

BRITISH SEEK PLANTS FOR WORK ON ROCKETS

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LONDON, July 18—Steps are being taken to provide an industrial base for the development of bigger rocket missiles, it was indicated today by Sir Alwyn D. Crow, director of British research on guided projectiles. Sir Alwyn told a press conference that the Ministry of Supply was consulting a number of concerns on providing industrial capacity for a bigger V-2.

Reconnoitering on what is proposed to be the world's biggest guided rocket test on a range in the central Australian desert has been carried out simultaneously.

A new rocket research station is being built at Westcott, Buckinghamshire, and a staff is being recruited. Sir John Lennard-Jones, director general of scientific research, said his establishment was greatly interested in supersonic speed and contemplated speeds two and three times that of sound.

For airplanes, however, it would take years of research before supersonic flight could be achieved, said Sir Ben Lockspeiser, director general of air scientific research, another of the quartet of Britain's top-ranking scientists for whom the Ministry of Supply arranged today's conference. "The impression that supersonic aircraft are just around the corner is quite erroneous," Sir Ben said.

Discussing the problems of flying at the speed of sound, he said trouble might be met as a result of shock waves. In fact, he added, "we are very liable to, and have run into serious trouble at 600 miles an hour."

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