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Mr. Pearson On Asian Perils: North Bay, January 21 (CP) -- The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Pearson, warned last night that the situation in southeast Asia is "heavy with danger" from communist imperialism.

This condition exists, he said, "because the danger may express itself, not in open aggression where we would know where we were, but in aid and assistance to those who are already fighting against local governments."

"There may be no clear-cut breach of the peace as there was in Korea and consequently no clear-cut basis for defence," Mr. Pearson said in an address prepared for delivery at the annual dinner of the North Bay Chamber of Commerce.

Burma and Malaya had shown "how desperately difficult such situations can be."

In Europe, Mr. Pearson said, the situation seems "somewhat brighter" and the North Atlantic Alliance, making progress through its increasing strength and developing unity, has given grounds for hope in the year ahead. There is "less anxiety" about Europe than a year ago.

But here, too, there was a new danger in that the Kremlin may have replaced its plans for direct armed aggression against free Europe by a campaign "to sap our strength, weaken our resistance, undermine our resolve to get strong and keep united."

"We must defend ourselves against these tactics, and that is not going to be easy, because this is a campaign in the war of ideas. The defence must therefore be positive and constructive."

It would be folly to invite military attack by "weakness." But it also would be "unwise if we brought about economic and political weakness by trying to arm too quickly, too extensively everywhere." This was a danger in troubled and economically-unstable Europe.

While there was cause for less anxiety in Europe, there was cause for more in Asia, where the defence lines against Communist aggression were "far more extensive" than the width of the embattled Korean peninsula.

Those lines could not be held in equal military strength with the resources now available. That made it more important that Western participation in Asian defence rest on a strong political foundation and be allied with national and economic progress.

That participation should not be "saddled with the dragging weights of social injustice, racial discriminations, or political reaction."

"If Asia goes Communist, and this must be considered as at least a possibility, it will be for no love of Russia or of Marx, but because the agents of Russia and Marx were able to exploit and harness to revolution the longing for a piece of bread, a roof and the right to stand erect."

Defence Deliveries Peak In 1953, Says Mr. Howe: Toronto, January 21 (CP) -- The Minister of Defence Production, Mr. Howe, tonight advised Canadians to "avoid rocking the boat" in 1952.

Addressing the annual dinner of the Toronto Board of Trade, Mr. Howe said he could not foretell the future of the Canadian economy.

"So if you expect advice for 1952, all that I have to offer is this: Keep cool, avoid rocking the boat."

He said it is "part of the communist strategy to attempt to disrupt the economies of the free nations: Nothing delights the Communists more than to discover irrational economic behaviour based upon the fears inspired by them. Business men like yourselves can do much to keep the Canadian economy steady on a course that leads to security and a better life."