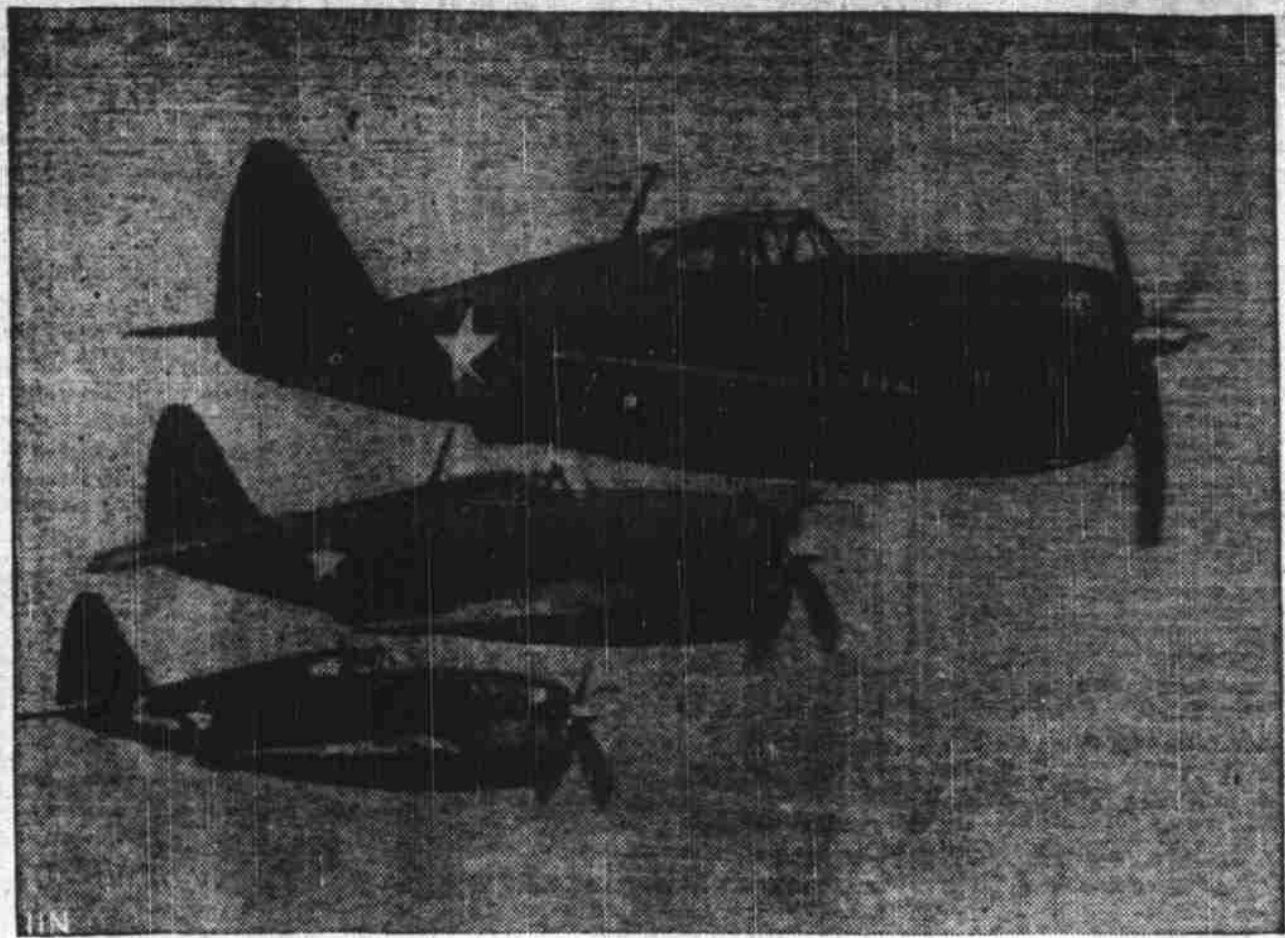
