

Eniwetok Atoll - the mid-Pacific Proving grounds of the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission leaps into the news - with a force that has staggered mankind. It was here, in November 1952, on the tiny island of Flugelab - that the first hydrogen bomb was exploded. Housed in this building, the bomb became the greatest man-made force ever detonated. A cataclysmic blast wherein lies the destiny of the world - towards progress and peace---- or oblivion.

^{From the test} Known as "Operation Ivy," these are the first pictures to reach your screen of the world's most awesome weapon.

~~Preparations were made...~~ Far away in the Pacific, the Command Ship "Estes" waits for zero hour. With every dial ~~synchronised~~ synchronised with instruments on the fated island - the seconds tick away to a turning-point in history.

With incredible fury, the thermo-nuclear age is born. A tidal wave rocks task fleet - anchored thirty-five miles away, and even jars the camera...

Back on the island - a ball of fire - over three miles across - envelops land and sea. A fiery mass comparable to the ~~XXXXXX~~ sun's surface....

In seconds - the fireball erupts - to send a brooding radio-active cloud over twenty-five miles into the stratosphere.

Shortly after the blast - helicopter crews leave the task force to check the first results of the explosion. Their mission was to fly in and out

at top speed - for within an hour - poisonous radio-active ash will be falling from ~~the~~ ^{THE} billowing nuclear cloud. THE TEST ISLAND HAS VANISHED

By now - the deadly mass has extended more than 100 miles across the Pacific - spiralling up to twenty-five miles - an umbrella of doom.

Now back to the Control Room - to film again - that first Hydrogen blast.

~~As the camera~~ ~~has been~~ ~~recording~~ ~~explosions~~ ~~seen~~ ~~over~~ ~~target~~ ~~island~~

~~the world~~ ~~is~~ ~~the~~ ~~stage~~ ~~for~~ ~~the~~ ~~humanity~~ ~~to~~ ~~be~~ ~~confronted~~ ~~to~~ ~~the~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~light~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~atomic~~ ~~test~~. What is the shape of things to come?

Here ~~we~~ ^{AMERICA IMAGINES} see the New York sky-line - superimposed on that awful panorama of desolation.

To-day - the island of Flugelab has been wiped off the map - leaving a crater 175 feet deep. The world has been aroused. The choice is ours - we must not fail.