

ATOM TEST IN PACIFIC

The Eniwetok Atoll was, again the scene of a nuclear test. The detonation of a small-scale hydrogen bomb; and though small it had ~~the explosive~~ force of many thousand tons of T.N.T. This test was a kind of rehearsal for a much bigger one planned soon. ~~The present explosion~~ ^{It} was filmed from 14 miles away.

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45 America now has a new type hydrogen bomb which can be dropped by inter-continental bombers; ~~that is, aircraft~~ capable of flying from America to Asia, for example. ~~The test now was completely successful.~~

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Joint Task Force Seven....point of rendezvous, Eniwetok Atoll.....

Mission: a new series of tests by the Atomic Energy Commission and the Department of Defense. Biggest objective: the detonation of the newest type of Hydrogen Bomb, to be dropped from an intercontinental bomber when weather permits. In the decade, and more, since the wartime birth of nuclear devices great strides have been made.

Now -- detonation of a test device....

It is relatively small -- in the kilotons range, which is thousands of tons in terms of TNT. The H-Bombs which will be tested later are equivalent to millions of tons of TNT, or megatons. We're witnessing this detonation from a distance of about 14 miles. With each test, the United States continues to delve deeper into the powers of the atom: