

## U.S. Has Nuclear Weapons For Low-Flying Aircraft

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP)—The United States has developed nuclear weapons that allow hit-and-run attacks by low-flying aircraft. The planes speed off without being annihilated by the blast.

They are designed for missions where planes need to fly at low altitudes to avoid radar detection.

The novel weapons come from a little-advertised facility in the United States' atomic empire—a key atomic support base of the

Atomic Energy Commission and the armed forces.

They are developed at heavily-guarded laboratories and test areas here in the foothills of the Sandia Mountains.

Technicians literally try to wreck, burn and freeze the non-nuclear hardware that goes into U.S. nuclear bombs, missiles, land mines, depth charges, artillery shells and other arms.

The rigorous testing and other measures are designed to assure that fully assembled weapons—containing their nuclear charges—are ready for instant

firing even though they may be kept sleeping for years on end in secret storage vaults.

The pre-testing of non-nuclear hardware—and periodic selective testing of non-nuclear components of stockpiled weapons—is the responsibility of Sandia Corp. It's an arm of the Western Electric Company especially formed to work under a non-profit contract for the Atomic Energy Commission.

The corporation's job is to conceive, design, test and supervise the manufacture of all the non-nuclear components—the outer

fabric for the nuclear explosives parts developed by the AEC's weapons laboratories at Los Alamos, N.M., and Livermore, Calif.

The Sandia Corporation does most of its environmental testing at a site in Coyote Canyon about six miles south of the main laboratories at the base. It also operates test and development facilities at New Mexico's white sands missile range, at Tonopah, Nev., and at Cape Kennedy, Fla.

## BRISTOL

Walter O'Brien has entered the Charlottetown Hospital where he will undergo surgery for the second time in two months: He will be absent from his duties for several weeks again.

Gerry Barry was in the city last week on business and he says despite the fact he has resigned as foreman of the packing plant at Red Head, he will still look after the fishermen and their supplies during the busy season.

Mevin Burns, a former Bristol man, has taken a position with a sewing machine company and was in this vicinity last week on business for his firm. He will cover the eastern part of the Island.

Mr. and Mrs. Mercier Mullins were here from Summerside over the long week-end. Mrs. Mullins was Polly Kelly, a village girl in single life while Mr. Mullins' old home is in St. Peter's Bay.

The Island's oldest fisherman, Vincent McGrath celebrated

Easter this year for the last time in his first 100 years. Mr. McGrath, who is 99 says he saw a lot of Easter sunsets and a lot of egg and ham-eater in the older days and he hopes to be around for some more Easter days yet.

Leonard Ranahan, who has been a patient in the Charlottetown Hospital for quite some time, is still there at this writing but expects to be out shortly. He suffered a heart attack.

Mrs. Joe Sinnott was a business visitor to the city last

week as were Mr. and Mrs. Anbin Eldershaw.

With the trout season under-way again, John R. O'Brien says that he and his late brother tried their hand at salting trout some 60 years ago. The trout were dressed, with bone removed like a cod fish, salted and dried. But the experiment was a failure. There were no fishing licenses then. None of the no fishing signs and there were plenty trout for everybody, he said.

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