

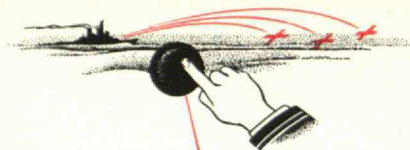
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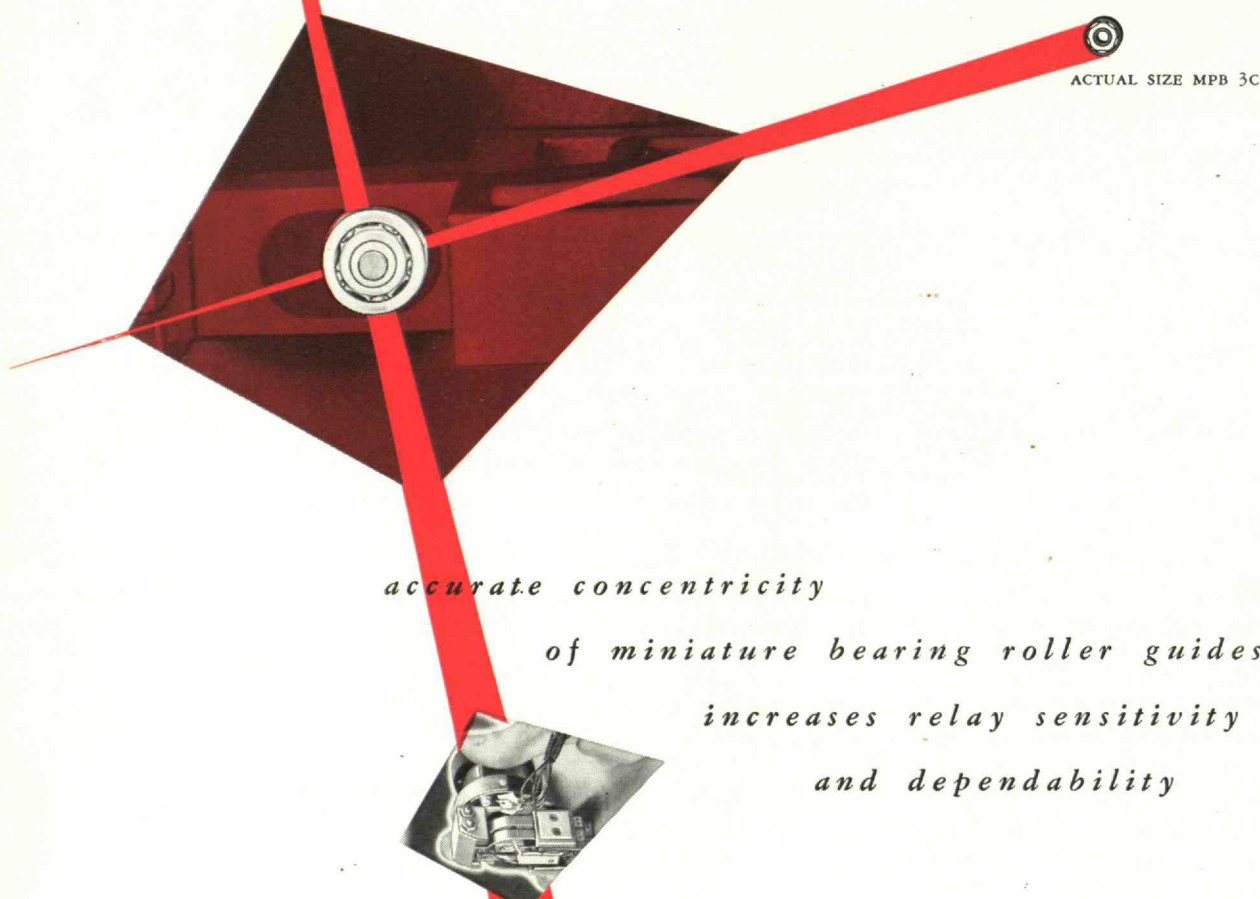


