

CAPITAL REPORT**'Reds Won't
Risk a War'**

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Connecticut's Democrat Sen. Thomas Dodd, former FBI agent who won his spurs with a denunciation of appeasement over Berlin, is continuing to impress observers as the outstanding member of this year's crop of Senate newcomers.

Dodd, who courageously supported the confirmation of Lewis Strauss and the McClellan labor bill of rights, has now impressed the Pentagon, to brass with his realistic analysis of the Red military situation.

Sen. Dodd has concluded that the Reds will not risk war over Berlin or any other piece of real estate because they can't afford the dangers of any military showdown.

A long succession of uprisings behind the Iron Curtain has demonstrated three things: (1) That the satellite army divisions are unreliable; (2) That the Soviet Army itself is unreliable; (3) That the masses of people under Communism share a common hatred for the regime which oppresses them.

Dodd's analysis has been particularly noted by top military men I have talked with, all of whom expressed the hope that the striped pants boys in Geneva would take notice.

It was almost 20 years ago, when the Nazi armies invaded the Soviet Union, that the world got its first real indication as to the loyalty of the communist land armies. Although the Reds enjoyed superiority in manpower, aircraft, tanks and artillery, the Russian Army defected in droves. The civilian population greeted the Nazi armies as liberators. It was only the brutality of the Nazis that finally enabled the Red Army to achieve victory.

There is abundant information that the situation is no different today.

Soviet battalions stationed in Hungary in the 1956 uprising had to be withdrawn in the first rounds of battle because they refused to bear arms against Hungarians. And whole divisions of Red troops later defected to the Freedom Fighters and fought for a cause that was doomed to defeat, because the so-called Free World refused aid.

If the Russian Army itself is unreliable, the armies of the various satellite nations are untrustworthy as far as the Kremlin's military planners are concerned. Not a single satellite division could be counted upon to fight the Western Powers. And neither, for that matter, could the Red divisions in those countries.

The 33 divisions which the Kremlin maintains in Eastern Europe would have their work cut out for them keeping the people down, and again the probability is that the Russian soldiers would desert.

As the crucial negotiations on Berlin evaporated in Geneva, and as the agitation for some settlement grows on the part of the appeasers, it is necessary to face up to these facts. And it is necessary, as Sen. Dodd has said, that we call the Soviet bluff on the Warsaw Pact, which supposedly binds together the satellite countries and the Motherland, in military alliance.

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