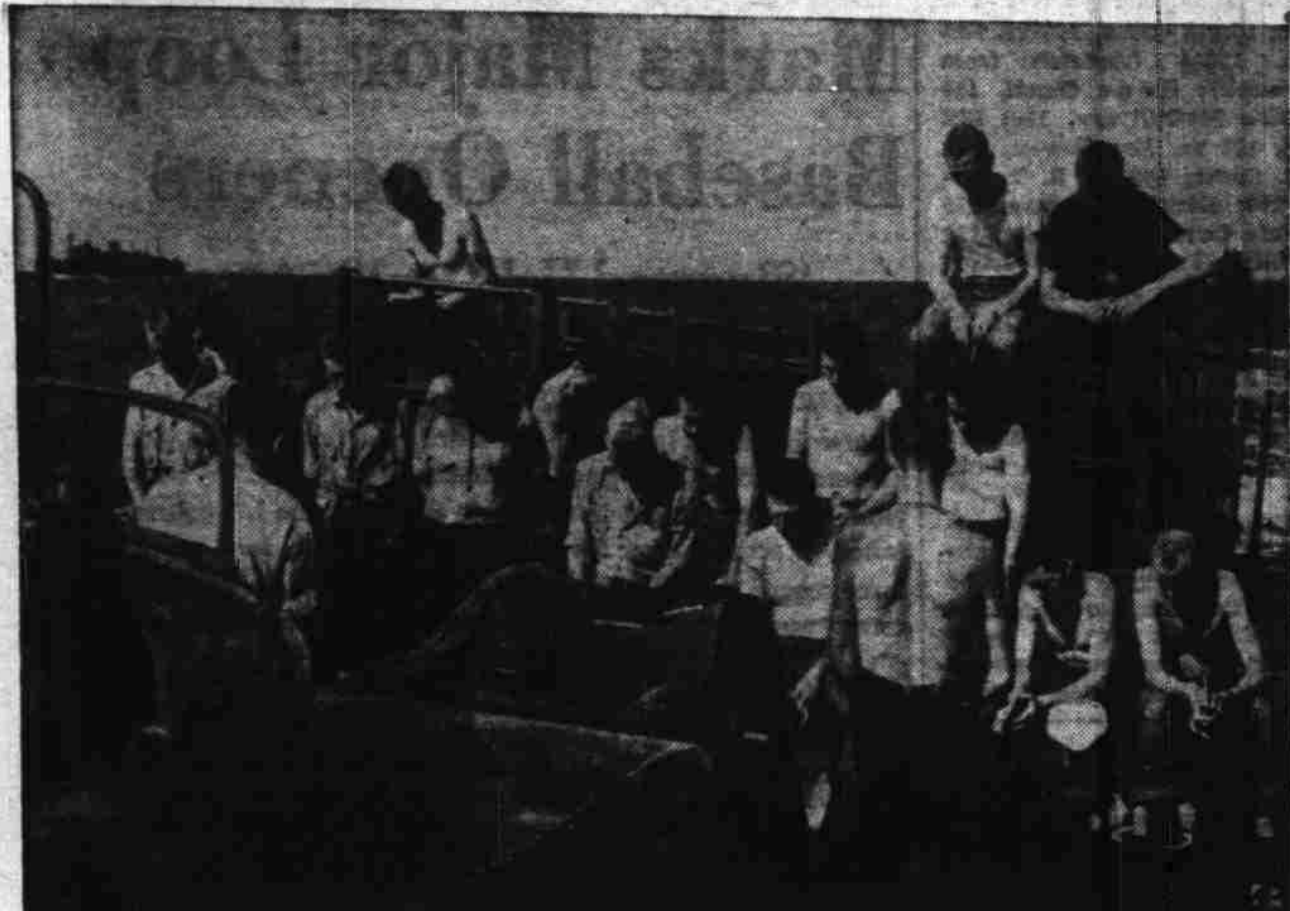


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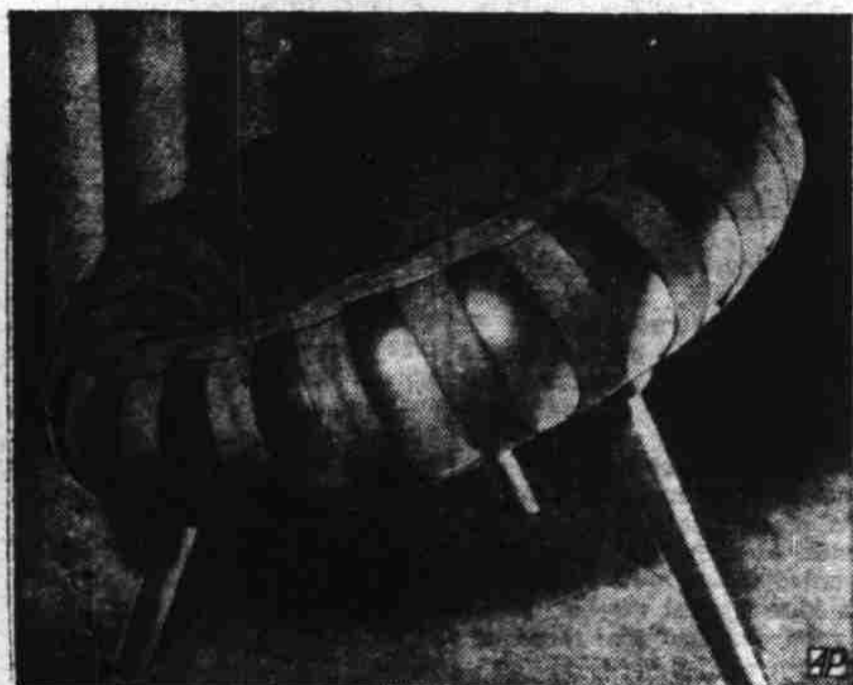
PRAYER AT SEA—Coast Guard crewmen aboard a destroyer escort in the Atlantic bow their heads in prayer in Sunday morning church services on the craft's after deck.



SCOREBOARD—Staff Sgt. Kenneth H. Scollen of Hornsboro, Pa., paints another Rising Sun flag, indicating a Jap plane shot down by a Seventh Air Force Liberator bomber, on the group scoreboard in the central Pacific.



