

California: Aviation history in the making as United States B.52 heavy bombers set out on a non-stop Round-the-world flight.

Capable of carrying hydrogen bombs - the huge swept-wing, eight-jet bombers prove that ~~the~~ ^{Amcoica's} Strategic Air Arm has a very long reach.

Heading eastwards, the route crosses Newfoundland and North Africa - to Ceylon and the Phillipines - at an average speed of 525 miles per hour. ^{MID-AIR} REFUELLING WAS CARRIED OUT DURING THE

~~Midway through the 24,000 mile hop, the force makes an imaginary~~ ^{ITS 24,000 MILE FLIGHT,} ~~ON ACROSS THE PACIFIC AS~~ nuclear bombing attack. Then, on across the Pacific, the three ~~Strato~~ ^{DEMONSTRATE} Stratojets (refuelling ~~several~~ times during flight) demonstrate that

their ability to attack any target on earth.

Arriving ^{back} at March Air Force Base - the record non-stop flight had taken just over forty-five hours. ~~and a~~ happy family welcome awaited the crews, whose flight strikes a note of wonder...and warning!