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Soviet Power to Attack Is Stressed

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"THE SOVIETS have the capability to attack us successfully," delegates at the third session of the Women's Forum on National Security were told yesterday afternoon at the Statler Hotel.

The theme was stressed by Arthur S. Flemming, Director of the Office of Defense Mobilization, Val Peterson, chief of the Federal Civil Defense Administration, and Rep. W. Sterling Cole (R-N. Y.), chair-

man of the Congressional Joint Committee on Atomic Energy. The latter spoke in a round-table discussion with Sen. John F. Kennedy (D-Mass.) and Harold E. Stassen, Director of the Foreign Operations Administration, which was broadcast on 182 radio stations across the country.

"Americans know nothing about modern war," said Mr. Peterson, emphasizing that "one of the elemental errors

America can make is to underestimate the enemy." "A country that can produce jet bombers and atom bombs can do everything we can do."

"WE MUST HAVE mobilization of a magnitude to deter attack or to enable us to fight successfully, if we have to fight," Mr. Flemming stated.

"Today we have as fine a mobilization base as we have had in our history, but it is necessary to identify gaps in it and to close those gaps as rapidly as possible," Mr. Flemming stated.

IN THE PANEL discussion which opened the afternoon session Representative Cole disagreed with Senator Kennedy who foresaw a time when equal stockpiles of atomic bombs would keep nations from atomic warfare. "The advantage then lies with the nation who has the best defense against atomic warfare," he replied.

WHILE WE MUST carry the "heavy burden of defense" for as long as the threat of aggression continues, Mr. Kennedy pointed out that deficit financing "would weaken and undermine our whole economy." "Economic strength in this long struggle is necessary and vital to military strength," he continued.

"Dangers which many do not sense because they are cleverly disguised," were treated by Allen W. Dulles, director of the Central Intelligence Agency, who made the keynote address. He described Communist infiltration and front organization in the free countries.

"It is the neutralist, the soft thinkers about agrarian reformers; those who merely decry the methods, but are blind to the aims, of international communism" who are likely to "trip us up," Mr. Dulles said.

OTHER SPEAKERS were Joseph C. Grew of the National Committee for Free Europe, who described the work of his organization in countries behind the Iron Curtain, and Hershel Schooley, Director of Public Information, Department of Defense.

Following the program members of the Forum attended a reception honoring Mrs. Richard M. Nixon, wife of the Vice President, women members of Congress and wives of Cabinet members.

At last night's meeting the Forum presented a show entitled "The Brave Flag" which included sequences from several plays and movies. Movie and TV Star Richard Carlson was master of ceremonies and Countess Alexandra Tolstoy spoke.

TWO REPUBLICAN legislators claimed that the "new look" of the Administration's defense program is markedly similar to the policies outlined by the late Senator Taft, General MacArthur and former President Hoover two years ago.

At a round-table discussion yesterday morning, Rep. Thomas E. Martin (R-Iowa) declared that "Eisenhower's adoption of the views of Taft" in giving greater emphasis to seapower and airpower is "a great testimonial." He said his "great regret" is that the Taft views were passed over and not recognized: "We lost some precious time in that matter," said Mr. Martin.

Senator Dwight P. Griswold, (R-Nebr.), compared the defense program to views expressed by General MacArthur. He said that the United States should never be limited again to a policy of containment but "we must use all we have to attack the enemy at the source."

IN A NATION-WIDE broadcast, heard on recording at yesterday's session, Bob Hope cited Mrs. Marie Danver of Pittsburgh, Pa., as "Woman of the Week" for her work with hospitalized veterans.