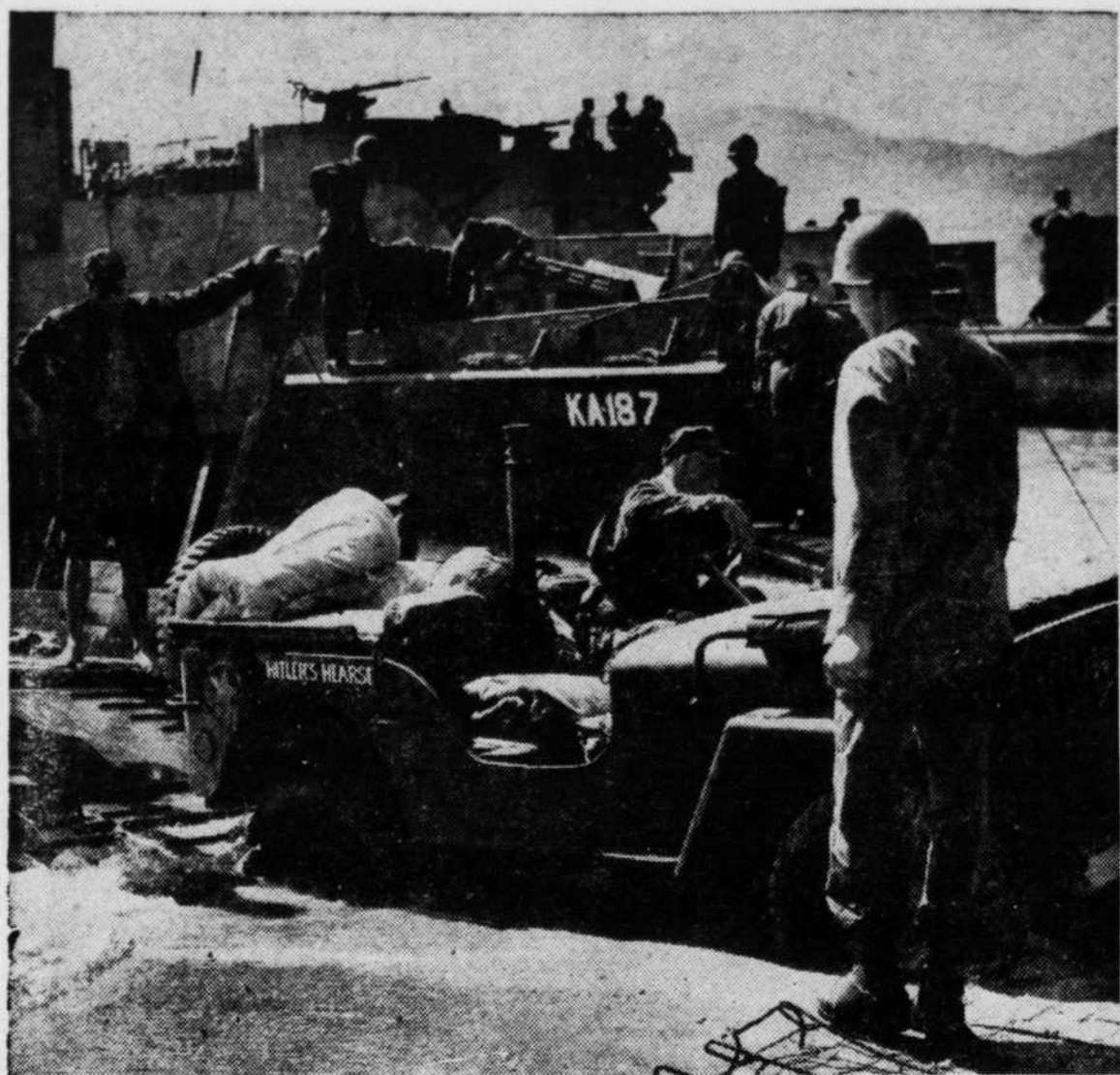


News of the World in Pictures



HOPEFUL MONIKER—Down the ramp of an invasion barge comes this Army jeep to run smack into the clutching sands of a southern France beach, where military materiel is pouring ashore to be driven inland to our quickly advancing troops. Though stuck for a moment, this jeep grows its way to firm footing and rolls northward hopeful of fulfilling its purpose, which is painted on its side in the ambitious nickname—"Hitler's Hearse."