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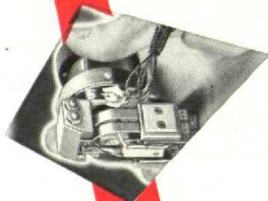
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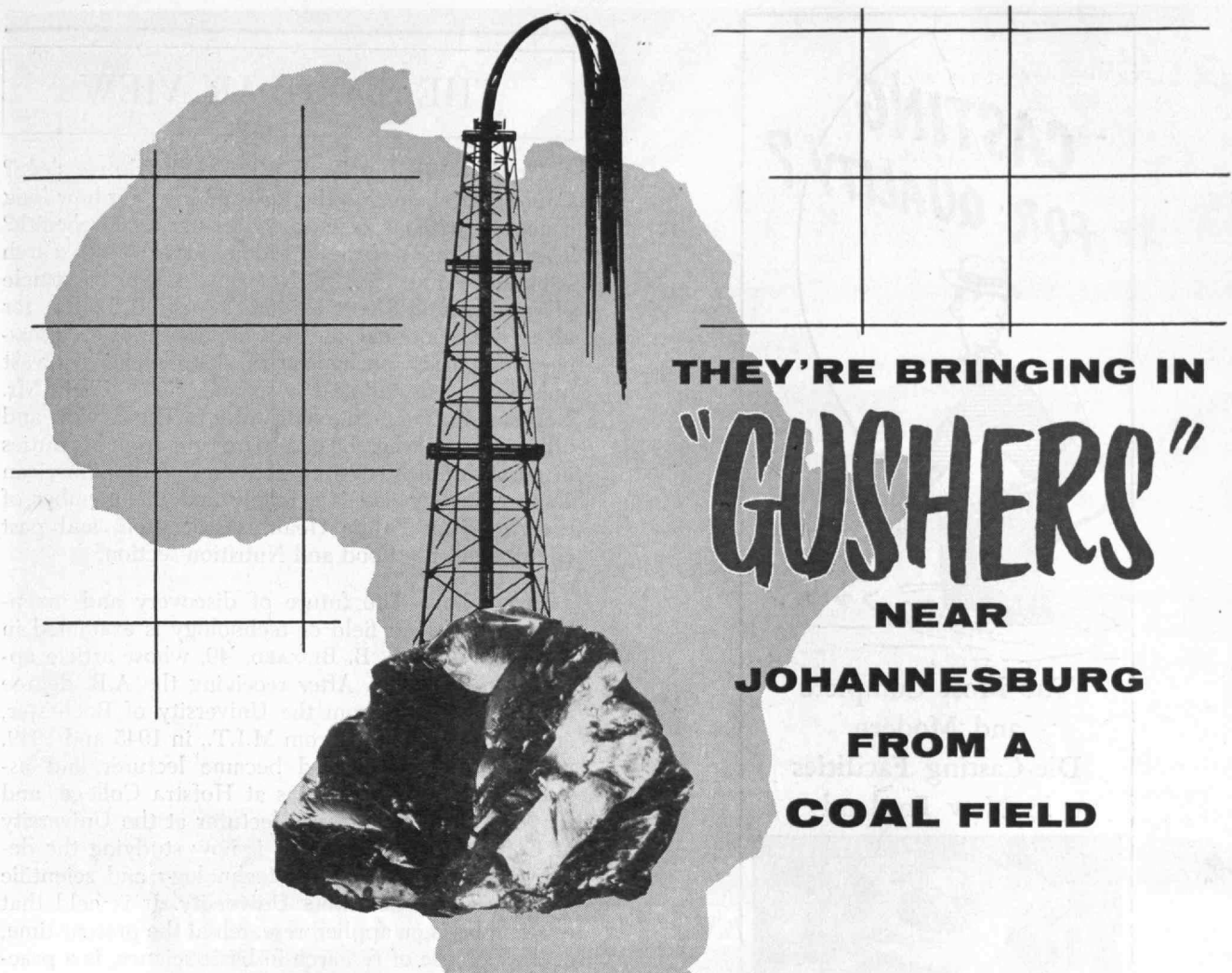


