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Important Evaluations of Soviet

CPYRGHT by Warn of Future Tensions

Some of the most important questions that a great many Americans have been asking for some time were answered a few days ago and yet somehow the proceedings were overlooked or ignored.

The questions are those pertaining to the future of the world in general, and, specifically, upon what facts are the changing facets of our relations with world communism--and that means Russia--being based.

The answers were provided by a man who is as well qualified to give them as any in the United States. He is Robert Amory Jr., deputy chief of intelligence of the Central Intelligence Agency. He gave the answers to these important questions in an address at Columbia, S.C. but it appears there was no one there to record them for wider distribution.

The basic answer he gave to the basic question of how near is the danger of actual conflict with Soviet Russia was that the rulers of the Kremlin decided 18 months ago that their economy must have at least 15 years of peace to achieve their internal development plans.

"Their economy is by no means mobilized for war or preparing for war," he said. "They strike a balance between military and other expenditures just as we do."

Nikita Khrushchev, he believes, thinks he can force the West to "chicken out."

In other words, what we will get and what we have been getting is bluff with deadly intent. What we will get is the kind of preparing for war without fight-

ing a war which is the basic communist view of "peace."

At the same time Mr. Amory sounded a warning against believing that we can rest during those 15 years, or take refuge in complacency. We must be continually prepared as they go on preparing.

"We face a race for leadership in the world against militant communists with fervent faith," he said. "We must never tempt them into a major military path while letting down our strength although they do not have what it takes rationally to challenge us this spring."

While at the same time carrying their internal programs at full speed ahead, the communists will be just as busy around the rest of the world.

They can be expected to push their Sputnik diplomacy to the hilt, to stand firm against pressures in the areas now dominated by communism, to keep their trouble-making machinery working at high pitch in non-communist countries, to continue their economic aid programs working for their special aims.

One crisis after another can be expected. Continuing jabs on shifting international fronts to keep us off balance is the pattern. Spatial probes. West Berlin, the Middle East, Formosa Strait, Korea, Viet Nam, Laos or Cambodia--all of these offer the kind of possibilities the Kremlin needs.

The price to us remains, as always, eternal vigilance, adequate preparation, and the will to face that future.