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AEC AND DOD ANNOUNCE TESTS
TO BE HELD AT ENIWETOK

The Department of Defense and the Atomic Energy Commission today announced Joint Task Force 132 will conduct tests in the autumn months of this year looking toward the development of atomic weapons. The tests will be held at the Commission's Pacific Proving Grounds on Eniwetok Atoll of the Marshall Islands in the Pacific. They will be conducted under full security provisions of the Atomic Energy Act. Only official observers of the United States government and members of the task force will be present at the tests. The organization of Joint Task Force 132 under the command of Maj. Gen. Percy W. Clarkson was announced February 18, 1952.

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