

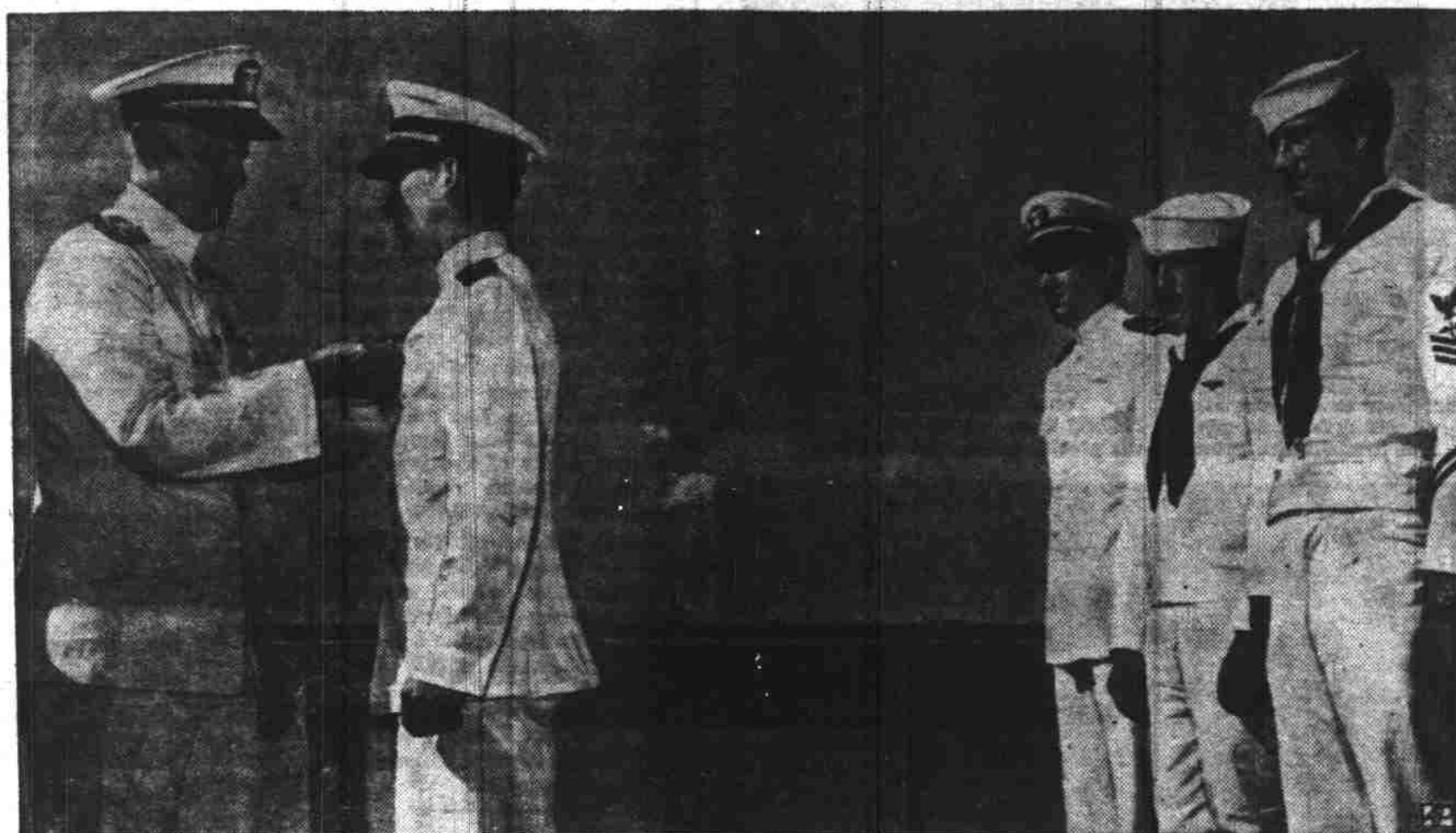
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AT SIGHT OF BOMBS—Paul Tarnofsky, a senior post air raid warden in Brooklyn, N. Y., demonstrates the proper way to extinguish an incendiary bomb. He wears an asbestos fire-fighting suit, and uses an asbestos blanket to smother the bomb.



HORRORS OF WAR—Wartime rubber scarcity really pinches, says New York Showgirl Virginia Wilson who squeezes—with the help of Irene Vernon, Virginia Morris (kneeling) and Ruth Brady—into an old-fashioned corset.



