

News of the World in Pictures



Workers strengthen foundations by setting blocks into place along a dike wall.

DIKES' PATROL

OCCASIONALLY, the newspapers carry a short story with a headline similar to this one: "10,000 Dutch Fleeing Town as Dike Crumbles." To prevent such headlines from occurring, men such as Jan De Groet patrol the dikes in The Netherlands. They follow the tradition of that heroic story of the little Dutch boy who plugged the hole in the dike and saved his country. Day and night, in fair weather or foul, they search for cracks in the walls, weakening due to erosion or a dangerous rise in the water level. With one-fifth of the country below sea level, the maintenance of the dikes is a life-or-death matter. Dr. Groet, like others, may be called in the middle of a stormy night to grab his shovel and rush to the dikes.



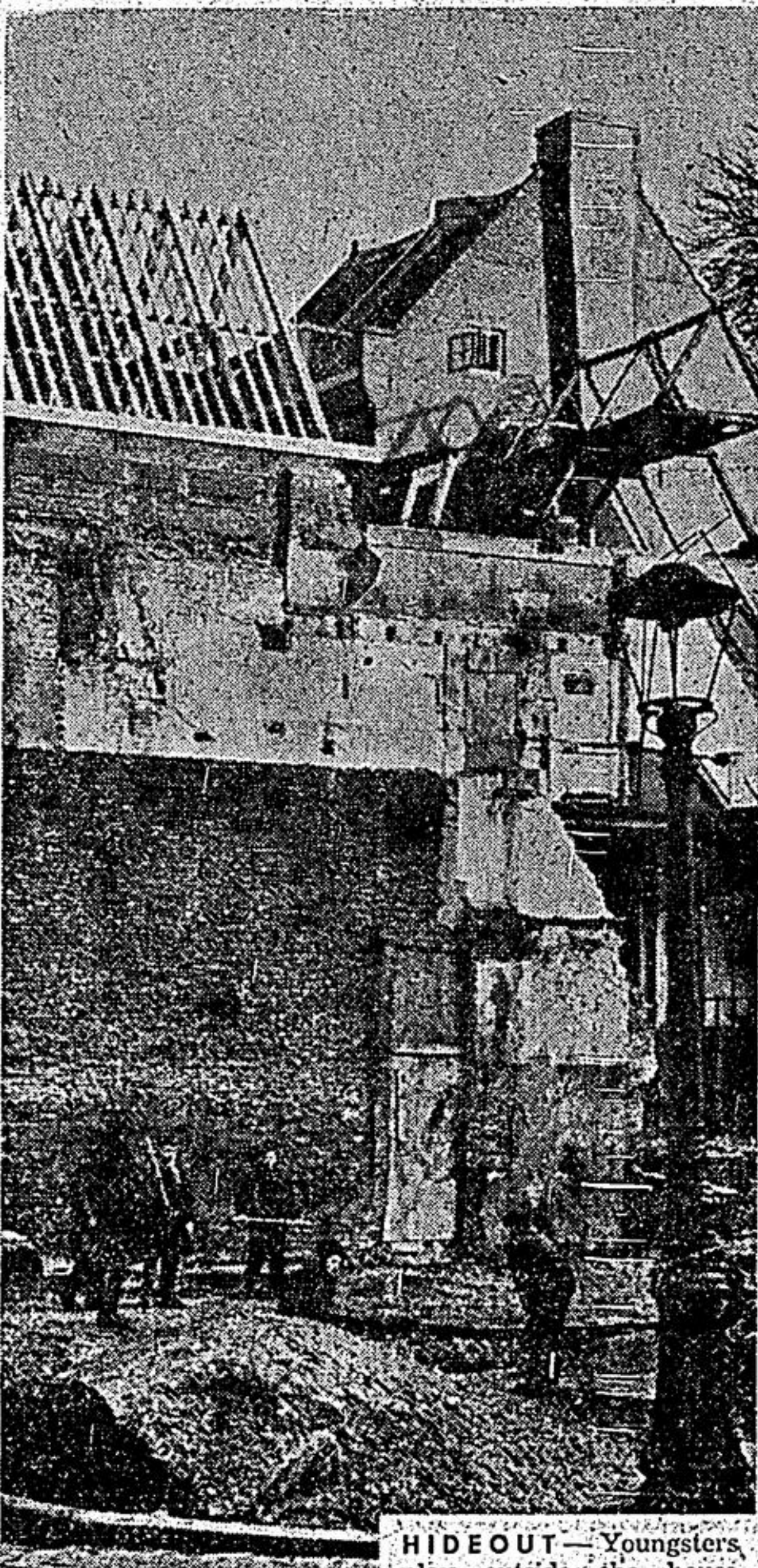
TIME CATCHES UP WITH THEM—Hacked out of solid rock near Luxor, in the United Arab Republic, the ancient Egyptian temple of Abu-Simbel is in danger of being drowned by the waters of the new Aswan dam, which will create a 300-mile-long lake. Scaffolding is first step in an engineering survey being made of temple.



