hearts. So he returned a heart right into Mr. Masters' K-J.

After cashing those two cards Mr. Masters led a low club. Mr. Dale was end-played again. He won with the queen and his low club return gave Mr. Masters the rest of the tricks. Note that the result would not have been as good on this hand if all of dummy's diamonds had not been ruffed out before Mr. Dale was thrown in with the spade. Stripping the diamonds from both closed hand and dummy robbed Mr. Dale of his last safe return.

VTLC Supports Anti-Red Stand

VANCOUVER (— Vancouver Trades and Labor Council Tuesday reiterated support of the national congress against unions officered or controlled by leftists.

The recommendation passed with only two dissenting votes at the regular VTLC meeting.

The move followed a report on the September annual meeting of the Trades Union Congress, B.C. body, where a resolution was passed recommending expelled Communist-led unions be allowed back in the TLC.

Use Want Ads—They Pay

BALTIMORE (— Driver Francis Hartlove brought his bus to a quick stop the other day after a female passenger cried: "Wait! Hold everything until I get my clothes off!"

Hartlove spun around and went to see what was happened. The woman, fully clothed, had got her bundle of clothes through the rear door and off the vehicle.

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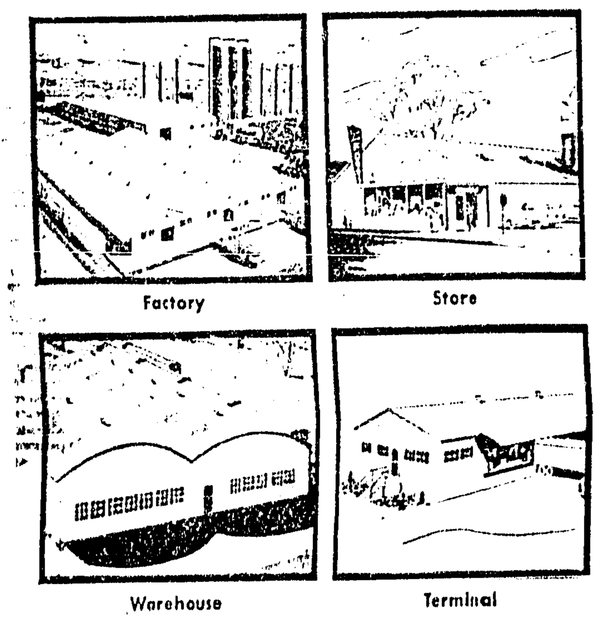

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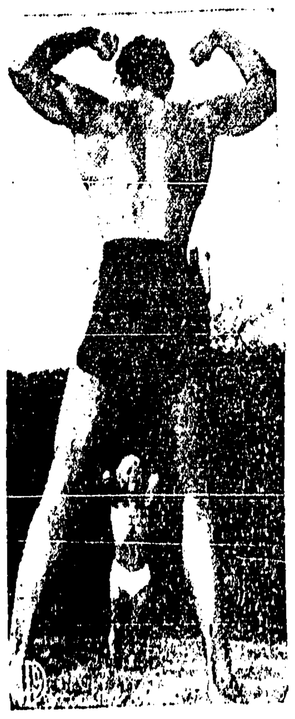

APING THE APE-MAN — Like Jack facing up to the giant, three-year-old Bobby [illegible] shows off his muscles to Tarzan at Hollywood. The ape-man is 6-foot-three-inch Gordon Scott, the 11th in the long line of Tarzans. Scott, who has a 50-inch chest, is just back from Africa where he made "Tarzan and the Lost Safari."

MOUNTAIN BIRD

The nutcracker of the Alberta and British Columbia mountains is about the same size as a robin.

Mink Too Hot For Car Seats

LONDON (— Britain's annual automobile show opened today with motoring-champion Lady Norah Docker's latest whimsy — to nobody's surprise — stealing the spotlight.

The publicity-conscious Lady Norah, whose husband owns the big Daimler works, showed her new gold-plated coupe upholstered in six zebra skins.

"I decided zebra would be best," Lady Docker confided to reporters. "Mink is too hot to sit on."

Sir Bernard said the new toy cost £15,000.

Otherwise manufacturers showed few new models, concentrating instead on improving existing breed.

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