

U.S.A. to test 5000-mile missile: new flying saucer angle

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WASHINGTON, Sat.—Two important announcements about U.S. Air Force projects were made yesterday.

The announcements dealt with:

- Extension of the Atlantic Guided Missile Range.
- "Flying saucers."

The Guided Missile Range, under the new set-up, will extend 5000 miles into the South Atlantic from Cocoa (Florida).

Diplomatic sources, quoted by U.P., said the U.S. was negotiating with Britain to establish a missile observation platform on Ascension Island.

ON ASCENSION ISLAND.

Into heart **of Soviet**

Ascension Island, a remote islet in the South Atlantic, was the site of a U.S. air-ferry field between America and Africa in World War II.

United Press reports that the 5000-mile range is viewed as the first positive indication that the U.S. is making progress towards development of an intercontinental pilotless weapon.

Other sources say the 5000-mile weapons could reach into the heartland of the Soviet Union from advanced U.S. bases.

However, the general belief is that this weapon which could revolutionise warfare is still a long way from perfection, says United Press

For travel

at 600 mph

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United Press believes the first missile to be fired down the 5000-mile range will be the Northrop Aircraft Company's B-62 Snark.

The company designed the Snark to travel at 600 miles an hour for 5000 miles.

It is a swept-wing tailless, pilotless craft, powered by a turbo-jet engine.

Defence Department authorities declined to either confirm or deny the reports.

A spokesman said: "All we can say in regard to these reports is that we have been testing a ground - to - ground long-range guided missile we call the Snark."

"Intriguing disclosure"

Robert Allen, writing in the New York Post, said the U.S. Air Force, at an early date, would unveil

early date, would unveil some "flying saucer" secrets.

Allen said: "The disclosures will be intriguing, but not earth-shaking."

The Air Force would debunk a number of "saucer" reports that made sensational headlines and gave rise to widespread tales about inter-planetary visitations.

Allen said the Air Force would admit that accounts of a terrifying "ball of fire" device, which, up to now, it had pooh-poohed, had substance.

Allen said: "This particular device is a guided missile capable of speeds exceeding 3000 miles an hour.

"It has been spotted hundreds of times."

Two other devices to be revealed were "actually shaped like saucers." Allen added.