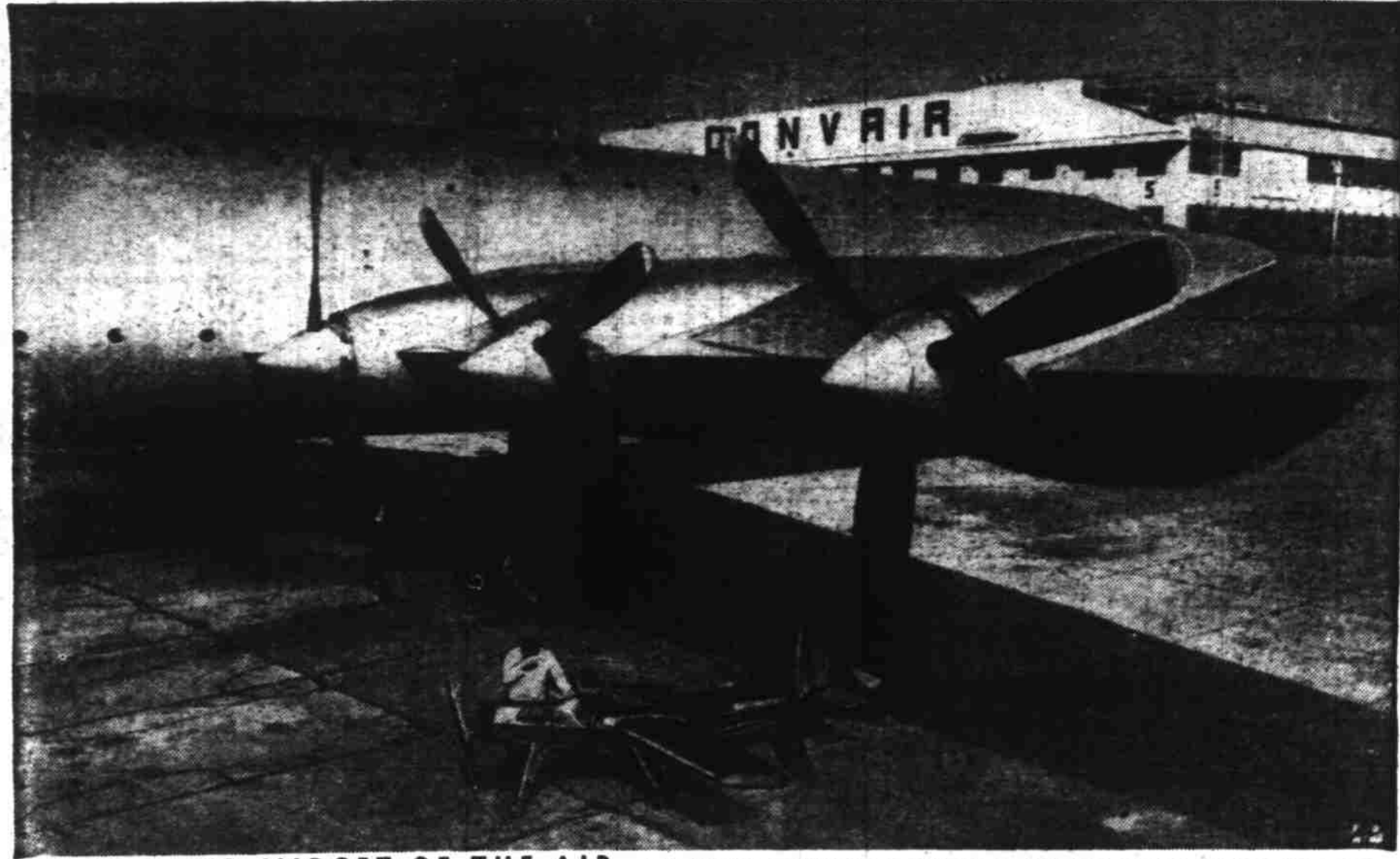


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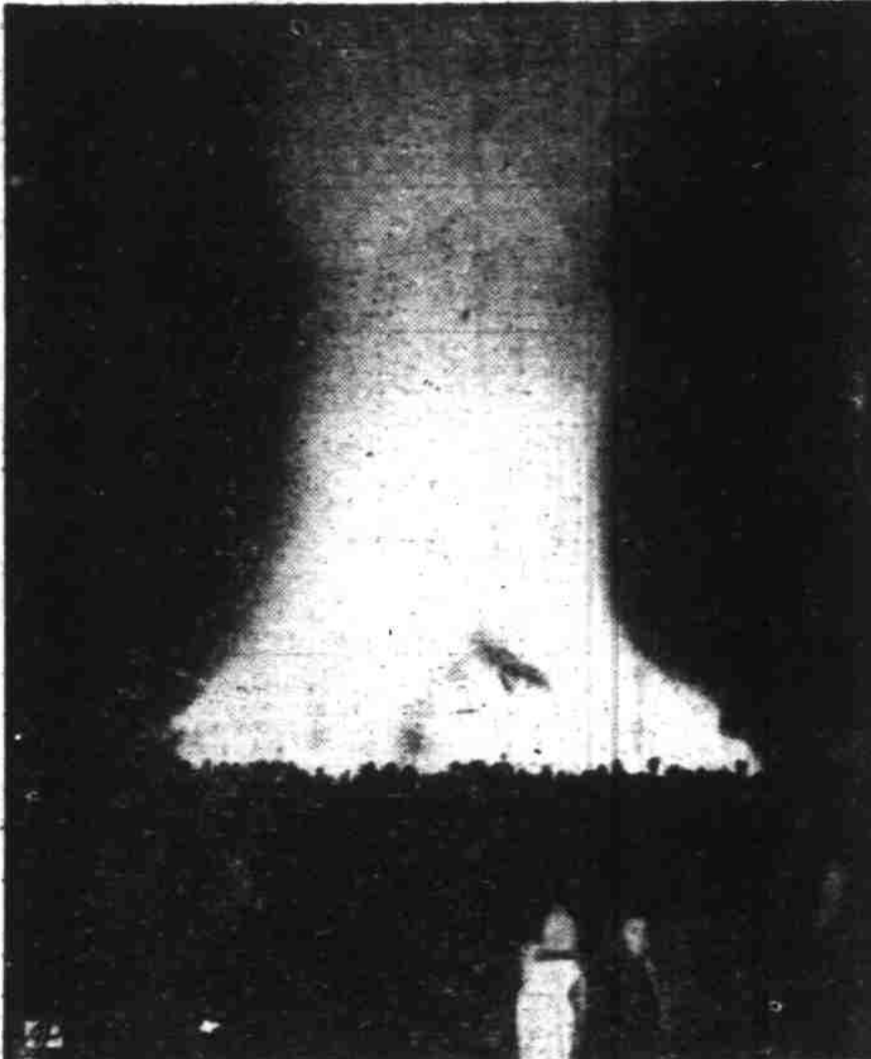
**UNDERWATER FEEDING**—Patsy Boyette feeds some of the fish during the "Mermaid Show" in the Underwater Theater below the surface of Weekiwachee Springs, Fla.



**GIANT AND MIDGET OF THE AIR**—The WeeBee, which has a wing span of 15 feet, nestles under a 400-troop transport, the XC-99, at San Diego, Calif. The small plane carries one man, lying prone, is 13 feet long and weighs 150 pounds.



**'WE SMELL CHOW'**—Hans and Fritz, a pair of Dachshunds, make the usual motions about lunch on their arrival from London at LaGuardia Field, New York, for an animal dealer.



**HOLIDAY BONFIKE**—A hundred thousand Christmas trees go up in smoke at Minneapolis, Minn., in an annual community celebration. Discarded trees are collected for the blaze.



**GERMAN BEAUTY**—Ruth Wilbert (above), of Nuernberg, won the title of "Miss Nuernberg," two dresses, a radio and a vacation, over 127 other contestants in a beauty contest.



**PRETTYING HEDY**—Victor Mature, as Samson, talks with Hedy Lamarr who is being made up, before they go before the camera in a scene of "Samson and Delilah" at Hollywood.



**COMMANDER**—Lieutenant General K. M. Cariappa (above), who was recently appointed Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Army, becomes the first Indian to hold the office.



**'VITTLES ORIGINATOR'**—First Lieutenant Gail S. Halvorsen, originator of "Operation Little Vittles" of the Berlin Airlift, catches up with his two sacks daily "fan mail."



**TROUBLE DOUBLED**—Agnes (left) and Maud Mayes, five-year-old twins of Chicago, smilingly share a glass of milk after returning home from the Aurora Hospital, following appendix operations on each. Previously they had mumps, chicken pox and pneumonia at the same time.



