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America Has Potential To Avert 'Pearl Harbor' Of Space Age, Says AF

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Does the United States have the potential to prevent a space-age Pearl Harbor?

The Air Force thinks so. Accordingly, it is urging highest government priority for a system of military satellites with eyes to penetrate iron curtain areas and ability to help forestall surprise missile attack.

Called Midas and Samos, these satellites head a list of ambitious space projects under study or development by the Air Force Ballistic Missile Division (BMD) at Ingleside, Calif.

Military men in general reject the idea that space is an area for civilian exploration alone. They argue that space vehicles can no more be ignored militarily than warships and bombers.

President Eisenhower has said it is his "fixed conclusion" that space and defense are different. But he has made it clear that he would "exploit" any space activity the Defense Department thought would contribute to defense.

of the Space Technology Laboratories (STL) at Ingleside believe that warning and photo reconnaissance might provide the United States in the future with a margin of superiority in deterring Soviet attack.

Although it is little known, the Air Force's Discoverer satellite series is a research and development project leading directly to Midas and Samos. The space vehicle in the Discoverer series, the top stage of the rocket called Agena, is the only space vehicle being produced in this country on an assembly line basis.

In a recent visit to BMD in search of facts about the current defense and space controversies, a reporter obtained from A. F. Donovan, STL vice president and director of advanced systems planning, the reasoning behind the military satellite effort.

He noted that the U.S. monopoly on deterrent power ended in 1954 and that by 1958 the Soviet Union was claiming to have its

own strategic force.

Donovan pointed out that ballistic missiles give an aggressor many advantages. For example: —They can be launched in salvo, and defense against them is not yet practicable.

—They do not have to be in safe underground sites or mobile because they will not be attacked. They will be fired first.

Donovan said the United States needs "overwhelming superiority in a new deterrent approach, both revolutionary weapons systems and military space applications."

Space vehicles, he said, could counter the information-gathering

or intelligence-gathering advantage a Communist country has over a democracy and also could "eliminate the surprise attack advantage."

Donovan said optimistically that many of the obstacles to military

use of space can be overcome. He listed the obstacles as high costs, space and short life of space payload, difficulty of returning from orbit, loads.

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Youth Held For Murders

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — A 29-year old youth faced arraignment today on warrants charging murder in the slaying of his father and a family friend.

Dist. Atty. Joseph Bloodgood said John "Mike" Hayes, who collected guns for a hobby, admitted he shot his father, Harold, 48, director of the Madison Zoo, and Walter O. Nelson, 34, an insurance man, Saturday night.

Bloodgood quoted Hayes as saying "only God maybe knows why I did it—I don't."

Three other persons, including young Hayes, were wounded during the shooting spree.

Bloodgood said the shooting followed a party at the Hayes home attended by two young couples and the assailant's girl friend.

Hayes slapped one of the girls and the guests left.

The district attorney said the youth then evidently went berserk, tearing down drapes, wrecking furniture and lamps and smashing windows.

When Hayes and his wife and two other couples returned home, the youth opened fire, Bloodgood said. The elder Hayes and Nelson were cut down in the driveway by .22 caliber rifle bullets.

Another shot struck Arnold Rasmussen, who with his wife had attended a dinner gathering with the Hayes and Nelson.

The youth then opened fire on a neighbor, Larry McCollough, 16, striking him in the arm.

Sgt. Charles Lallins entered the home and found Hayes hiding in a bedroom. He fired at the door and Hayes fired one shot, the bullet striking his own foot. Then he threw the gun out the door and surrendered.

The youth was a Navy veteran with a medical discharge.

Weather Table

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

	High	Low	Pr
Albany, snow	35	23	.01
Albuquerque, clear	64	49	
Anchorage, clear	M	6	
Atlanta, clear	49	29	
Bismarck, snow	12	10	T
Boston, clear	42	28	
Buffalo, clear	28	12	
Chicago, clear	31	20	
Cleveland, snow	29	18	.01
Denver, snow	28	21	.10
Des Moines, cloudy	31	3	.03
Detroit, clear	34	22	.02
Fort Worth, rain	49	41	T
Helena, cloudy	40	29	.01
Honolulu, clear	81	63	
Indianapolis, cloudy	31	13	
Kansas City, snow	37	28	.02
Los Angeles, cloudy	68	53	
Louisville, clear	37	14	
Memphis, cloudy	50	31	
Miami, cloudy	72	68	
Milwaukee, clear	26	10	
Mpls.-St. Paul, clear	20	-8	
New Orleans, cloudy	58	40	
New York, cloudy	40	26	
Oklahoma City, rain	52	37	.05
Omaha, snow	24	10	.03
Philadelphia, clear	34	21	
Phoenix, clear	77	51	
Pittsburgh, snow	30	M	M
Portland, Me., cloudy	42	36	
Portland, Ore., cloudy	49	36	.10
Rapid City, snow	26	13	.04
Richmond, clear	37	11	
St. Louis, cloudy	33	22	
Salt Lake City, snow	39	31	.45
San Diego, clear	63	52	.11
San Francisco, clear	54	51	
Seattle, cloudy	45	33	.01
Tampa, clear	68	47	
Washington, clear	35	24	
(M — Missing; T — Trace)			

Matador Misfires

TAIPEI, Formosa (AP) — A Matador guided missile fired from Formosa in a test last January went off course and landed in the sea, the U. S. Taiwan (Formosa) Defense Command said today. There was no injury to personnel or property damage, the command said in response to inquiries. The command gave no details.

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