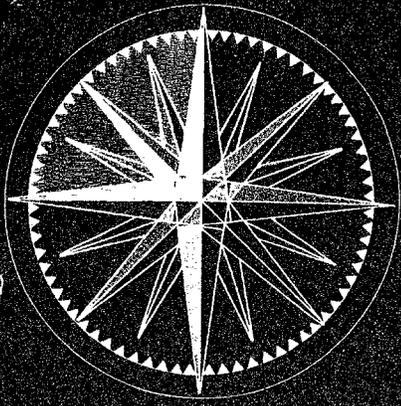


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GENEVA DISARMAMENT TALKS

The oft-repeated Soviet contention that the possibility of West German participation in a NATO nuclear force rules out successful negotiation of a nonproliferation treaty, as dramatized by the Soviet rejection of the revised US draft treaty, has also been advanced by some of the Western members of the Eighteen Nation Disarmament Committee (ENDC) in Geneva.

Both the UK and Canadian delegates, in a recent meeting of the four Western members, vigorously accused Bonn of using the problem of nuclear sharing to delay such a treaty. The UK delegate said that it is in NATO's interest to produce a plan for nuclear sharing which is compatible with nonproliferation whether Bonn likes it or not. The Italian delegate concurred with the view that Bonn is holding up the treaty and commented that if West Germany gets a role in nuclear sharing, Rome wants one too.

To counter anti-German propaganda, which has come chiefly from the Soviet Union and East Europe, West Germany has recently circulated a note stating its position on disarmament. The note would allow for a NATO nuclear force by specifying that any nonproliferation treaty should preclude assignment of nuclear weapons only to the national control of a nonnuclear state. It also suggests a nonaggression pact with the Soviet Union and East Europe.

Most Western delegations believe the note puts the Germans

in a better light on certain disarmament issues, but some are disturbed that the disarmament recommendations are not tied in with the substance of the present Geneva talks. At Geneva the note will probably bring about renewed discussion on some sort of plan similar to Gomulka's proposal for the denuclearization of Central Europe. There will also be a call for nonaggression pact discussions. The Soviets will probably use the note as the basis for an attack on West Germany and on Western nonproliferation policy.

In the ENDC, article-by-article discussion of Soviet and US versions of a nonproliferation treaty has yet to begin. The Soviet rejection of the revised US draft, dissension among the Western delegations on nuclear sharing, and weariness of the delegates after two months of fruitless debate hinder serious negotiations now.