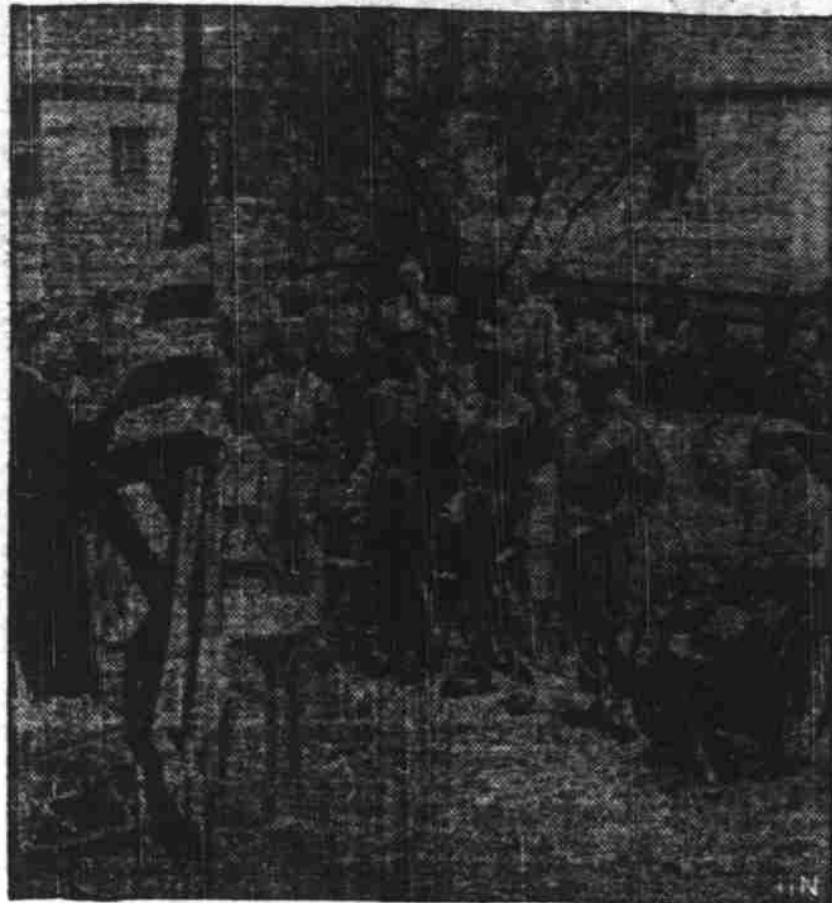