De Groet pauses for a drink after working on dike.



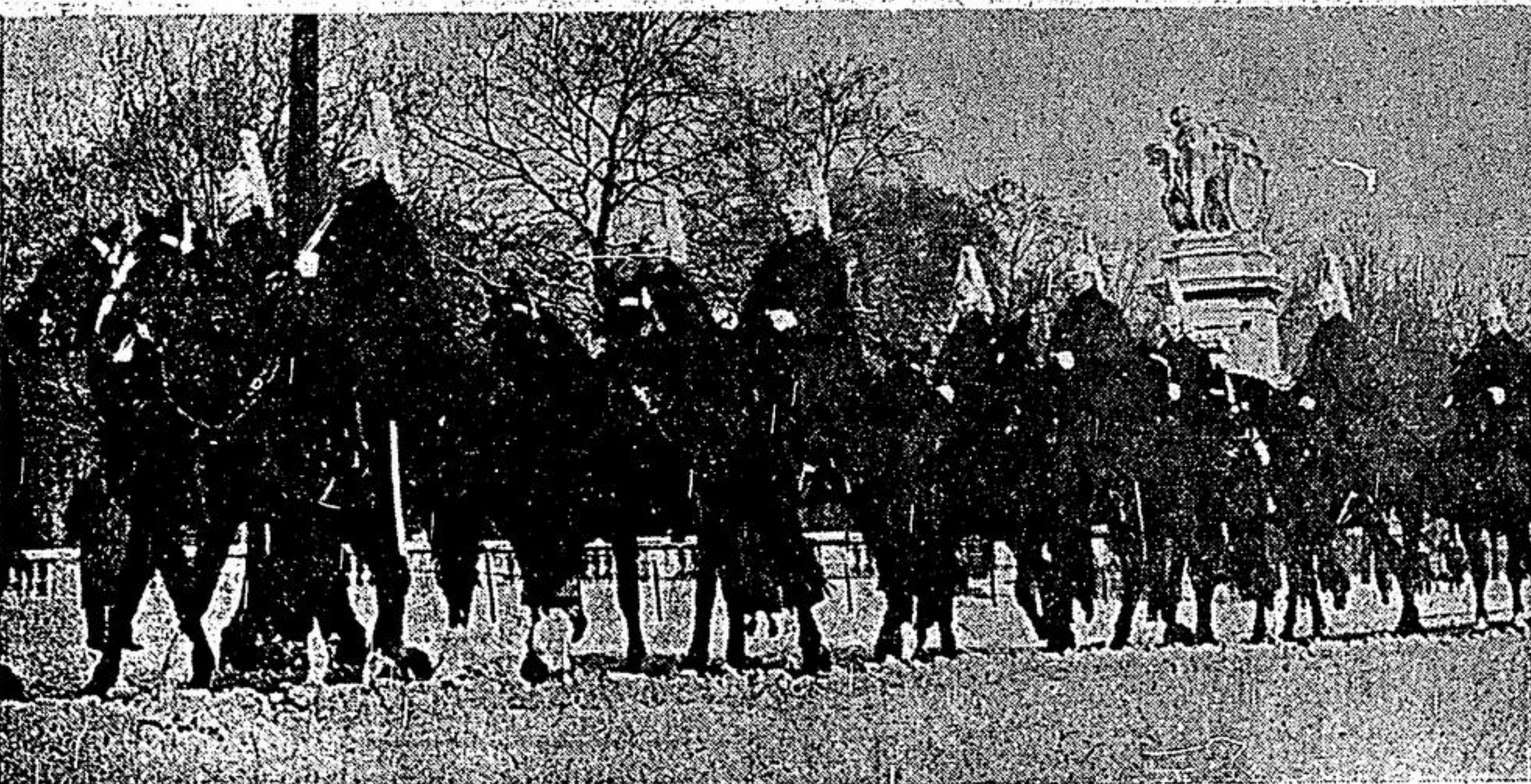
Using an auto phone, he calls The Hague for instructions.



HIDEOUT—Youngsters play outside the house made famous as the hiding place of Anne Frank and her family during World War II in Amsterdam.



SNOW, BLINDED—Blindfolded by winter, this figure of a woodcutter has temporarily lost his head at the Bavarian resort of Reit Im Winkel, in West Germany. It was first heavy snow of the season.



