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BRITISH SECOND ATOMIC EXPLOSION

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Out On the Woomera rocket range nine months of preparation was complete. The stage was set for the latest British atomic experiment. Into this ~~desert~~ wasteland

named Emu Field came a Bristol freighter, ending a 6-day airlift by bringing C.A. Adams, deputy to Sir William

Penney, and other key men of the scientific staff.

In charge of course was that genius in the field of nuclear physics, Sir William Penney ^{ing} himself, look/more bush-ranger than man of science in the Aussie hat.

15-miles from the explosion site, well up on a steel ~~structure~~ pylon,

the cameras were got ready, including some specially made

to take 100,000 pictures a second for super

slow-motion. *Turned right at last.* ~~Newspapers told that station was await right~~

~~wind.~~ An instrument called a shadowgraph was to measure

the spread of the explosion's heat and radio-activity.

Only seconds now, and the bomb would be detonated.

The top men, including Penney himself, had 15-miles of desert between them and the explosion.

~~The gigantic mushroom familiar as it may be remains a~~

~~terrifying sight. About a minute-and-a-half after the~~

~~flash came the almost equally terrifying sound.~~

~~Summary~~

This was the culmination of a joint Anglo-Australian enterprise. Emu Field is 400 miles from the nearest towns,

Adelaide and Port Augusta; ~~though~~ even so the experiment

could not be made until an opposite-direction wind

ensured that no radio-active dust should be carried over

inhabited areas. Rockets fired instruments through the

mushroom. Collected afterwards they ^{gave} ~~made~~ the scientists

information otherwise unobtainable. Now see the

explosion ~~photographed~~ from another angle.

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The findings of the men of science are top secret. The experiment proves to the world, what we ourselves already knew - that Britain has the know-how as well as the knowledge. Unanswered remains the question, ~~what~~ to what use will the world put this alarming new power.