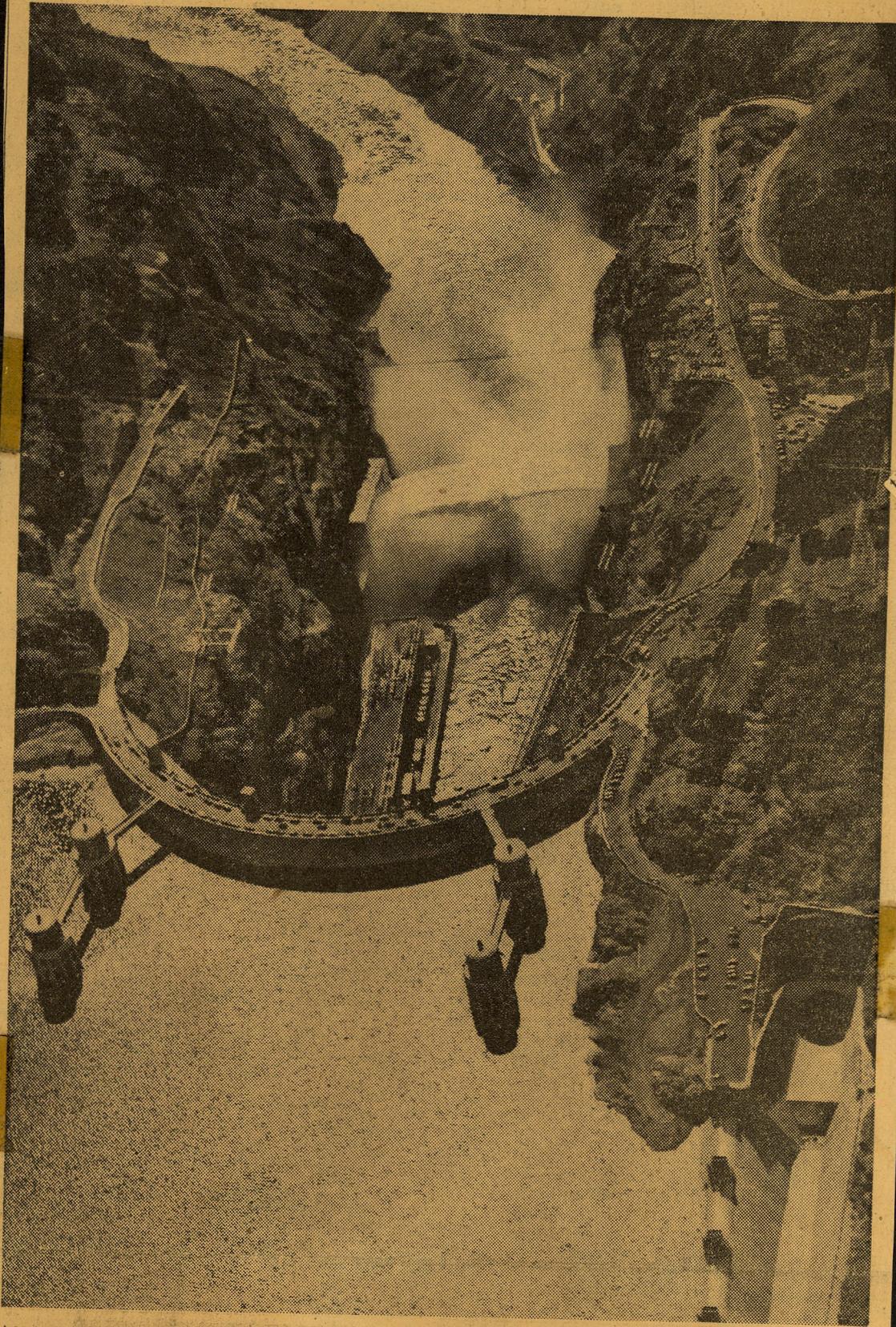


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Spectacular Tests at Hoover Dam Attract Crowd of 25,000 Persons



NIAGARA DWARFED—Taken from a T.W.A. plane, this photo at Hoover Dam shows waterfall created when Lake Mead waters were sent plunging into Colorado River.

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BOULDER CITY, Sept. 29.—As the man-made thunder caused by 11 giant gusts of water from Hoover Dam outlet valves died away after Saturday's test operations, Boulder City officials today counted the 2,500,000th visitor to the world-famed hydroelectric project and Lake Mead desert resort.

This unnamed celebrity was included somewhere among the

20,000 persons who arrived by Union Pacific train and T.W.A. airliner for the fourth anniversary celebration of Hoover Dam operations—or among the 5000 others who motored to this amazing 20th century frontier city.

What they witnessed yesterday will long be remembered.

From a height of 183 feet, the 11 mighty streams of water cascaded to the Colorado River below. They formed a falls

higher than Niagara; their thunder was audible for miles; their spray formed double rainbows.

Since Hoover Dam was opened in 1936, area officials estimated, 2,500,000 persons have visited the huge project. They added that sight-seeing continues "as usual"—despite frequent rumors that the Boulder City and dam territory have been closed because of "sabotage threats."