

'Hush' Curtain Shrouds Australian Rocket Range

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SYDNEY, Nov. 28 (AP)—The most hush-hush spot in Australia is in the middle of a big red stony desert.

The British empire's long range weapons establishments at Woomera, 250 miles northwest of Adelaide, is known generally as the "rocket range."

It's shrouded in secrecy. The Australian public knows that they test rockets out there, but that is all.

Recently Australian newsmen were taken on a tour, only the second since construction began three years ago. They were allowed to stay overnight this time. Last night they were shooed out before nightfall. During the whole tour, security officers walked at their elbows.

The newsmen saw rockets—small ones—being tested. They looked over the model village for workers. They talked with range scientists and engineers. They were not much wiser when they left.

Bridges Aims At Judge In Perjury Trial

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 28 (AP)—Harry Bridges' attorneys had their legal guns trained on Judge George Harris today.

Trial of the West Coast CIO longshore leader was recessed last Wednesday until today because of the Thanksgiving holiday. Chief Defense Attorney Vincent Hallinan filed a motion Saturday with the U. S. district court clerk to disqualify Judge Harris from hearing the case.

"If Judge Harris on Monday does not admit our point, then we'll take appropriate steps," Hallinan said. Judge Harris has sentenced Hallinan to six months in jail for contempt of court. The jail term is to begin at the end of Bridges' trial.

Perjury Charge
Bridges, who came to the United States from Australia, is being tried on charges growing out of his naturalization in 1945. He is accused of perjury and conspiracy. Two other longshore union officials, J. R. Robertson and Henry Schmidt, are being tried with him on charges of conspiracy.

Assistant U. S. Attorney R. B. McMillan said last night that the government will oppose the move to disqualify Harris.

"We'll fight this motion, of course," McMillan said. "There are a number of technical points involved. We do not agree with Mr. Hallinan."
In an affidavit filed Saturday with the disqualifying motion, Bridges charged Judge Harris "expressed bias and prejudice against the defendants."
Bridges said in the affidavit: "Judge Harris has engaged in the theory of the defense... and of the counsel employed by the defendants."

One writer from The Melbourne Argus said that when he returned to Melbourne he was treated as the man from the rocket range, with as much awe as if he had been the man from the moon.

"That's a good example of how Australians view this project. Actually the range is still in its infancy. The present length has not been announced, but eventually it will stretch 1500 miles across the desert center of Australia to the northwest coast. From there it will be extended, if required, another 1500 miles across the Indian ocean towards Christmas Island.

Weapons now being tested are small.

Biggest rocket the newsmen saw fired was a three-inch one. The British army was using a similar type six years ago.

Secret List
Range engineers say other test missiles have been fired but are still on the "secret list."

One of the key men at the range is British Major I. B. R. Cater. He is principal officer in charge of range facilities.

Major Cater told the newsmen that right now the main work at the range is not to test rockets, but to test the instruments that tell the story of the rocket's flight.

There are hundreds of workers at the range, including 400 displaced persons from Europe. Strange as it may seem, many of these have never seen a rocket fired.

Most of the research and development of long-range missiles is being done in Britain. They are tested on the Woomera range.

Pilotless Plane Flies 100 Miles

MT. OLIVE, Ill., Nov. 28 (AP)—A plane took off without its pilot yesterday and flew 100 miles before it crashed.

No one was hurt in the freak take-off and crash. The light plane was owned by the Curry Flying Service of Galeburg.

Arthur Mayer, in charge of flights for the service, said Jack Hallas of Galeburg landed the plane at the Mt. Olive airport and went around the wing to look at the propeller. As he touched it, the motor started with a roar and the plane moved forward. Hallas scrambled aside. The plane took off, climbed rapidly in a bank to the left and sailed out of sight.

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And it's quite a job, too. Hundreds of thousands of women are doing the same thing. And the mother carries most of the load in keeping her husband and family in good health, in shaping the character of the children, in organizing the home life, and so on.

But there's one important part of her husband's business that she should know about. It's important because it affects her life, and the future of the



children. It might even mean all the difference between security and despair. It's the matter of life insurance. If the unexpected should happen—and it does—every housewife and mother should have the protection which only life insurance can give.

Yes, that part of her husband's business is really important, and every housewife and mother should know about it. What life insurance has to do is it enough to give the family a reasonable chance to carry on if the wage-earner died?

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