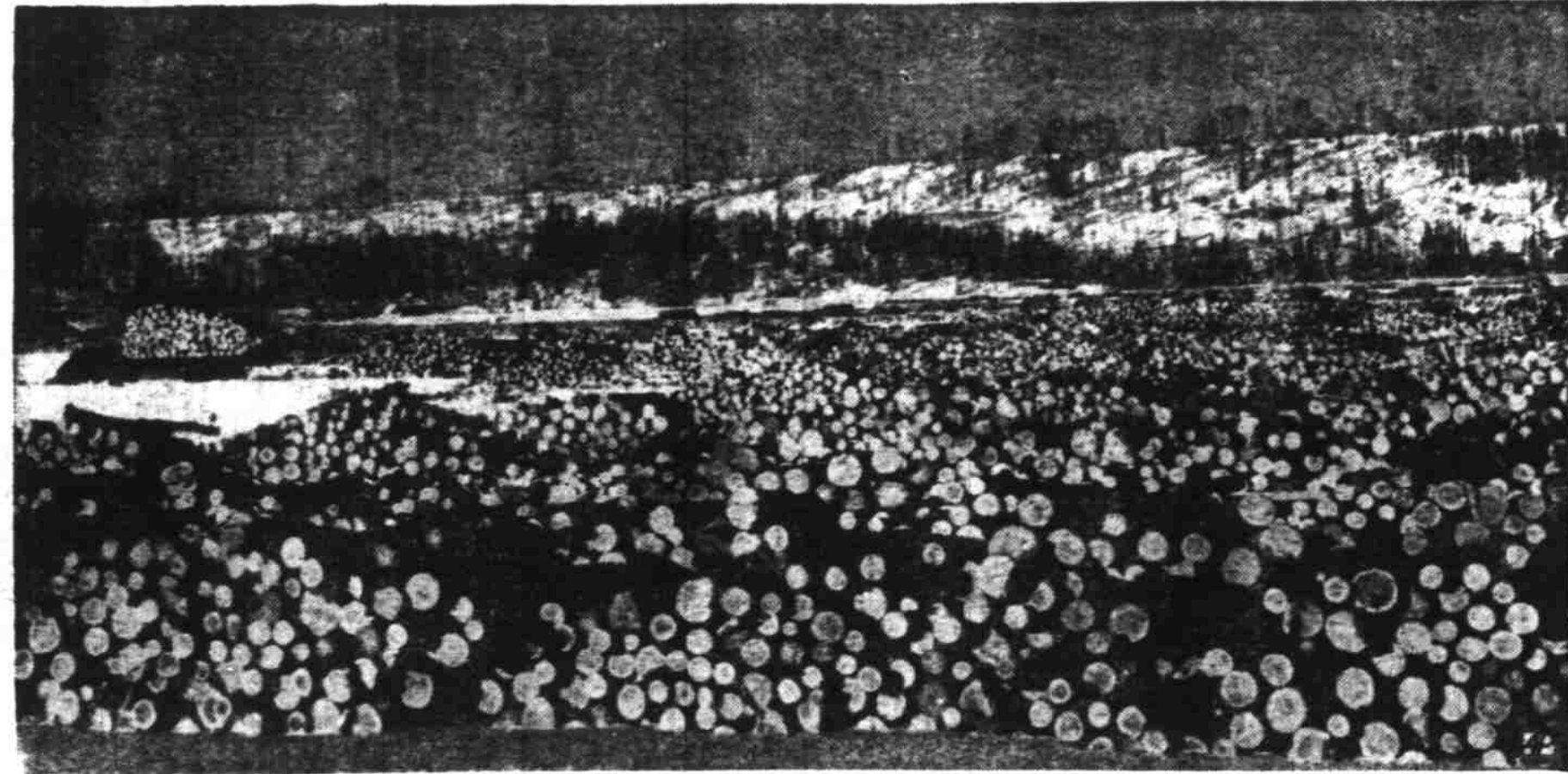
**LUNCH OUTDOORS**—Richard Badger, 2½, finds a companion ready to join him for a bite, in Teca, a pet deer at the Rare Bird Farm near Kendall, Fla. Teca's a friend of all visitors.



**DIPLOMATIC WAITER**—James C. Dunn (right), U. S. Ambassador to Italy, offers a plate of fruit and pastry to one of the young guests at a luncheon given to one hundred children of Rome by "Salvatore," Rome restaurant keeper. Mrs. Dunn, wife of the Ambassador is at the left.



**LUXURY TRAILER**—Joan Lyman sits at the dining table of a British trailer to be shown at Chicago. In background is the kitchen and at left a divan which becomes a double bed.



**END OF THE LOGGING TRAIL**—Thousands of logs rest on the ice at Stevens, Ontario, awaiting the Spring thaws that will float them downstream 100 miles to the paper mill at Marathon, Ontario. World demands for paper led Canadian lumberjacks to an all-time record for Winter logging operations through the use of mechanical devices.



**ACTOR-DIRECTOR-WRITER**—Film actor-director Eric von Stroheim autographs a copy of his novel "Paprika" for movie actress Denise Vernae in a Paris bookstore.