COLD LINE OF MARCH—London is full of color, even on winter's whitest days. Here the House Guards move out through the snow near Buckingham palace.

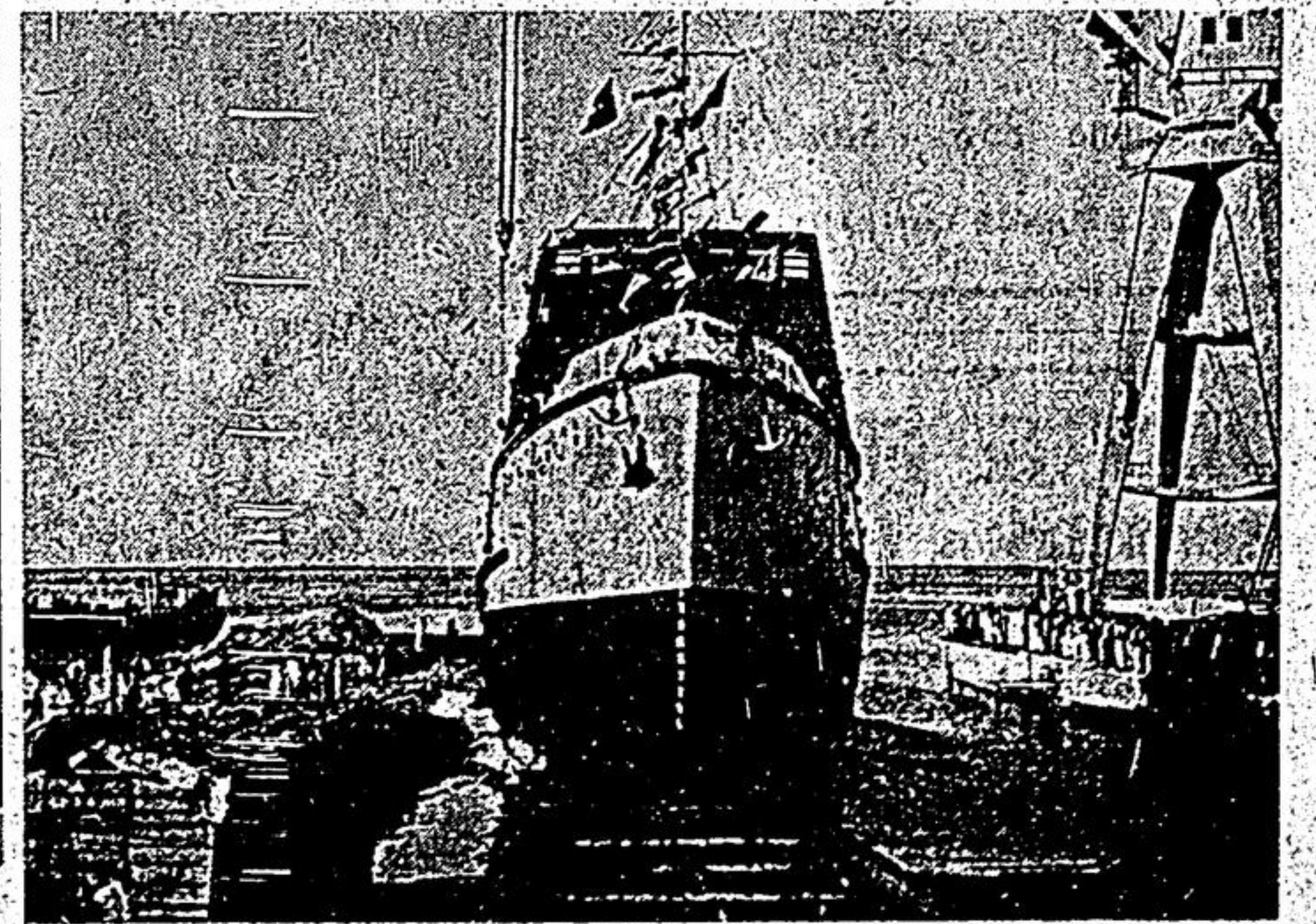


A CHANGE OF VISITORS—Brown bears named Petzi and Tapsi are about to leave their quarters in the West Berlin zoo and head for the Philippines. There they will take up residence in the Manila zoo. They seem unconcerned about it.



PARKERS ARE FREED—The town of Sparks, Nev., doesn't allow parking meters. Here Vern Baker makes a pass at the "dangerous beast" that used to devour nickels and dimes.

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THAT FIRST PLUNGE—The first tugboat ever to be built in Pakistan, the Suljug, slips down the ways at Karachi to mark a new era in its marine industry.