NEWS IN PICTURES



Now in production for the U. S. Army Air Forces, these Republic P-47 planes, known as the "Thunderbolts," are the fastest single-engined planes in the world, according to the Army. The planes, single-placed, all-metal fighters, have done 680 miles per hour in a power dive test and in excess of 400 miles per hour in level flight. Superchargers take these planes to 40,000 feet when needed. U. S. Army Air Forces photo.



Heroic in their defense of Bataan and Corregidor before the island strongholds fell to the Japanese, these Philippine Scouts receive U. S. citizenship in an unprecedented ceremony at a hospital at Fort Dix, N. J. The Scouts, some of them still suffering from wounds received in action, are shown taking the oath of allegiance. (I. I. N. Phonophoto)



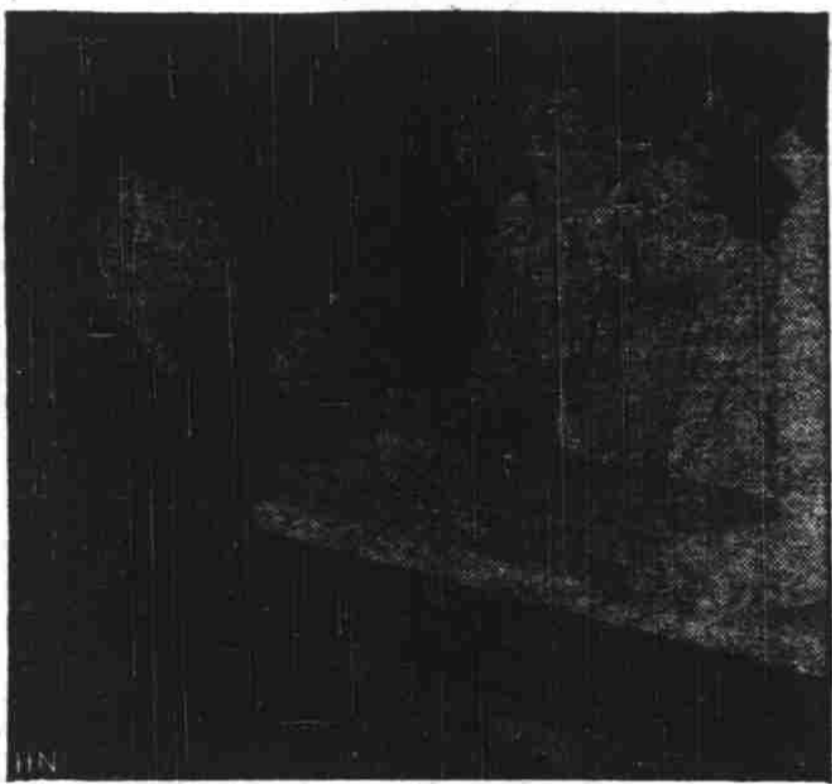
With his first wife, center, and his second wife beside him, Robert Pruitt, 23, left, appears in Chicago court on a bigamy charge, the aftermath of an unusual baby case in a Chicago hospital. Mrs. Alice Pruitt, center, and wife No. 2, Helen, right, gave birth to babies the same day in the same hospital. Pruitt was named as the father of both. Pruitt was ordered held to the grand jury.



Little three-year-old Evelyn Miller feeds her brother Ronald, 1, with a bottle in a welfare home in Philadelphia, Pa., after they had been found emaciated and semi-conscious in a littered tenement flat. They are the children of a sailor serving aboard a U. S. destroyer. The mother, "apparently ill," according to investigators, was arrested on a charge of violating the Child Welfare Law.



Superintendent of Columbia, S. C. schools, A. C. Flora, above, has been named president of the National Educational Association for the coming year. Flora, who succeeds Mrs. Myrtle Hooper Fahl of Minneapolis, was elected at the national convention of the N. E. A. in Denver.



Simon Lake, pioneer in undersea boats, is shown, left, with two members of the U. S. senate military affairs sub-committee in Washington, explaining a model of new freight-carrying submarines which he designed. Senators Edwin C. Johnson of Colorado is center and Josh Lee of Oklahoma is at right. Lake told the sub-committee of a secret silencing device which he had perfected, claiming it could pave the way for a fleet of sub freighters which could elude planes, ships and other undersea craft. Lake advocated cargo-carriers capable of transporting 7,500-ton loads of bulky supplies and men to the fighting zones. (I. I. N. Phonophoto)