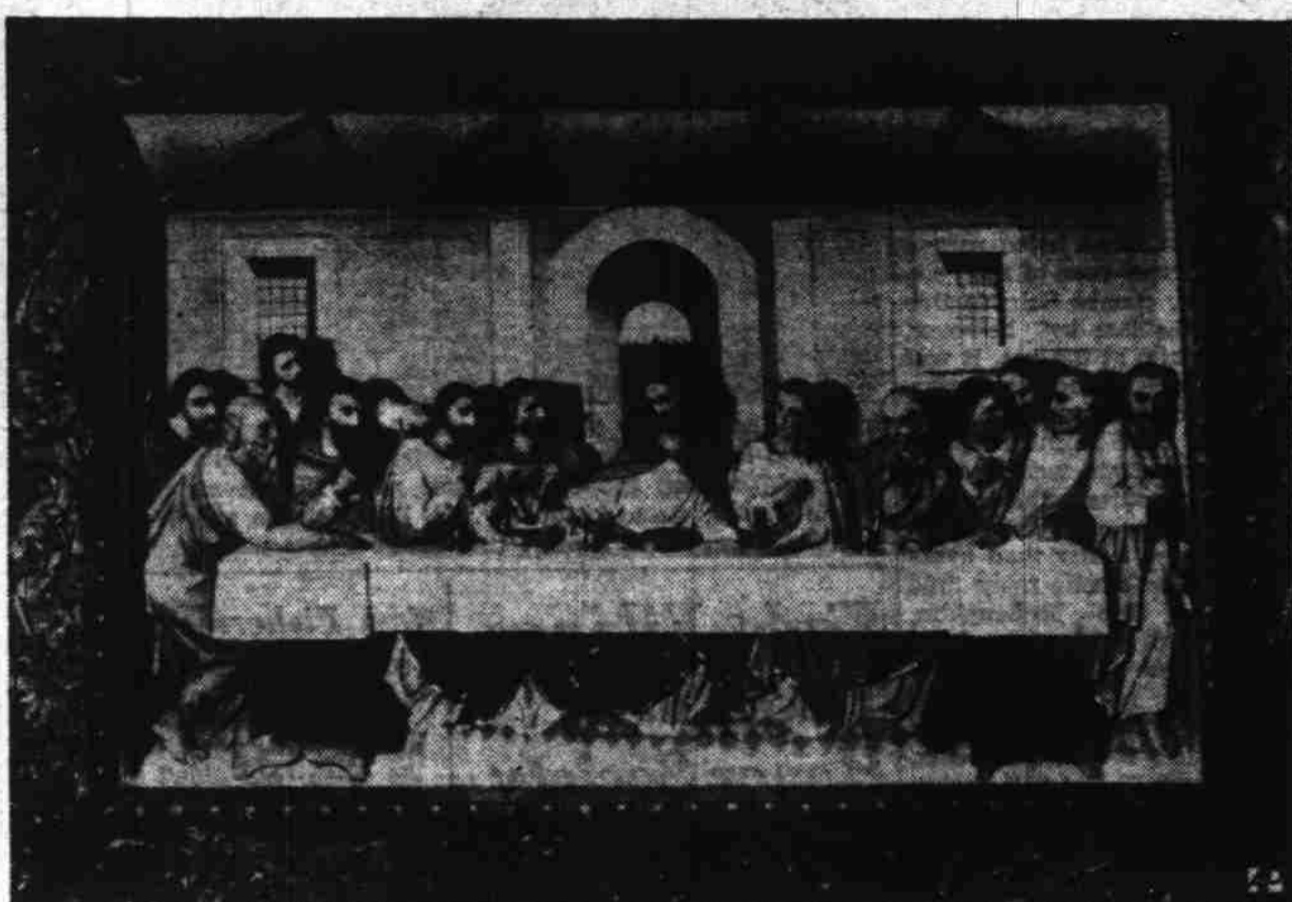
FORT LEWIS PARADE—Observation planes soar overhead as Col. Joseph S. Tate and Maj. Gen. Robert E. Lewis review the 411th Field Artillery group at Fort Lewis, Wash.



PLASTIC CHAIR—To be on display soon at New York's Museum of Modern Art, this plastic chair is designed for use by members of the armed forces. Frame and cushion can be folded and deflated to fit into a briefcase.



STARTER—Molly Keane compares an airplane starter shell (right), made at Winchester Repeating Arms Co. plant at New Haven, Conn., with an ordinary 12-gauge shotshell. Cartridge furnishes single powerful impulse starting airplane motor.



BAS RELIEF—Carved and painted by Italian prisoners of war at Camp Clark, Mo., this bas relief of the Last Supper was presented to a Kansas City Catholic church.



ON THE WARPATH—Dorothy Brayboy, 18, of Lumberton, N. C. (left) and Gwendolyn Baker, 22, of Maxton, N. C., both full-blooded Cherokee Indians, make radio equipment for combat planes at Baltimore's Bendix aviation plant.



JUDY'S LITTLE LLAMA—On one of her weekly visits to Forest Park Zoo in St. Louis, five-year-old Judy Gary holds a five-weeks-old llama which was named after her. Growing fast, the baby llama is almost as tall as Judy.



