

## Weird Structure To Launch Missiles

Edwards AFB, Calif. — (U.P.) — The Air Force was completing today a weird structure that will eventually lead to launching of rockets and guided missiles twice the size of anything currently possible.

The structure is being constructed high on a rocky cliff in the Mojave Desert. It is a giant concrete test stand designed to hold in harness rockets having up to 1 million pounds of thrust.

Previous test stands built by the Air Force have only been able to handle rocket engines up to 300,000 pounds in thrust.

The new stand looks like something created by a science fiction writer. The test stand itself juts from the top of the cliff like an unfinished concrete cantilever bridge that the builders abandoned and left jutting into space. The towers rise 10 stories high. The Air Force said that the stand must be able to withstand tremendous upward strain as well as to bear the dead weight of huge rockets.

## 'Lord Godiva' To Ride As Publicity Gimmick

Southsea, England — (U.P.) — Lady Godiva rode through the streets of Coventry to get the internal revenue bureau or whoever it was in those days to chop taxes.

Now a "Lord Godiva" may repeat the act in this resort town but only as a publicity stunt.

David Evans, in charge of entertainment here, announced he would ride a horse through Southsea in the buff if Southsea loses a beauty contest Sept. 14. He said he had never ridden before.

Salem — (U.P.) — Non-partisan election of the state labor commissioner has been recommended by the legislative interim committee on elections.



**FOUR WOMEN PICKNICKERS**, carried 150 feet when a segment of Pacific Palisades, near Santa Monica, broke loose, miraculously emerged with only back injuries and numerous bruises as they rode the slide to the bottom. Tons of earth broke away to bury a section of the Pacific Coast highway and cover automobiles. (International)

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## Grants Pass Youth Changes Guilty Plea

Grants Pass, Ore. — (U.P.) — Lloyd Eugene Wahl, 18, indicted for murder May 4 of his 6-year-old cousin Kathleen Sue Wahl, has withdrawn his plea of guilty in Circuit Court here and his attorney, Samuel M. Bove entered a plea for him of not guilty by reason of insanity.

Judge Orval J. Millard set Sept. 11 as the date for a sanity hearing.

## Cabin Fire Fatal To Man Near Grants Pass

Grants Pass — (U.P.) — Fred Brown, 69, died yesterday in a fire that destroyed his cabin, another cabin and a workshop east of here. Cause of the fire has not been determined. Brown, former railroad worker, prospector and logger, lived alone.

## Writer Elliott Paul Divorced by Wife

Hollywood — (U.P.) — Writer Elliott Paul, 65, has been divorced by his former secretary, Mrs. Nancy McMahon, Paul, 38, on testimony he drank too much and hit her.

Paul, author of "The Last Time I Saw Paris," did not contest the decree granted his fifth wife. Her name was brought into the divorce action of his fourth wife in 1950. Mrs. Barbara Paul charged in her divorce suit that the secretary appeared more attractive to the author than she did.

Salem — (U.P.) — A petition for rehearing of the George F. Sack murder case has been filed with the State Supreme Court.

## Deschutes Going Through Diversion Tunnel

Madras — (U.P.) — A 400-foot long section of the Deschutes river bed is now dry, construction officials at Pelton dam report. The entire river flow is going through a diversion tunnel.

Temporary coffer dams have been built at the entrance and the outlet of the tunnel and work is now under way on the concrete power dam being built for Portland General Electric Co.

## Oregon War Orphans To Receive Benefits

Salem — (U.P.) — Approximately 1350 Oregon war orphans will soon be eligible for schooling benefits, the State Department of Veterans' Affairs reported today.

Under provisions of a 1956 congressional act, benefits ranging from \$50 to \$110 a month for as long as three years will take effect for children of veterans or servicemen who died of injuries or diseases resulting from service in either world war or the Korean conflict.

## Sociologist Shatters Stereotype of Farmer

Ithaca, N.Y. — (U.P.) — The notion of overall-clad country folk gawking at tall buildings and city dwellers trying clumsily to harness a team of horses has been shattered once and for all, according to a Cornell university professor.

"There never really was much truth," said Prof. W. A. Anderson, "to the belief that the rural mind was narrow and farmers could be detected by their outlook and physical appearance."

"A farmer can walk up Broadway and you cannot tell if he's a farmer or business executive," the rural sociologist added.

"In fact there may be some danger that we may become too much alike," Anderson said.

Anderson said increased education, communication and travel have made rural and urban people alike in customs, dress and "the way we think."

## EOKA Underground Blasts Major's Home

Nicosia, Cyprus — (U.P.) — The anti-British EOKA underground blew the roof off the home of a British army major yesterday in reply to charges that exiled Archbishop Makarios took a direct hand in violence on Cyprus.

The EOKA distributed leaflets in Nicosia Tuesday night declaring it would make no formal answer to British allegations that Makarios was involved in underground activities.

"Our reply lies with arms," the leaflets said. Two hours after midnight, a bomb blew the roof off the home of Maj. Thomas Chetty, just a few yards from the Acropole Hotel, residence of many British police officers serving here. The hotel itself was bombed three weeks ago.

