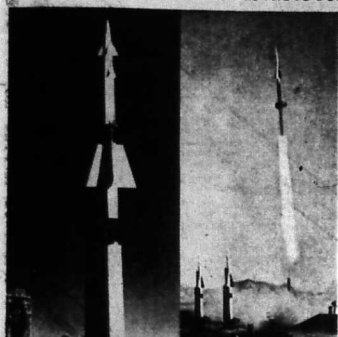


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HOW NIKE DESTROYS BOMBERS



Polished skyward in the picture at extreme left, the Nike, an anti-aircraft guided missile, rises from its launcher at White Sands Proving Ground, N. M. In the next picture, the Nike is launched from an array where the number of the missiles are ready to take off. At right, the Nike comes in under the wing (top) and then hits the target plane (bottom) and explodes. The smoke coming from the wing of plane itself at top was so thick as to enable photographers to follow the action. The launching test was made last March 12, and details of the weapon were released in Washington this week. The Army says that Nike is faster than sound, able to outmaneuver bombers, fighters or transport planes and operate regardless of weather conditions and visibility. (AP Wirephotos)

Republicans Ready To Fill Postmasterships

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Republicans reportedly plan to lose no more time filling about 2,350 postmasterships. They expect to start sending appointments for the jobs to the Senate for confirmation as soon as Congress reconvenes in January. Sen. Carlson (R-Kan.), chairman of the Senate Postoffice Committee, said his committee will get to work promptly to prepare the lists for action by the Senate. A Postoffice Department official said there are about 2,350 postmasters of all four classes to be named. He said about 2,350 of the openings were in the first two classes—the ones filled by presidential appointment with Senate confirmation. The fourth class posts are filled by the department itself.

Final Appeal Made To Balking Prisoners

By STAN CARTER. PANUNJUM (in Twenty-two American war prisoners planned to return to the United States today as the U.N. Command made a last minute appeal that they weigh carefully their decision to stay with the Reds. A 12-page letter addressed to each prisoner urged them to be certain their refusal to return would have no "irrevocable" mistake. Copies of the letter were sent to Lt. Gen. K. S. Thimayya, Indian chairman of the Neutral Nations Repatriation Commission with a note asking they be delivered to the 32 Americans in neutral custody. A spokesman for Thimayya indicated the "come home" letter would have to be approved by the five-nation NNRC Monday, just two days before expiration of the 90-day period for trying to get home unrepatriated war prisoners. There appeared to be little chance the "come home" letter would have to be arranged before the deadline. The letter actually is a statement Allied explainers planned to use during interviews with the prisoners.

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OUR WEATHER

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