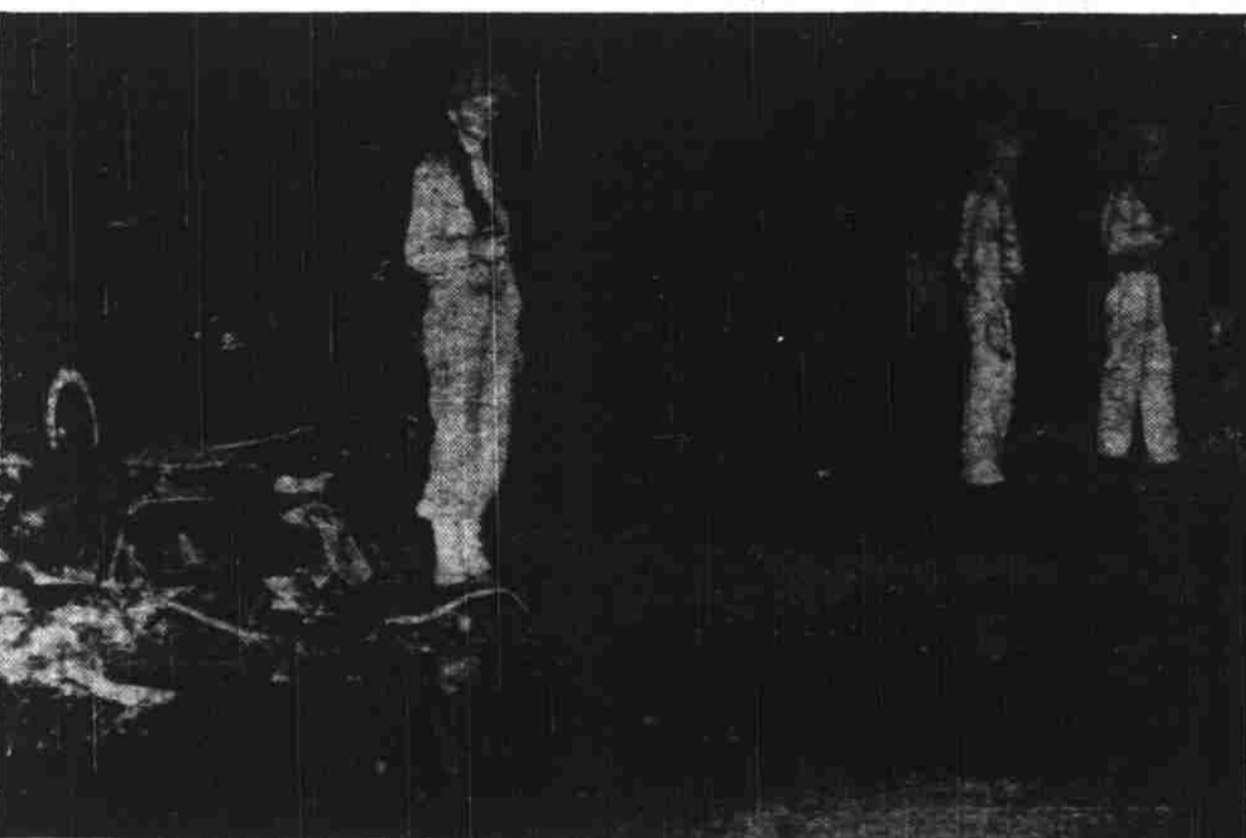
Chicago's famous Stevens hotel, the world's largest, and the Congress have been taken over by the U. S. Army for housing trainees in the Army Air Corps and here we see Army men enjoying their first meal in the hotel's Boulevard room, once the dining room of nationally-famous personalities. Chicago is experiencing a hotel jam due to the Army's acquisition of the two large hotels, the increase in war industry personnel in the area and the influx of parents and relatives visiting soldiers and sailors.



Pretty Mimim Cabanne, featured singer with Horace Heidt's orchestra, has been named honorary "Sweetheart of the 33rd" by the men of the 33rd Infantry division, Camp Atterbury, Ind. The choice was a good one as Miss Cabanne's father is a colonel, her grandfather a retired major general and her great-grandfather a general in the Civil war. Besides, she was born at an Army post.