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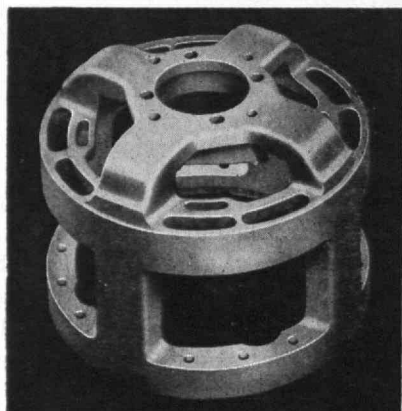
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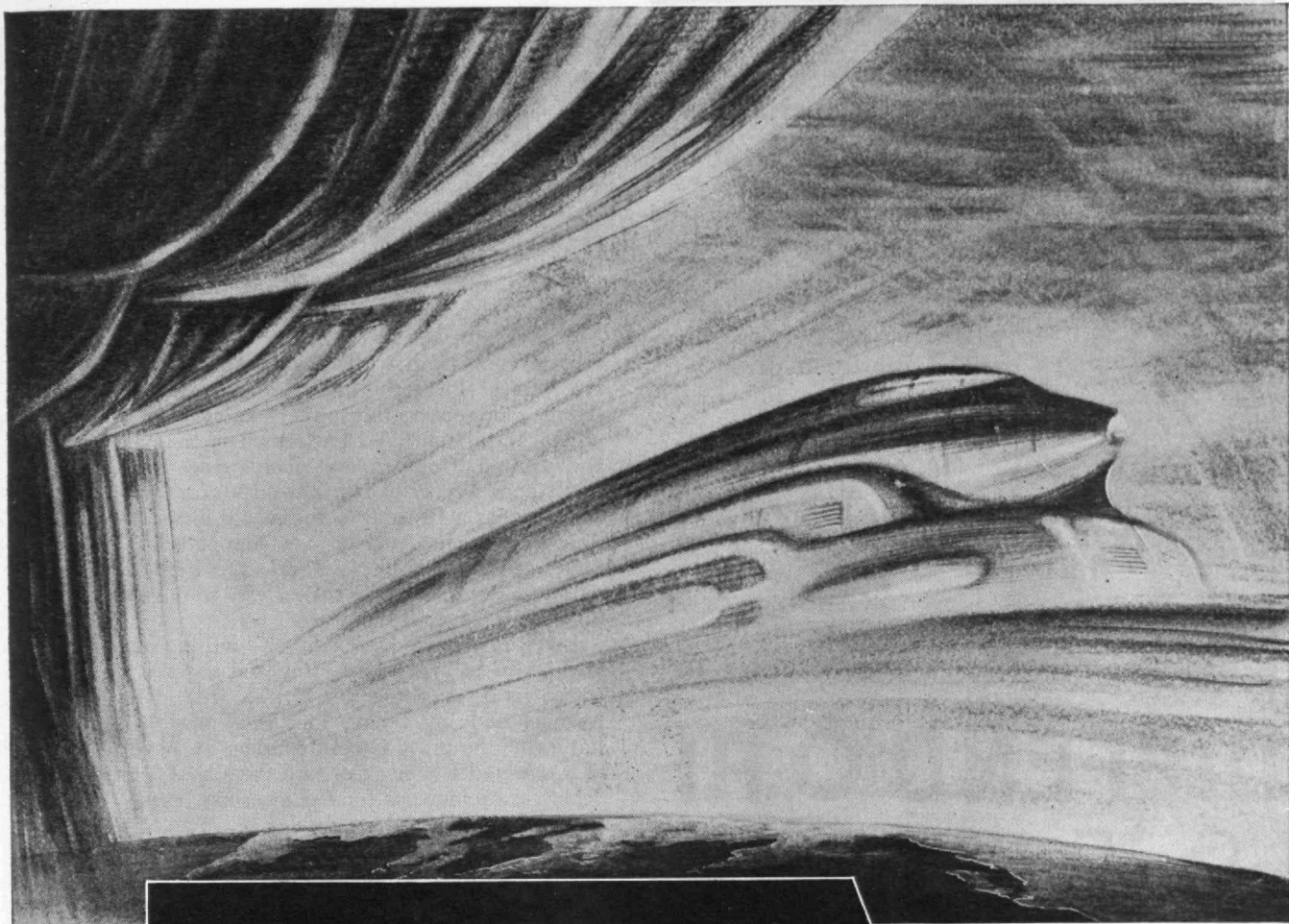
THE TABULAR VIEW

Tired. — What makes us tired? Why do we sleep? Could we get along without sleep? If so, for how long a period, without deleterious results to our health? These are some of the questions for which a search is made by FREDERIC W. NORDSIEK, '31, in his article "Tired Nature's Sweet Restorer" (page 393). But for all of the emotional and psychic effects of sleeplessness, the basic mechanism of sleep remains a vast unknown. An editorial associate since 1944, Mr. Nordsiek is a frequent contributor to *The Review* and other journals when he can spare time from his duties in administering research activities of the American Cancer Society. He is a fellow and life member of the American Public Health Association, and past chairman of the Food and Nutrition section.

