

MISSILE OR MYTH?

THE TRUTH ABOUT THE INTER-CONTINENTAL OR LONG-RANGE BALLISTIC MISSILE AS IT AFFECTS THE SECURITY OF YOURSELF, YOUR FAMILY, YOUR COUNTRY TODAY.

Every day we read in news reports of advances being made by ourselves and the Soviets in the development of long-range missiles. To many people, this news brings despair. Their reaction is "What protection can we have now?" or, "Of what use is our radar, our Ground Observer Corps?"

What are the facts? Advances in the development of missiles are being made, but . . . at a rate that does not make these weapons the major threat now, or in the near future. The major threat to our security is still long-range bombers.

To cope with this threat our radar, our Ground Observer Corps, our Nike installations, our fighter-in-

terceptor squadrons, are on 24-hour alert. Each is a vital part of our air defense system. Weakness in any part endangers the whole system.

The shortage of civilian volunteers is limiting the effectiveness of our Ground Observer Corps . . . weakening our air defense . . . endangering our security. The United States Air Force needs YOU as a civilian plane spotter.

In commenting on missile development, the Honorable Donald A. Quarles, Secretary of the Air Force, defined the major threat and emphasized the vital role of the Ground Observer Corps:

"While long-range ballistic missiles are undoubtedly being developed by potential enemy nations, any success apt to be achieved with these weapons in the near future will not be of such significance that primary reliance could be placed upon them. For some time, then, the greatest air threat to the United States would continue to be from long-range, fast, manned bombers.

For this reason the patriotic civilian volunteers of the Ground Observer Corps must continue to shoulder the tremendous responsibility of providing information not obtainable from our radar screen."

> DONALD A. QUARLES. Secretary of the Air Force

You are needed now. Just a few hours a week of your spare time can mean the safety of yourself, your family, your country. Volunteer today!

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