

## **U.S. WILL DISPATCH NIKES TO PACIFIC**

### **Anti-Aircraft Battalion With Missiles Believed Headed for Base in Taiwan**

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WASHINGTON, Sept. 15—  
The United States is sending a  
Nike-Hercules anti-aircraft mis-  
sile battalion to the Pacific.

Although a Defense Depart-  
ment announcement said only  
that the battalion would be as-  
signed to headquarters of the  
United States Army in the Pa-  
cific, at Hawaii, it was general-  
ly assumed that its destination  
was Taiwan.

Dispatches from Taiwan re-  
cently have told of a "crash  
program" of constructing mis-  
sile-launching sites.

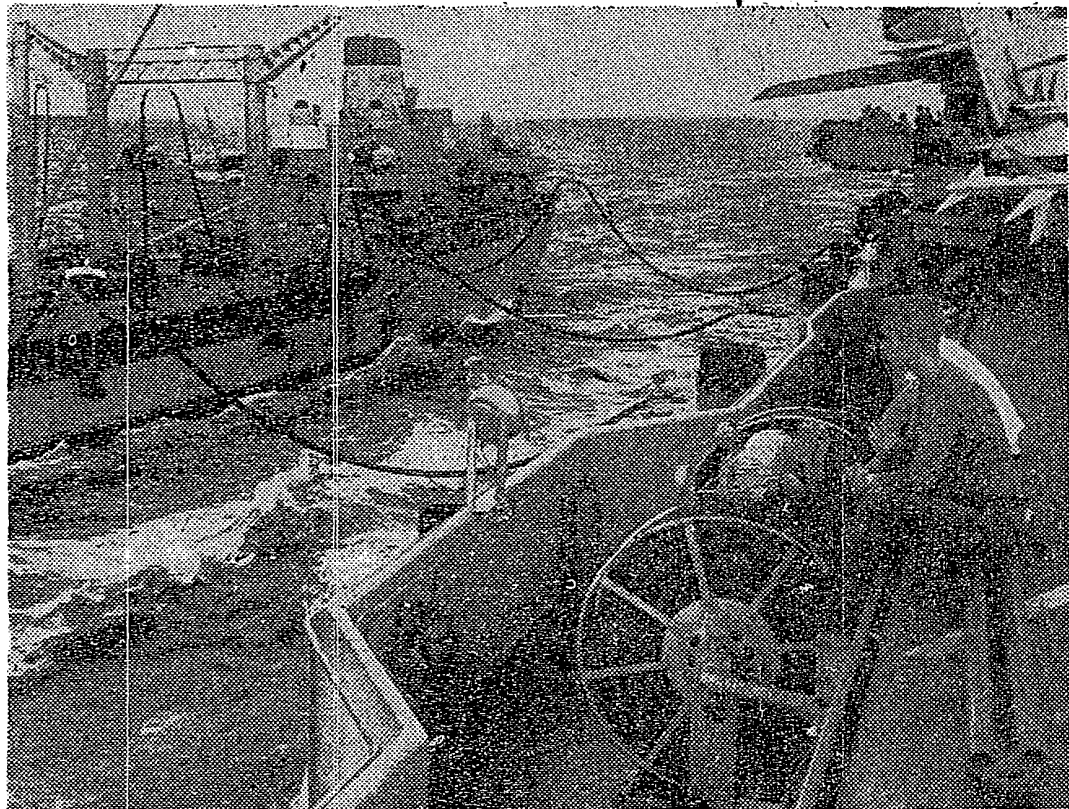
The Hercules, with an esti-  
mated range of 75 to 100 miles,  
would be the second type of  
United States missiles stationed  
on Taiwan. The Air Force has  
had Matador missiles, consist-  
ing of 600-mile-an-hour pilot-  
less aircraft, there for a year.

The Nike-Hercules is a twenty-  
seven-foot projectile fired  
by a cluster of four solid prop-  
ellant rockets, fourteen and a  
half feet long. A solid propel-  
lant sustainer motor accelerates  
it after the booster rockets  
fall away. A remote control  
system on the ground picks up  
the target electronically and  
directs the missile to intercept  
it.

It could carry an atomic or  
a conventional warhead.

The missile unit, which will  
leave the United States soon,  
is the second missile battalion  
of the Seventy-First Artillery  
Regiment at Fort Bliss, Texas.  
Consisting of 700 to 800 men,  
it is commanded by Lieut. Col.  
Bernard F. Greenberg of Wil-  
mington, Del.

Meanwhile the State Depart-  
ment confirmed reports that it  
had set up stand-by evacuation  
plans to get 11,000 to 12,000  
United States citizens out of  
Taiwan if necessary.



**TAIWAN STRAIT PATROL:** The carrier Midway takes on fuel during patrol mission  
in waters between Taiwan and Chinese mainland, where U. S. Seventh Fleet is on duty.

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