Inventors. — The future of discovery and invention in the broad field of technology is examined in this issue by J. L. B. BLIZARD, '49, whose article appears on page 395. After receiving the A.B. degree with high honors from the University of Rochester, and the Ph.D. degree from M.I.T., in 1945 and 1949, respectively, Dr. Blizzard became lecturer and assistant professor of physics at Hofstra College, and for the past year has been lecturer at the University of Connecticut. Dr. Blizzard is now studying the development of science and technology and scientific man power at Columbia University. It is held that overemphasis on applied research at the present time, at the expense of research in basic science, is a practice well worth serious attention.

Fish. — Following up his article on the dairy industry in the November, 1953, issue of *The Review*, MILTON E. PARKER, '23, devotes attention in this issue (page 401) to the sea-food industry. Professor Parker is concerned that the rate of population growth exceeds that of our food industry — at least so far as concerns protein production. He looks to the sea to provide ample bounty to our supermarkets and our pharmaceutical and nutrition industries. Professor Parker has been engaged in a wide range of activities in the food industry, becoming manager of production of the Beatrice Foods Company in 1936, and more recently, food-consulting engineer. Since 1948 he has been head of the Department of Food Engineering at the Illinois Institute of Technology.

For the Future. — PAUL COHEN, '35, former editor of *The Tech* and editorial associate of *The Review* since 1938, provides readers with a brief review of the growth of research activities in the United States during the past decade (page 405). Calling organized research "the generative organ of the industrial state," Mr. Cohen emphasizes that the three and three-quarter billion dollars spent for research during 1952 is truly an investment in the future. Since his graduation from the Institute's Course in Mechanical Engineering, Mr. Cohen has been a research engineer by vocation and a skillful writer and interpreter of science and engineering by avocation.



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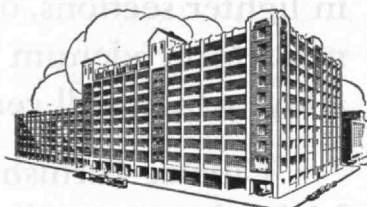
Your article about the history of the architecture of M.I.T. in the April Review has of course interested me^o probably more than any other of your readers . . .

I must tell you about the Rogers Building and the statues, which those four pedestals are so patiently waiting for. I have a high regard for the eloquence of sculpture in connection with architecture. I showed on my first project for the M.I.T. group a great heroic-size statue, representing the spirit of knowledge, on the axis of the Main Court. I have shown it on every drawing and painted it on airplane photos since the beginning, and I hope keenly to see it realized, for it would be so fine there as a keynote to the whole institution, like the statue of Athene was on the Acropolis, or the Alma Mater at Columbia in New York. . . . But so far, committees always think the easiest way to cut down cost in building is leave off sculpture.

I well remember Dr. Compton's writing me asking me to describe to him how I visualized the new Rogers entrance and vestibule to M.I.T. from Massachusetts Avenue, and my telling him there ought to be four statues of the great Greek founders of modern learning in it. He and I later agreed on them as Aristotle for the Sciences, Archimedes for Engineering, Ictinus (and Callicrates looking over his shoulder at a plan of the Parthenon) for Architecture. Seeing these statues would certainly inspire every student and teacher of M.I.T. to follow their example and hope to become "great." The pier of masonry back of each statue was to bear incised outlines illustrating their inventions, like the water screw of Archimedes and the Parthenon of Ictinus, or famous words of theirs. The cost of this sculpture was relatively small, as the statues could well be made of artificial stone cut from plaster models. What fine memorials these would make, for distinguished M.I.T. graduates. The idea must be continually kept alive, and I hope you may find a way of bringing it somehow into print where the Alumni will see it.

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^o [Mr. Bosworth is the architect of the main group of M.I.T. Buildings erected in Cambridge in 1916.—Ed.]



