Radford Says Chiefs of Staff Have Vetoed Any 'Radical' Change in Military Strategy

NEW YORK, Dec. 211.--"radical change" in the Nation's current military strategy.

Admiral Arthur W. Radford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, tonight ruled out any

mer is continuing essentially the same military program with the exception of bolstered continental defense to "meet any and all threats." Even this build-up, he cautioned, must be on an "orderly, non-hysterical basis."

The new Chiefs were put in office following powerful Republican demands for a review of the United States military program by officers not too closely allied with Truman Administration policies.

But Radford told the American Ordinance Association that, with the exception of "certain increases recommended for continental defense," new recommendations "do not represent any material change from those developed in previously approved plans."

Radford referred to recommendations made in October for the Army, Navy and Air Force.

Speaking at a West Point student conference a few hours earlier, Radford said "the threat of war has not diminished."

"The existence of nuclear weapons in the hands of the Soviet requires every nation to step up its plans for defense," he added.

The Admiral said here tonight that this country and its allies can not now or in the foreseeable future place sole reliance on air forces.

"Our security and that of the free world can not at this time be entrusted to an unbalanced . . . concept of forces," he said.

For either small or large wars, he said, there must be "well-rounded" land, naval and air forces, although there is no argument that air forces "are a primary requirement."

Japan Buys Ceylon Rice

TOKYO, Dec. 29--Japan has contracted to buy 30,000 tons of Chinese rice from Ceylon in a move to relieve a serious rice shortage. Ceylon obtained the rice from Communist China in exchange for rubber.