



**Missile Misses**

The corner of Maple and Henrietta became a parking spot for a U.S. Navy Talos missile last week. The giant 44-foot surface to air missile was put on display by the Royal Oak

**Thailand Teen Enters Bingham 'House of Guest'**

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**BINGHAM FARMS**—A transposed version with contemporary overtones—of the "King and I" stepped lightly off the Greyhound bus recently, right into the hearts and home of the Edgar A. Guest Jr.'s of Bingham Lane and the "Sunnyvale" of radioland.

Makehate Mahatharadol of Bangkok, Thailand, in concert with hundreds of young foreign exchange students sponsored by the American Field Service, is lyrically living "Getting to Know You" for the next 10 months.

But her new American family is wondering if they'll use the vast store of information they gathered at the Baldwin Library and other sources on the customs and geography of the little country in southeast Asia. Cranking since the end of July when word of "Lee's" assignment to them came, the Guests left no book unturned to prepare for the visitor.

**THEY KNOW** all about the national average rainfall, the chief products and produce, the mean temperatures, the height of mountain peaks, the agriculture and resources. They can name temples, famous Buddhists, rivers and have probably considered having a diet of fish and rice several times a week.

You know "Bud" Guest—ask him a question and he articulates. Besides there's always his book "About a Thousand Things."

But the encyclopedia didn't quite prepare them for the disarming young miss, who wears Bermudas and sneakers like she'd lived in them all her life—cause she has.

The perky and pretty seventeen-year-old daughter of a well-known furniture manufacturer who emigrated Western ways long before she crossed the Pacific is happy proof that there's no collision when East meets West. Just a delightful blending of cultures.

**GUEST'S DAUGHTER**, Jane, a senior at Kingswood, couldn't be happier. It was really all her idea. Having enjoyed a long succession of AFS exchange students at her school, she persuaded her family she would like to share her home and parents with a "sister" from another land.

All through the spring she mailed it over and when Kingswood administrators made their annual request for a volunteer family to house this year's student, Jane put pressure on her mother and dad.

In proper parental form, they tallied the pros and cons. But Jane knew it was in the bag. Her



EDGAR A. GUEST, JR.

mother, who has been a Girl Scout leader for 15 years, still heads Mariner troop 749 and has sponsored all sorts of International Friendship causes.

So, the correspondence began to flow. Big sister, Ellen, now teaching at Grandville, Ohio, was gradually dispossessed of her room.

**THOUGH THE** Guests are impressed with "Lee's" English, they were even more impressed with the beautifully written letters they received from her father. Though he doesn't speak English, his correspondence is handled by a male secretary "who writes exquisitely."

"Lee" comes from a home with two servants. However, she has been very observant of the American do-it-yourself process. She makes her bed, helps with the dishes, quietly sets the table when dinner preparations start. She's even tried ironing though she had never done it before.

Although she has never had to "baby-sit" with her two younger sisters and three younger brothers, she seems to understand the problem and didn't question Mrs. Guest's "baby-sitting" her grandchildren.

**THE GUESTS** are delighted with her rating attitude. So far she has qualified as a member of the "Clean Plate Club" though Mrs. Guest has assured her she didn't have to eat everything if she didn't like it. It was considered polite in America, if you at least tried everything.

Speaking English carefully but well, Lee will get a little diction tutoring from her new "father," you can bet. Using the oriental "I" in place of "It," she has trouble with words like "respect" . . . it comes out "lespects". So, Bud is working on it. But he nearly gave up when they encountered a Blue Spruce tree in the yard. This conceded Bud, was a bit too much for so early in the game.

**LEE KNOWS** all about Christmas. A Buddhist by religious training, she nevertheless regards the Christmas tree as a symbol of a special holiday. Having attended a Christian school, she'll be right in step Dec. 25. She has already said Christmas means "It is better to give than receive."

A typical teenager, Lee knows all about hot dogs, hamburgers and cokes. Even cotton candy has become universal, the Guests have learned. They took "Lee" to the State Fair the first night they brought her home. She wasn't overly impressed. "We have things like this too," she said.

"After all they get 'Hawaiian I', 'Have Gun Will Travel' and all our Westerners on TV in Thailand too, so the Guests are finding out it's the simple things that truly amaze her."

**APPLES ROLLING** into clichés for instance. This is delightful to her. In Thailand, one pays forty cents for an apple. Here they are to be found by the roadside!

So, the Guests have started to

relax. "Lee" finds amusement in playing the piano and knitting. She goes to bed early and sleeps well.

They'll know when the rest of her luggage comes if she is prepared for a Michigan winter. She may like to try skiing and other winter sports. In a week's time

**Warnick Promoted At Korea Post**

Byron L. Warnick, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Warnick, 1291 Bird, Birmingham, has been promoted to private first class in Korea, where he is serving with

Headquarters Company, 7th Infantry Division.

Warnick, a security guard in the company, entered the Army in November, 1961, completed basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., and arrived overseas last June. He attended Seaholm High School.

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Army National Guard Pvt. Michael J. Kuckelman, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter F. Kuckelman, 272 Cranbrook, Birmingham, has completed eight weeks of advanced individual training as a cannonner under the Heavy Forces Act program at The Artillery and Missile Center, Fort Sill, Okla.

Kuckelman received instruction in the operation, capabilities and limitations of field artillery guns, howitzers and heavy machineguns.

He received basic training at Fort Knox, Ky.

Kuckelman is a 1961 graduate of Villanova (Pa.) University and a member of Delta Phi Epsilon fraternity. He was employed by Lafayette Steel Co., Detroit, before going on active duty.

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