

Soviet World Industrial Production Catching Up

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 WASHINGTON — The greatly publicized United States industrial capacity, which has given this country an edge over every country in the world for several decades, now is in danger of disappearing. This is startling news coming at a time when the nation is still growing, its industry still expanding.

Moose Addition Dedication Set

Formal dedication of a new addition to the Torrance Lodge of the Loyal Order of Moose, 744 Carson St., will be held Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and will be followed by a formal reception and dance, according to Daniel Desmond, governor.

An estimated \$2000 worth of materials and the necessary labor were donated by lodge members. The project was started a year ago under the administration of Marvin MacArthur, Desmond said.

Cecil Alter Appointed Vice-President of Firm

Cecil Alter has been appointed vice-president of Alter Realty and Insurance Co., in charge of branch offices, according to Gerald L. Alter, president.

Alter, who recently moved to Torrance from Indiana, lives with his wife Helen and two daughters, Barbara and Patsy Jo at 1893 Calamar St. The realty firm has eight branch offices in the Torrance area and are contemplating others.

per cent. Despite our ridicule of the Soviet Union, and its totalitarian system, that very system gives Russia an advantage in the race with the free world. Consumers can be limited to a low standard of living and civilian production held down while armaments production is given priority.

Thus it might be possible that when total Soviet industrial production reached half that of the free world, or 60 per cent, or some lesser figure, armaments production in the Communist bloc would be just as great or greater. And if the capacity for producing arms in the Soviet world equals the U. S. capacity when total industrial output in the USSR reaches half the U. S. figure, it may be only a few years until the Reds can boast of armaments production potential as great as that of the U. S.

The higher standard of living in the United States, and our democratic form of government, will prevent this country from concentrating on armaments production to the degree possible in Russia, and therefore the long boasted-about industrial advantage of the U. S. may be disappearing rapidly today.

This cannot be anything but serious news to those who understand the consistency of Russian ambitions, and the manpower available to Red Army leaders. The time may be near when the U. S. will have to win wars with superior quality, not quantity, of armaments. Meanwhile, the threat of the Slavs, throughout history a lurking danger, seems to be rising ominously again in this tension-filled cycle of history.

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