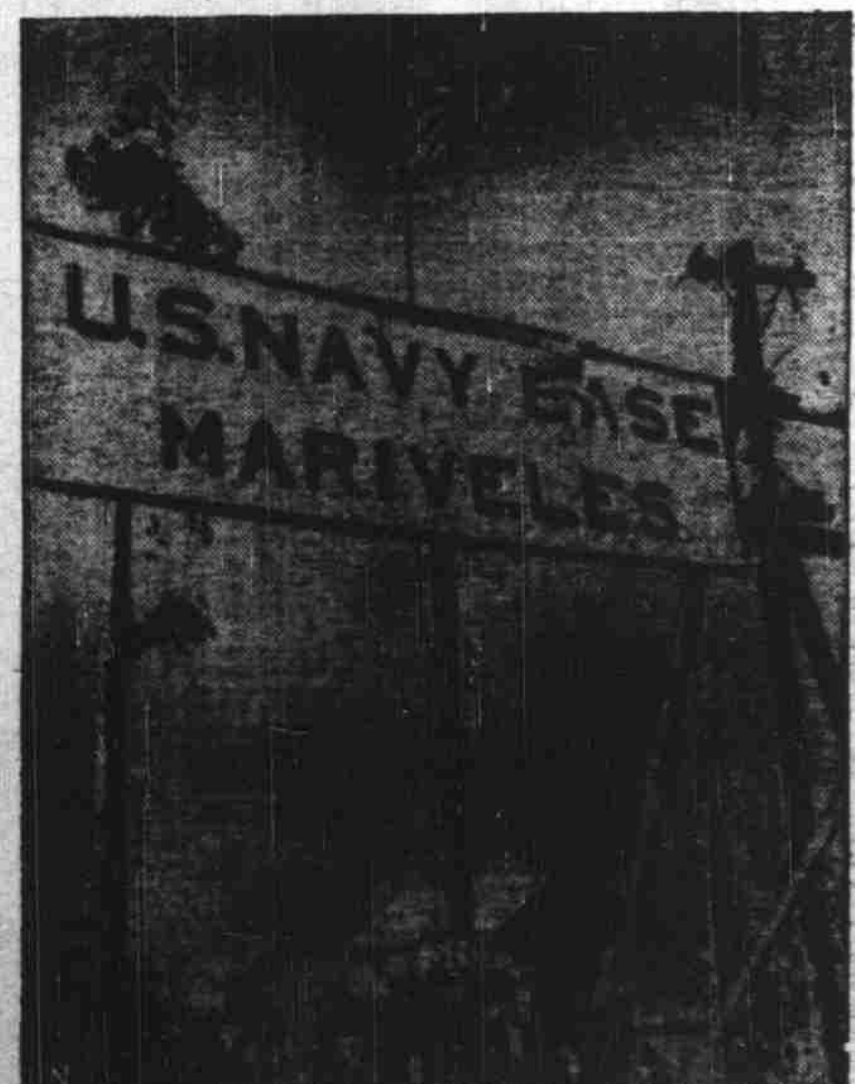
Maintaining a constant watch over the Caribbean area under the command of Gen. Frank M. Andrews are these U. S. Army gunners, members of the large force protecting the vital approaches to the Panama Canal. Constant training has prepared them for any Axis trespassers. That camouflaged gun would be certain to make plenty of trouble for anyone on the receiving end.



Soldiers are shown guarding the tangled remains of an army training plane that crashed up on a parking lot in Newark, N. J. Killed in the crash were Lieut. Col. George R. Smith, the pilot, and Major J. J. Simondal. The plane, flying at high altitude through a heavy rainstorm, suddenly nosedived and tore into the lot with such force that the motor plowed fifteen feet into the ground, digging a big circular hole. Two parked cars were shattered in the crash.



Filing suit for divorce in Los Angeles, Lois Andrews Jessel, 18, charged her 24-year-old husband, George Jessel, stage comedian, with "cruel and inhuman treatment." Her complaint said a property settlement had been arranged. The couple was married two years ago in Detroit, Mich.



According to the caption accompanying this picture, received in New York from neutral Portugal, the Japanese flag flies over the U. S. naval base at Mariveles in the Philippines. The torn sign indicates that a battle took place here before the heroic defenders gave way to the Japanese.



Poised for its mission of destruction over selected industrial centers in Germany, this big four-motored British bomber is seen at an airport somewhere in England. Incendiary bombs are being loaded beneath the big plane. (I. I. N. Phonophoto)



Smiling with approval, Xavier Cugat is shown after receiving a silver baton at the completion of his role in a film musical from members of the cast and the technicians. Pictured with him (l. to r.) are: Adolphe Menjou, Carmen Castillo, Rita Hayworth, Fred Astaire, and Lina Romay. Cugat is now appearing at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York City.