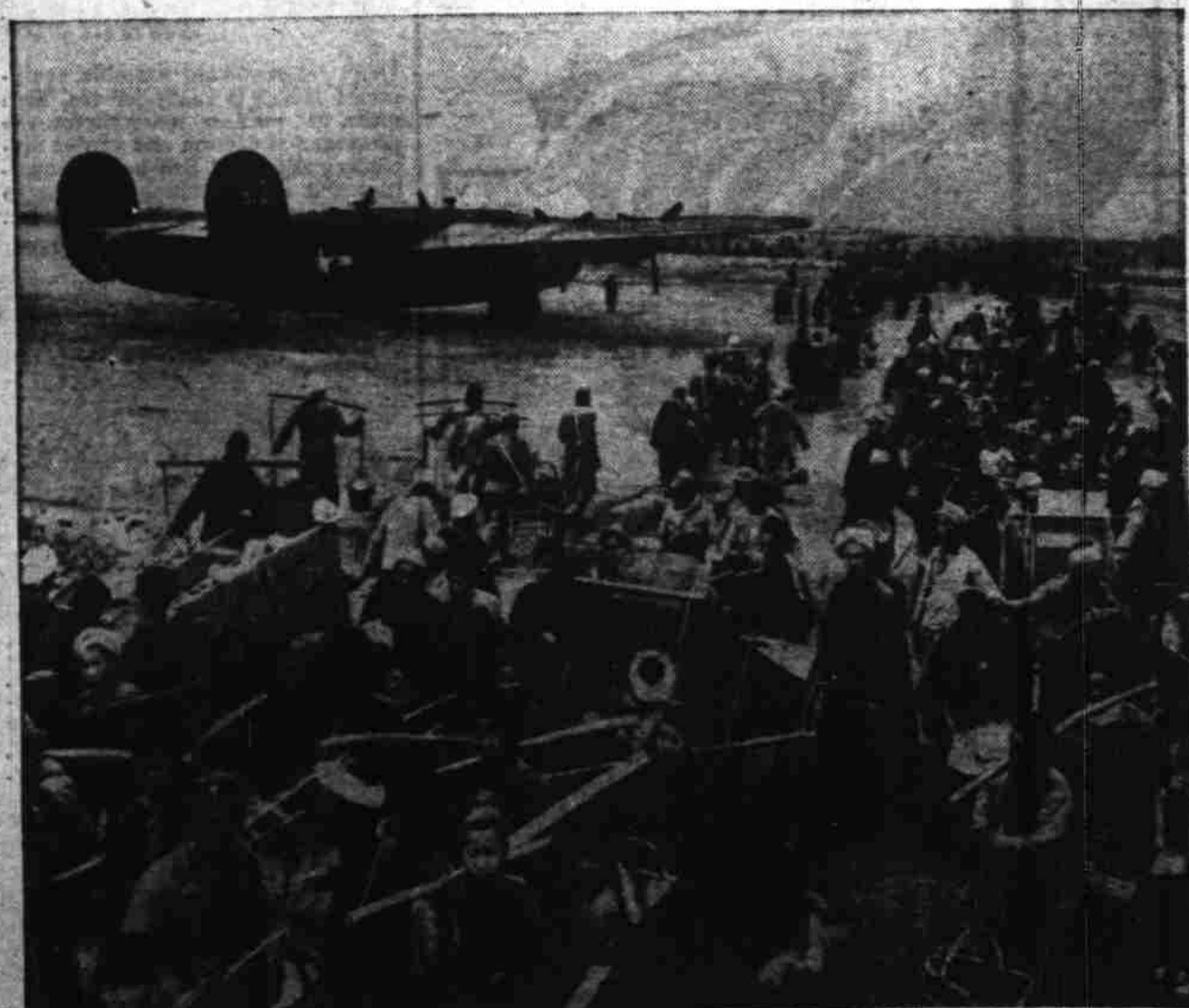
SEEN AT THE RACES—This bevy of señoritas represented the Mexican state of Oaxaca on "Oaxaca Day" at the Hipodromo de las Americas, famous Mexico City track.



STRIPE—Striped seersucker dress with youthful, off-shoulder detail and bright silver button trim was feature of a fashion luncheon at New York's Waldorf-Astoria hotel.



FOR STALINGRAD—Donald Nelson, observing the anniversary of the Red Army victory at Stalingrad, presents Mrs. Andrei Gromyko, wife of the Soviet ambassador, with a Russian war relief kit in ceremonies at Washington.



AIRFIELD UNDER CONSTRUCTION—Chinese laborers use baskets, baskets, barrows, and carts to carry rock from pits at left to construct an airfield runway bed in China.



BESSARABIA—This map shows sections of Rumania, Hungary, and Romania where heavy fighting is expected.



CHINESE BUILD RUNWAY—Using age-old equipment more familiar to them than modern tools which are not available, Chinese laborers prepare material for an airfield runway.