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New Navy Missile Developed at Mugu

A navy guided missile that was developed at the Point Mugu missile testing center in Ventura county is one of a number of new weapons expected to play a major role in defending American cities and attacking enemy targets.

The missile, called the "Regulus," is one of the latest announced by the navy in Washington.

It is believed to fly at about the speed of sound and to have a range of about 200 miles. The jet-propelled missile resembles a fighter plane which could evidently carry atomic explosive in its nose.

Pt. Mugu Cdr. William Wallis, air station executive officer, said the "Regulus" was tested for its

performance characteristics at the missile center.

At the same time the navy revealed that its first missile-launching combat submarine, the Tunny, has joined the fleet. The Tunny, a World War II sub now equipped with snorkel, has been modified especially to carry "Regulus" missiles.

Most advanced of the guided missiles, according to military sources, is the army's "Nike," a 1,500-mph anti-aircraft vehicle. It is launched from the ground and rides a radar beam into collision with attacking bombers. Anti-aircraft battalions guarding the large cities will receive "Nikes" beginning this summer, giving them vastly superior weapons to the 90 and 120 mm guns they now use. "Nikes" are built by Douglas Aircraft Co.

Another air defense missile, about which no official announcement has yet been made, is the air force's "Falcon." Called a pilotless fighter, the XF-98 "Falcon" is to be carried aloft by all-weather interceptors and loosed against bombers at great range.

Further in the future is the air force's "Bomarc," a ground-launched missile that will fly at more than twice the speed of sound. Such missiles will complement present piloted interceptors in American air defense.

The air force has long been training men to operate a pilotless light bomber, the "Mata-dor," which somewhat resembles the navy's "Regulus." Other such bombers, the "Snark" and the "Rascal," are under development.

Land Given County Idle, Return Asked

Since use never has been made of it in 60-odd years, former supervisor Richard Bard is trying to get a strip of land in the Pleasant Valley returned by the county to the Berylwood Investment company.

In a letter to the board, Bard asked the county to quitclaim property 60 feet wide and one and one-half miles long deeded to the county in the 1890's for use as the "Pleasant Valley branch road" between Los Angeles avenue and Las Posas road.

The strip runs through Berylwood property.

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