U.S. Test rockets at Big Two meet

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Illuminated by searchlights, the rocket gives off a dazzling glow as it speeds away - to land successfully - in the pre-selected target area. But the chief interest is centred around the first test launch of the U.S. Navy's "Vanguard" - the rocket schedule to carry the American 300 miles satellite/into outer space.

On this occasion, only the first-stage rocket was under test... the other two stages were dummies.

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