

FRANCE NOW ATOM POWER.

H-Hour at Atomic City. Operational Commander, General Allaret, gave the final orders. Wind conditions perfect. Close to the detonating tower were military vehicles, to be tested afterwards for radiation. Decontamination men stood by. The location, 700 miles south of Algiers. The weeks of waiting over; all set now for the count-down.

If the bomb were successfully detonated, France claimed she would become one of the Atomic Powers.

At a cost of \$90m, and in defiance of foreign objection, France exploded her first atomic bomb.