

SUB FIRES MISSILES FROM UNDER WATER

The Polaris ballistic missile -- for the space age U.S. Navy: Two of the 28-foot two-stage rockets will rise from the hatches aboard the atomic submarine Washington. Here, then is modern warfare about to turn still another historic corner. For in the event of a conflict the nuclear vessel could fire, within a quarter of an hour, a maximum barrage of sixteen Polaris missiles -- unleashing more destructive power than all the explosives dropped in World War Two. Awesome -- yes, but also another deterrent to war. All is ready aboard the George Washington -- and aboard the observation ship as some thirty miles off the nation's missile test center at Cape Canaveral the launcher operation test panel registers the "ready" signal aboard the submarine, fifty feet under water. For the first time a ballistic missile is successfully fired from under water. Bursting from the ocean in a mushroom of frothing water is the second Polaris missile. The Navy announces both shots hit targets more than eleven hundred miles away. From President Eisenhower immediately comes the nation's "well done" congratulations.

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