## College Provost Retires After 41 Years in Field

Riverside, Calif. — (U.P.) — Gordon S. Watkins, first provost of the University of California at Riverside, retired June 30 after 41 years in American education.

He taught at the University of Illinois before joining the University of California at Los Angeles faculty in 1925. In 1949 he was assigned by the university to establish a new College of Letters and Science at Riverside and integrate it with the Citrus Experiment Station.

Salem — (U.P.) — Robert H. Foley, Bend, has been reappointed to the State Water Resources Board.

## Eisenhower Obtains Oil Painting of White House

Buffalo, N.Y. — (U.P.) — An old painting of the White House done by one of Buffalo's best-known artists has wound up at President Eisenhower's Gettysburg farmhouse.

Virginia Cuthbert sent the painting to the President "as one painter to another and as a native of Pennsylvania." She is the wife of Philip C. Elliott, director of Albright Art School, University of Buffalo.

The 21-by-16-inch painting was commissioned by Fortune magazine and was reproduced on its January, 1956, cover. The White House is viewed from the Pennsylvania Ave., or official, side.

**LAYS WREATH**  
 Moscow — (U.P.) — Indonesia's President Sukarno laid a wreath on the Lenin-Stalin Tomb in Moscow's Red Square today.

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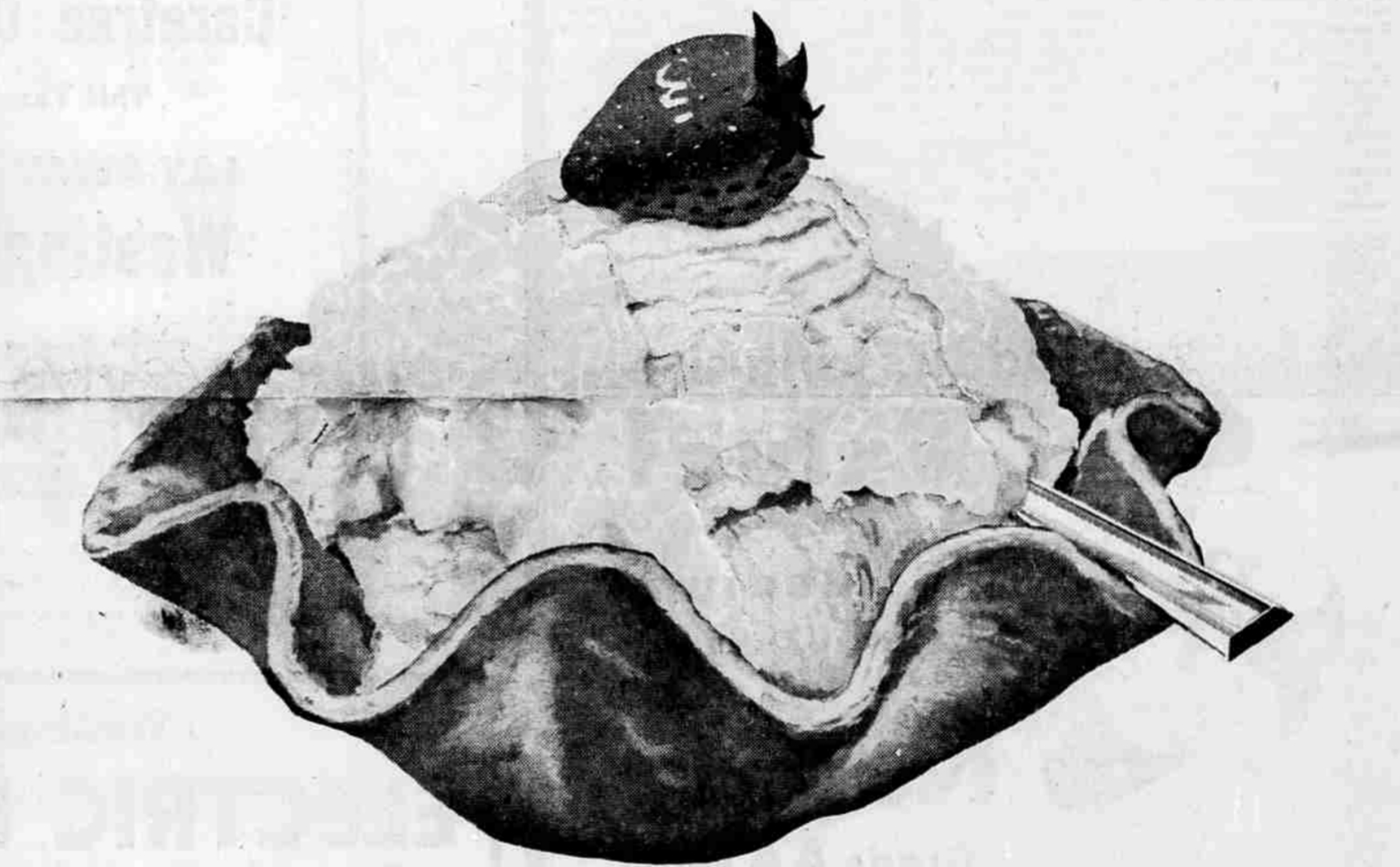
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