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TAIPEI, Formosa, Oct. 5 (Sunday) (AP) — A United States Nike-Hercules battalion with its deadly antiaircraft missiles is expected to reach Formosa Wednesday to help guard Nationalist China against bombing attack.

It will arrive during a period of concern over the possibility of new Red Chinese air assaults against Nationalist transport planes dropping supplies to blockaded Quemoy.

The Nike-Hercules is a ground-to-air missile that can be fired effectively 75 to 100 miles at speeds greater than sound. It has the capability of seeking out and destroying an aerial target despite evasive action.

Its potential will help free more Nationalist aircraft for use, if necessary, against more than 500 Red-starred MIG fighters poised on advanced mainland bases.

Four MIG-17's attacked and heavily damaged a Nationalist C46 transport over Quemoy Friday. There is fear the swift, low-level attacks will be

repeated in the future as the air-drop program grows.

Sources here speculated Red China may be seeking out such targets since its fighters have taken such severe maulings from Nationalist fighters in five separate days of previous combat. The Nationalists claim 29 MIGs have been shot down with no Nationalist losses.

A Nationalist announcement said the Reds fired a total of 3527 rounds at Quemoy Saturday. This was one of the lightest shellings since Aug. 23, when the offshore action began.

On the diplomatic front there was evidence Nationalist China would withhold further comment on reports America's Formosa policy is changing. Government officials said they would have nothing to say publicly either on U. S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles' assurances that no change is contemplated.

Radio Peking announced meantime that it has captured two Nationalist Chinese airmen from a transport supply

plane shot down off Quemoy Sept. 29.

[On Quemoy, an American officer told United Press International that the Chinese Communists have been firing an unusually high percentage of dud shells. Most of the duds were reported to be Russian-made.

[Army Col. Douglas Lane of Maysville, Okla., chief of the U. S. military advisory detachment on the island, said:

["There are bound to be some duds in every concentration of artillery fire. But the percentage of misfires, short rounds and duds counted on Quemoy runs four to five times the average expectable.

["Either the Russians are supplying the Chinese Communists with old, outdated ammunition, or somewhere along the line the ammunition is being tampered with to cause the misfires."]