

Germans Planned Supersonic Bomber Attacks on New York

WASHINGTON, July 14. (AP)—Hitler's scientists were at work on a supersonic bomber designed to bombard New York, the Army Air forces disclosed today—one item on a terror list of 136 secret weapons they were striving to perfect or improve at the war's end.

Colonel D. L. Putt, deputy chief of the air material command's technical intelligence division, said the bomber was expected to reach 154 miles above the earth. It was never finished, but Putt expressed belief that "time was the only obstacle" to its completion.

"The Germans hoped to destroy any city on earth with a fleet of 100 of these bombers within the space of a few day's operations," Putt said.

Putt drafted the official report on the Nazis' developments of guided missiles and other ultra-modern weapons.

Range of 3,000 Miles

One giant long-range winged rocket, which was in design stage, was to carry smaller rockets. These were to take off on their own at a specific point, attain speeds up to 5,800 miles an hour, and finish their trajectories in a long glide. The range of this

weapon was calculated at 3,000 miles, sufficient to span the Atlantic.

Other weapons, listed in a resume of Putt's report published by the official AAF Review, included rockets with which the Nazis hoped to break up the Allied bomber formations which leveled German cities.

The German missiles, Putt said, "used every known type of remote control and fusing means, including radio control, wire control, radar CW (continuous wave), accoustics, infrared, light beams and magnetics. In similar fashion all methods of employing jet propulsion for subsonic and supersonic speeds were being fully exploited."

Far Ahead on Ram Jet

He said the Germans were far ahead in the development of the ram jet engine, which is only now being put to use by the American Army and Navy air forces. In 1944 the Germans actually flight tested a unit designed to produce a gross thrust of 4,400 pounds at 500 miles an hour, Putt reported.

Although the Nazis lacked the atomic bomb, the Review said there was reason to believe they hoped until the end to be able to perfect some sort of atomic explosive to arm the V-2s with which they blasted London and Antwerp.

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