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KEY MEN IN 'OPERATION ALERT'—Allen W. Dulles, center, U. S. Central Intelligence Agency chief, chats with leaders in Lubbock's "Operation Alert" program Thursday night before taking Municipal Auditorium stage to speak at the opening "Operation Alert" program. At left is Guy Victory, chairman of a mayor's advisory committee on the operation. At right is Bill Parsley, assistant to the chairman. "Operation Alert" is planned to inform the public locally on communist operations. (Staff Photo.)

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KICKS OFF "OPERATION ALERT" IN CITY

Allen Dulles Warns Of Long Period Of Tense Maneuvering Between East, West

An uncertain world in which there is neither peace nor all-out war probably will face the United States for some time to come, Allen W. Dulles, director of the nation's Central Intelligence Agency, told Lubbock residents Thursday night.

While he did not believe "we are likely to have nuclear war," the nation's spy chief assured his approximately 1,700 listeners:

"We will have no assured peace until these two governments in Moscow and Peking which are responsible to their people, not to the ruthless tenets of international communism."

Kicks Off Drive

Dulles' speech, made on invitation of Rep. George Stinson, kicked

off Lubbock's community-wide drive, "Operation Alert," which is designed to educate city residents on the facts of world communism. The CIA chief gave as the topic for his speech "An Alert to the Communist Challenge."

The speaker departed Lubbock Thursday night for Florida, where he is scheduled to pay a call at Cape Canaveral today.

While Russia is determined to continue its drive toward world communism, and yet fears a shooting war, it continues to hold out to backward nations the possibility of rapid industrial advancement, Dulles said Thursday night.

"Many countries feel they can't

not aspire to our (U.S.) high economic and living standards... but think that possibly they can reach something like that which the Soviet Union has achieved in the last 20 or 30 years—and that is extraordinary."

Dulles said that Russia is able to hold out to underdeveloped nations the beguiling theme that it is communism which has brought the Soviet Union in 30 years from being an underdeveloped country to being the second greatest industrial and military power in the world.

"They expect to import large parts of the free world outside the United States, starting with the weakest links in the chain, and

leave us isolated and alone. "Since 1917, international communism has taken over areas with a population approaching one billion people."

Even where they have not taken over, Communists have made themselves potent factors. Theirs is the largest single party in France and Italy, Dulles said, while it is a major party in other nations such as Indonesia.

Along with their economic penetration of the Free World, the Communists probably will accelerate the buildup of Russian military power and continue the development of heavy industry, while keeping the Russian people hard and tough through denying them consumer goods.

Economy For Military

"Their economy is directed primarily to military ends, while our economy is directed primarily to the satisfaction of the consumer public," Dulles said, warning:

"Somewhere along the line, if they continue their military effort, we may have to pull in our belts."

The intelligence chief chided the attitude of some in the U. S. toward foreign aid.

"We talk about mutual aid as a 'give-away program'," he complained. "Some expenditure here is the cheapest possible insurance that we can buy."

Goal Is Obvious

There is little need to ask what end result the Communists seek in all their divergent activity, Dulles said, emphatically. Such writers as Lenin and Stalin have established the Communist goal. Only the means by which it may be reached are varied.

Over the past 10 years, events in Greece, Berlin, South Korea, China and Czechoslovakia have educated U. S. leaders in the techniques of communism.

"But I fear that recently, since Khrushchev denounced Stalinist tactics and adopted the more subtle theme of co-existence to mask his purpose, we have tended to relax our vigilance. Too many of our people have bought this theme (of co-existence)."

Continue Red Drive

Yet while preaching co-existence, Khrushchev and other Soviet leaders have spent billions in spreading Communist propaganda, supporting foreign Communist parties and in sending economic aid and technical experts to underdeveloped countries, Dulles said.

Meanwhile, the Reds continue to set up the Free World for Communist cold war offensives with such jabs as that recently in Berlin.