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MCGEER SAYS COAST TARGET FOR NEXT WAR

SEATTLE, Feb. 13 - (AP) - Senator Gerald G. McGeer, K.C., of Vancouver, said here it was "ridiculous" for Canada and the United States to "make other nations strong at the expense of weakening ourselves."

He told a news conference the "next war" could be expected to be aimed from Asiatic Russia and China at the North American continent through Alaska, Yukon Territory, British Columbia and the State of Washington.

"Let's hope," he said, "that we never have to defend ourselves against Russia, but certainly we don't want to be in the position of defending ourselves without having made preparations."

He urged that the Canadian and U.S. governments, jointly and immediately, "develop a real measure of security along the north Pacific coast...militarily and economically, with seaways, airways, highways and railways, and more population."

He said the north Pacific coastline was the only "vulnerable approach" at present to the continent, and would be the "Belgium of the future" war.

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