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U.S. NEWSMEN NAMED TO
COVER PACIFIC TEST

The U. S. Atomic Energy Commission and the Department of Defense today announced that 15 U.S. newsmen have been selected to observe and report a megaton range nuclear detonation scheduled for about May 1, 1956 at the Commission's Eniwetok Proving Ground.

A limited number of regional and state civil defense leaders also will be selected by the Federal Civil Defense Administration to observe the same detonation as a part of that agency's orientation and leadership program, and the U. S. Information Agency will have one representative present.

In addition to the newsmen named as principals to cover the test, alternates were selected in the event of inability of any principal to attend.

Those named are:

Associated Press - Elton C. Fay, Washington Bureau; alternate, William H. Becker, Los Angeles Bureau.

International News Service - Robert Considine, New York Bureau; alternate, James L. Kilgallen, New York Bureau.

United Press - Joseph L. Myler, Washington Bureau; alternate, Robert N. Bennyhoff, Reno, Nevada, Bureau.

Morning newspaper pool representatives - William L. Laurence, New York Times and Marvin Miles, Los Angeles Times; alternate, Victor Cohn, Minneapolis Star and Tribune.

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Afternoon newspaper pool representatives - Edwin A. Lahey, Chicago Daily News, and Thomas R. Phillips, St. Louis Post Dispatch; alternate, Tom Henry, Washington Star.

News periodicals pool representative - Leonard Slater, Chief of the Los Angeles Bureau of Newsweek.

News periodicals photo - J. R. Eyerman, Life Magazine, Santa Monica, California; alternate, Nathaniel R. Farbman, Life Magazine, San Francisco, California.

Photo syndicates pool representative - Frank C. Jurkoski, International News Photos, New York; alternate, David P. Lo Cicero, International News Photos, Los Angeles.

Radio networks pool representatives - Bryson Rash, American Broadcasting Company, Washington.

Carl Lindquist, American Broadcasting Company, New York; alternates, Don Goddard, ABC, New York, and Irving Garbo, ABC, New York.

Television networks pool representatives - Dexter Alley, National Broadcasting Company, Los Angeles; Ted Mann, National Broadcasting Company, Los Angeles; and Wade Bingham, Columbia Broadcasting System, Tokyo; alternates, Eugene Barnes, NBC, Los Angeles; John Hofen, NBC, Washington; and Richard Kallsen, CBS, Formosa.

The newspapermen selected to represent morning and evening newspapers on a pool basis were named by the Standing Committee of Correspondents of the Capitol Press Gallery; pool photographic selections were made by the White House Photographers Association; and those for radio and television by the Washington Radio and Television Correspondents Association. Executives of three weekly news periodicals were asked to select a news periodical pool representative. Two declined a pool arrangement but Newsweek agreed to cover on a pool basis. The weekly news periodicals, except Life-Time, were not interested in participating in photographic coverage.

The newsmen and Federal Civil Defense Administration observers will assemble in Honolulu April 23 and 24, 1956 and will be flown to the Eniwetok Proving Ground by Military

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Air Transport. At the Proving Ground they will be berthed on the Mount McKinley (AGC-7) which is being fitted out with special communications equipment.

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