

Navy Tests New Missile Underwater

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Navy said yesterday it has test fired a dummy Polaris ballistic missile from underwater for the first time.

The missile, the same size, shape and weight as the 1500-mile-range Polaris, was fired March 23 from a new "pop-up" launcher off San Clemente Island, near Los Angeles.

Rear Adm. W. F. Raborn, head of the Navy's Polaris program, showed motion pictures of the event.

They disclosed the dummy missile, apparently about 30 feet long, popping up through the smooth surface of the Pacific and rising several hundred feet in a geyser of spray.

Then the orange-colored missile angled over and plunged nose first back into the water.

Raborn, director of the special projects office of the Navy Bureau of Ordnance, told a Navy League symposium on seapower that the Polaris would be ready for use in 1960, or about the date originally set for the beginning of tests.

Raborn said the basic problems have all passed from the scientific to the engineering stage. This means, he said, that no new breakthrough or sensational advances in development are required to carry the new weapon system into reality.

Robert E. Gross, chairman of the Lockheed Aircraft Corp., Burbank, Calif., told the group the Lockheed Polaris is the only one of the nation's ballistic missiles that is now ahead of schedule.

Raborn said the Polaris would bring within the range of direct attack from the sea virtually all the important military targets in that part of the world controlled by the Communists.

30-Ton Blast Rocks Santiago As Cuban Uprising Blazes

HAVANA (AP)—The Cuban revolt blazed again yesterday in a hit-and-run guerrilla raid and a 30-ton dynamite blast set off by Fidel Castro's saboteurs.

Explosion of a huge dynamite dump in eastern Oriente Province damaged buildings and shattered windows in Santiago, nearly 12 miles away.

The dump in foothills below the town of El Cobre contained 60,000 pounds of dynamite. The force of the jolting explosion apparently was funneled eastward down the hills toward Santiago, Cuba's second largest city.

Castro's men moved into El Cobre before dawn and occupied the town briefly.

Reports reaching Havana said they first burned the city hall and threatened to set fire to the electoral board offices. They held off further destruction when residents pleaded that flames would sweep the town of 2000.

El Cobre is one of the most revered places in Cuba as a Roman Catholic shrine.

Army reinforcements rushed

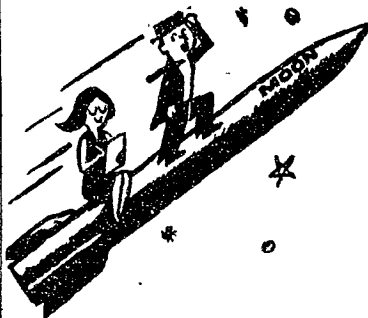
New Rebel Push Seen

BUKITTINGGI, Sumatra (AP)—A rebel military spokesman said yesterday the Jakarta government is going to launch its big offensive against Western Sumatra Tuesday with about 8000 men.

to the town and the rebels scattered to the hills of the Sierra Maestra.

The dynamite blast was set off by the rebels after they fled from El Cobre. The explosives were stored in the foothills dump by a construction company supplier.

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Recession Slowdown Noted in March

WASHINGTON (AP)—A slowdown in the downward movement of retail sales and personal income occurred in March, the government reported yesterday. The figures are expected to strengthen President Dwight D.

Eisenhower's conviction that the time has not arrived for a tax cut to stimulate the economy. The National Grange, however, came out in opposition to what it called the Eisenhower administration's wait-and-see policy.

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Stassen Pledges Industrial Drive

BEAVER FALLS, Pa. (AP)—Harold E. Stassen, candidate for the Republican nomination for governor, said last night that if elected he plans to drive for industrial expansion in Pennsylvania with the aid of the youngest cabinet in the history of the commonwealth.

Stassen, who has been putting heavy emphasis on proposals for increasing employment and productivity in Pennsylvania, did not name any prospective cabinet members. But he paid special tribute to one of his running mates, Frank C. Hilton, a candidate for lieutenant governor, as being youthful and properly trained to aid in the development of the state.

Lana's Daughter 'Justified'

LOS ANGELES (AP)—"He said he would kill me and my daughter and my mother," Lana Turner sobbed to a coroner's jury which later yesterday decided her daughter's killing of Johnny Stompanato wast justifiable homicide.

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