



LEAVING TWIN GAS TRAILS, Regulus Navy guided missile zooms into sky after launching in test demonstration from seaplane tender USS Norton Sound. It is for use in amphibious operations and against appropriate land targets. (International)

'Regulus' Boosts Role Of Defensive Missiles

By CHARLES CRDDRY

WASHINGTON (UP)—The armed forces have developed guided missiles to the point where they could play a major role in defending American cities and attacking enemy targets in the near future.

That was apparent today from official announcements and other information available in a field normally secret.

Robot weapons that can fly from the speed of sound (760 miles an hour at sea level) up to 1,200 mph and probably faster now are in production for bombing, anti-aircraft and air combat. They will gradually go into units of the Army, Navy and Air Force.

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ONE OF the youngsters I know was raising a fuss last night because of the treatment he received from a rich relative. "Forget it,"

Latest of the missiles to be announced was the Navy's "Regulus," a jet-propelled vehicle resembling a fighter plane which evidently could carry atomic explosive in its nose. The Navy said last night the "Regulus" can be launched against land targets from submarines and surface ships, and can be guided either by a mother plane or from the launching site.

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.

The "Regulus" is believed to fly at about the speed of sound and to have a range of about 200 miles. It is in large scale production by Chance Vought Aircraft, Dallas, Tex.

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 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.

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