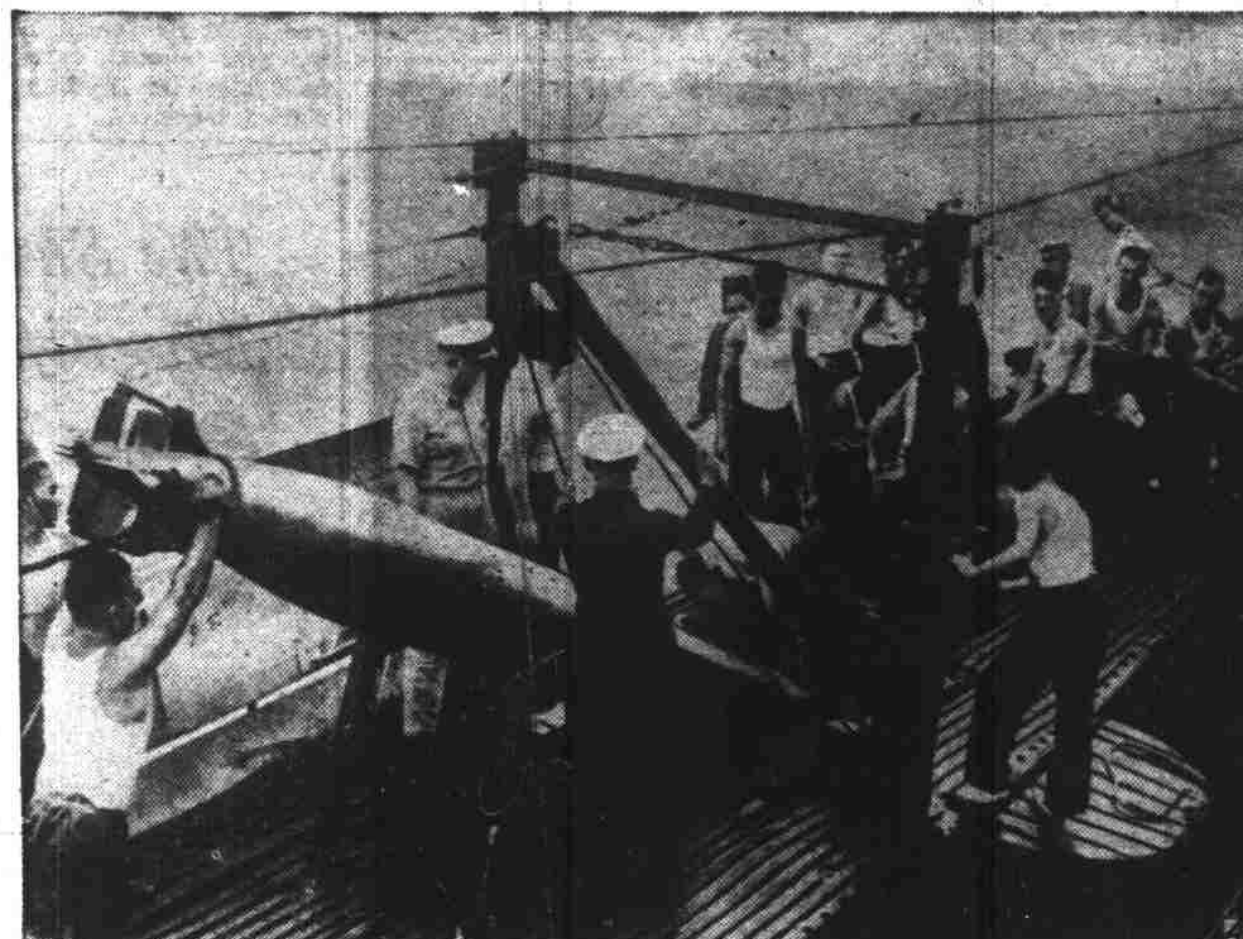
THE STUFF OUR YANKS ARE MADE OF—Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, Pacific Fleet commander, in a ceremony at Pearl Harbor pins the Navy Cross on Ensign Francis M. Fiser, 23, of Ivanhoe, N. C., in tribute to a "million-to-one" chance taken when a navy patrol bomber with Fiser in charge landed on heavy seas to rescue nine army airmen adrift in rubber life-rafts. Watching, left to right: Ensign C. F. Gimber of Pennsylvania; Aviation Machinist Mate Leonard H. Wagoner of Bakersville, N. C., co-pilot who also got the Navy Cross; W. B. Watson of Gore, Okla., aviation machinist mate.



