

Navy Developing Missile A-Sub

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 (AP)—The Navy disclosed today it is developing a new strategic weapon—a nuclear-powered submarine capable of launching guided missiles.

If Congress approves the plan, the new departure in A-boats will probably be built in the Navy's Mare Island yard in California.

West Indies Radar Chain Soon Complete

NEW YORK, Feb. 27 (AP)—A far-flung chain for radar "eyes" for lightning-fast tracking of America's newest supersonic rockets and missiles soon will be completed on a string of islands extending more than 2000 miles from Florida's east coast through the West Indies, the builders said today.

Described as "the world's largest chain radar tracking system," the 21 installations on eight islands are being set up at a cost of about 10 million dollars.

The Reeves Instrument Corp., which designed and built the series, said in a statement that they are "the first chain radars capable of long-range continuous and uninterrupted tracking."

Precise data provided by the equipment, the company said, will aid the United States "in the tense international race to develop an effective intercontinental missile and other new supersonic weapons."

Democrats Decry Sales Tax Offer

HARRISBURG, Feb. 27 (AP)—Senate Democrats tonight described a Republican-proposed 3 per cent sales tax as a "terrible fraud" but offered them voting help should the GOP fail to muster enough votes.

"I expect to call to the attention of the people this hoax—this terrible fraud being perpetuated in the name of economy," said Sen. John H. Dent, Democratic floor leader.

Crew of Eleven Die in Superfort Crash, Explosion

DAYTON, Ohio, Feb. 27 (AP)—A four-engine B-50 Superfort carrying 11 crewmen on a brief test flight, crashed and then exploded on a farm near here today, killing all aboard.

Eyewitness accounts indicated the big plane was crippled, and heading for an emergency landing when it crashed.

A series of explosions ripped it apart and scattered bits of wreckage over a nine-acre area. After hitting the ground it first ploughed into an unoccupied farm dwelling.

Flames splashed over the house, an adjoining barn and garage housing two automobiles. All the buildings burned to the ground. Mrs. Madeline Henderson, owner of the property and a widow, is vacationing in Florida.

The plane was attached to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base near here. Officials there said it took off for the brief test flight at 11:45 a.m., and crashed at 11:55 a.m. on the Henderson farm, situated on the Wilmington Pike in Montgomery County near the Warren County line.

Twin Killers Committed

WESTON, W. Va., Feb. 27 (AP)—Psychiatrists at Weston State Hospital assumed the custody today of the teenage twins indicted for killing a Cub Scout at Wheeling.

The boys were indicted in the fatal bludgeoning of David Powell, 9.

Judge McKee directed that the boys be committed to the custody of Weston Supt. H. Sinclair Tait and Dr. A. A. Milburn, a staff psychiatrist, for mental observation. The tests, under the courts directive, are to be completed by March 18. Trial of the brothers has been set for April 2.

B-47 Crash Kills Four

KNOB NOSTER, Mo., Feb. 27 (AP)—A B-47 jet bomber exploded then crashed into a farm house today, killing the four crewmen and injuring a mother and her son slightly.

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Secretary of the Navy Charles S. Thomas said in a statement the submarine will be equipped to fire the Regulas surface-to-surface missile, which has a range of 300 miles.

Navy officials said it is too early to say what size and type of missiles will be fired from the submarine. The United States is in a race with Russia to develop missiles with 1500- and 3000-mile ranges, both carrying atomic warheads.

The Navy has been firing shorter-range missiles from submarines for several years in preparation for this new phase of push-button warfare.

Original Plan

Originally the Navy planned to build a conventionally powered sub for use as a missile ship. It was approved by Congress for the 1956 construction program.

But the House Armed Services Committee has now been informed of the Navy's intention to design the vessel around an atomic engine, which will give it a boost in speed and far greater cruising range.

Navy officials said the atomic power plant will cost considerably more than conventional equipment, and additional money may have to be diverted from other sources. The service is required to inform Congress of any intention to modify plans previously approved by the legislators.

The Licking River is a stream which rises in southeastern Kentucky and flows northwest for about 80 miles to empty into the Ohio River.



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