

THE SNARK MISSILE

America's intercontinental guided missile, the Northrop Snark, takes off at Patrick Air Force Base, Florida. Controlled by a built-in electronic brain, the Snark can deliver its atomic warhead on a distant target with deadly accuracy. Booster rockets help the take-off, and drop away as the Snark gathers speed.

Now watch the launching in slow motion - the two booster rockets can be clearly seen - one on each side of the Snark's tail.

While the fantastic missile heads for its target at close to supersonic speed, a discarded booster drops to earth - too close for the cameraman's liking!

The Snark has flown 2,000 miles - the longest recorded pilotless flight.