GOING UP!—Ski experts will say that this mode of ascent is most elementary—using the herringbone technique to make progress up an incline—but it looks rather complicated to an amateur. The men are climbing Lac Beauport in Quebec.



THREE'S A CROWD—Hitler and Marshal Antonescu are the portrait buddies of Rumania's King Mihai in the palace of the Rumanian governor at Tiraspol, former Russian city.



HOW THE DUTCH PREPARE—On guard against Japanese thrusts are the Dutch East Indies, where naval forces that include the above submarine, taking on a torpedo load, keep watch.



WORRIES—In his shirt sleeves, Sen. Walter F. George of Georgia, chairman of the senate finance committee, studies the President's 59 billion dollar, 1172-page war budget, an alltime record. Total World War I cost U.S. about 30 billion.



MARITIME BOARD—Dr. Frank Graham, North Carolina University president, and Rear Admiral Emory S. Land (right), chairman of U.S. Maritime Commission, were nominated by F.D.R. to a war emergency board to settle differences between sea personnel and vessel operators. Not shown is John E. Steelman, another nominee.

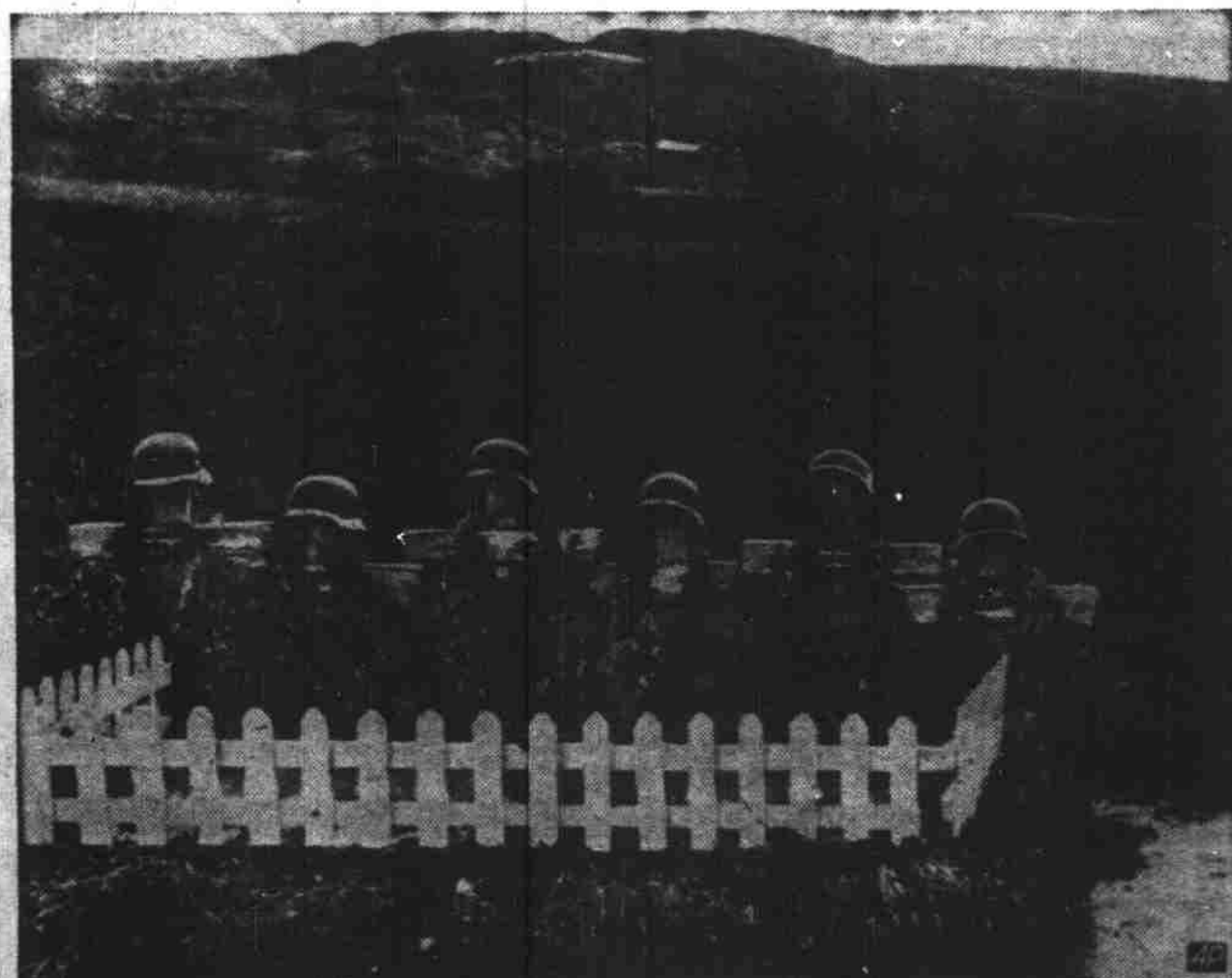


PREXY—New president of Consolidated Aircraft corporation at San Diego, Cal., is Harry Woodhead (above), who assumed his duties Jan. 1. He succeeds Maj. Reuben Fleet.

WHERE AMERICAN NATIONS MEET



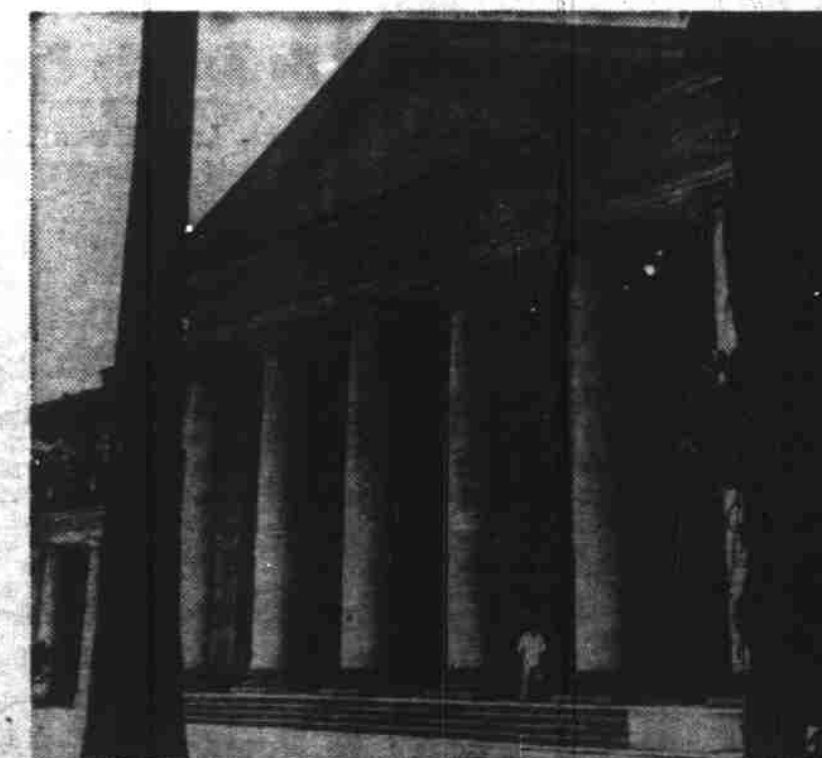
SOLID GROUND FOR SOLIDARITY—Through these palm-fringed paths, delegates attending the Jan. 15 conference of American foreign ministers in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, will possibly stroll between sessions of the meetings planned to strengthen western hemisphere solidarity. Building is the Brazilian foreign ministry, where business sessions of conference are to be held.



PATHS THAT LED TO GRAVES—Names on the tiny markers scratched out by censors, these graves of German soldiers killed in the Nazis' Russian campaign appear somewhere behind the German-Russian front which, by the way, has been subject to change because of the Russian offensive that got under way in mid-November. At rear is a demolished Soviet bunker.



IN THE PINK—Brown and pink are combined happily in this new chapeau worn by Foggy Diggins of the movies. It's smart with a large rosette and fine brown veiling, and can lift one's spirits during these in-between season days.



CONFERENCE CENTER—This is one of the main assembly halls of Palacio Namorati, the Brazilian foreign ministry in Rio de Janeiro, where foreign ministers of the American republics meet starting Jan. 15 to consider wartime conditions.



AGAINST—On eve of Rio conference, Enrique Ruiz Guzman, Argentina's foreign minister, indicated in Buenos Aires that his country will not participate in any move that would involve her in "belligerent or pre-belligerent actions" against Axis.