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Raymond E. Hanson

How Well Do You Know Boston?

Believe it or not, this quiet, idyllic spot is near one of the busiest and most active business corners of Boston. The point at which the exposure was made makes the difference. Can you identify this stone building and tell where it is located? If not, see the Contents page of the July issue.

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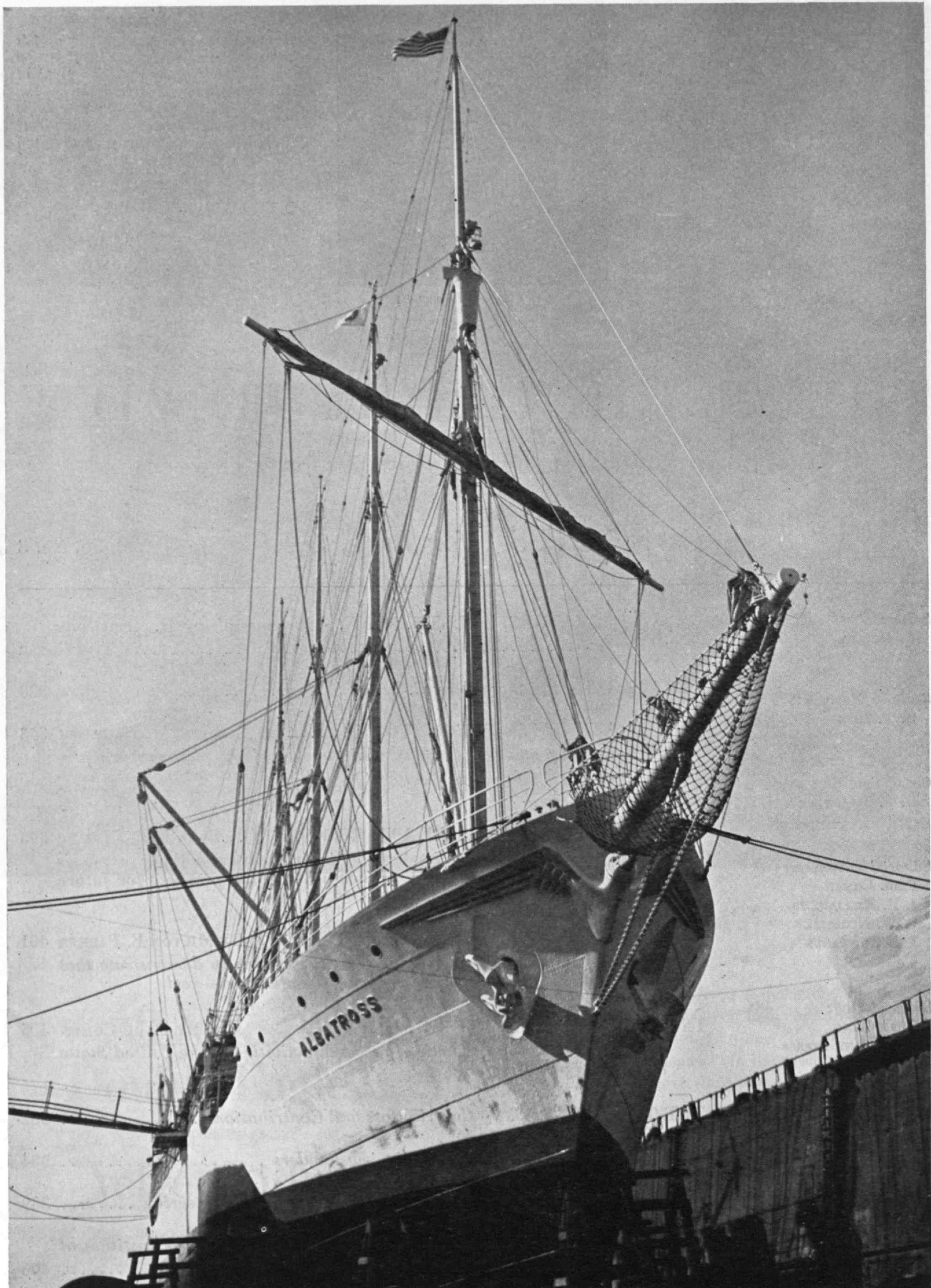
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