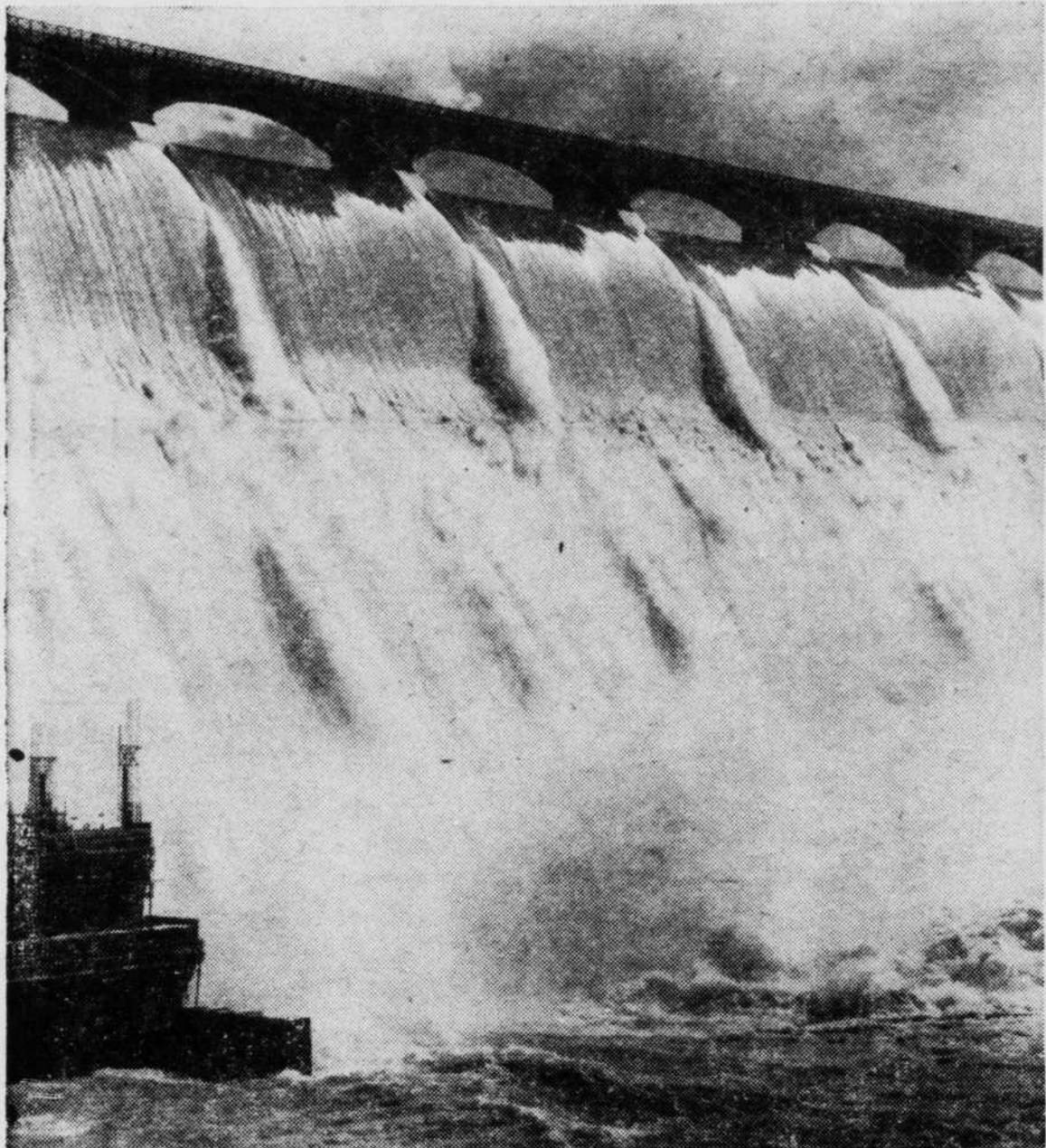
QUEBEC CONFERENCE—The historic citadel in the city of Quebec, Canada, is the setting for the picture above showing, left to right, President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Winston Churchill of Great Britain and Canada's Prime Minister Mackenzie King. The three are in daily conference with the highest military experts of their nations plotting the utter destruction of Japan's dwindling power.

PIGEON AIR CORPS

FLYERS of the "Pigeon Air Corps" are running the gamut of aerial adventure just as do American pilots and air crewmen. Found early in this war to be the most dependable means of emergency communication, homing pigeons have been subjected to many tough tests, and have nonchalantly passed them every one. And now adding another entry in their long record of service in war, AAF pigeons are being dropped by parachute. The parachuting of trained pigeons is being found especially useful in Allied liaison work with forces in German-occupied Europe, and to isolated combat groups.



THESE SIGNAL CORPS pigeon trainers, kneeling in the mid-section of a liberator, place their charges in a special wire container used in dropping the birds by parachute. Straw in the container cushions the shock of the hard landing.



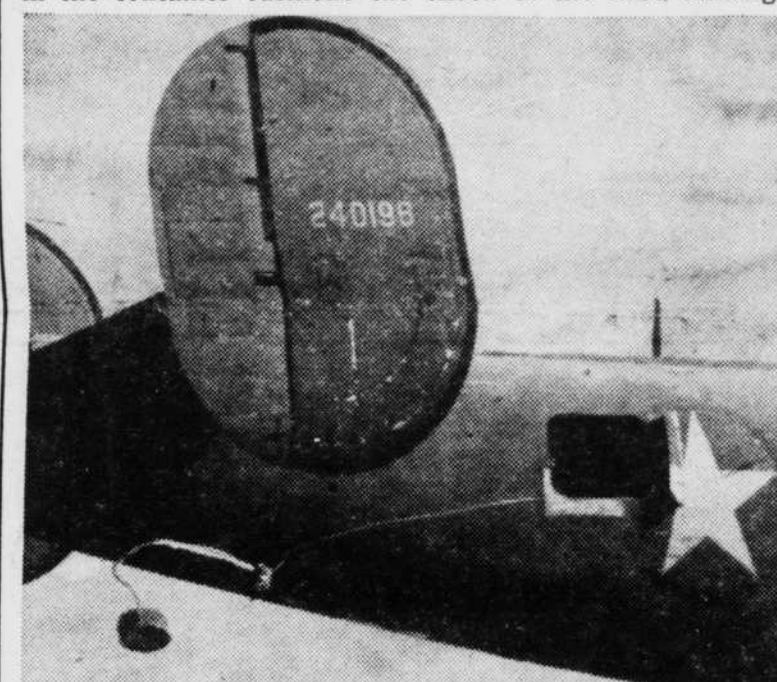
WATER, WATER EVERYWHERE—Excess water plunging down the 350-foot drop from the Grand Coulee dam in Washington state can be used to irrigate an area as large as the state of Delaware lying farther down along the Columbia river. Transformation of this area to a compactly-settled region of small farms and bustling towns supporting 350,000 people is on the post-war program of the Bureau of Reclamation, Department of Interior.



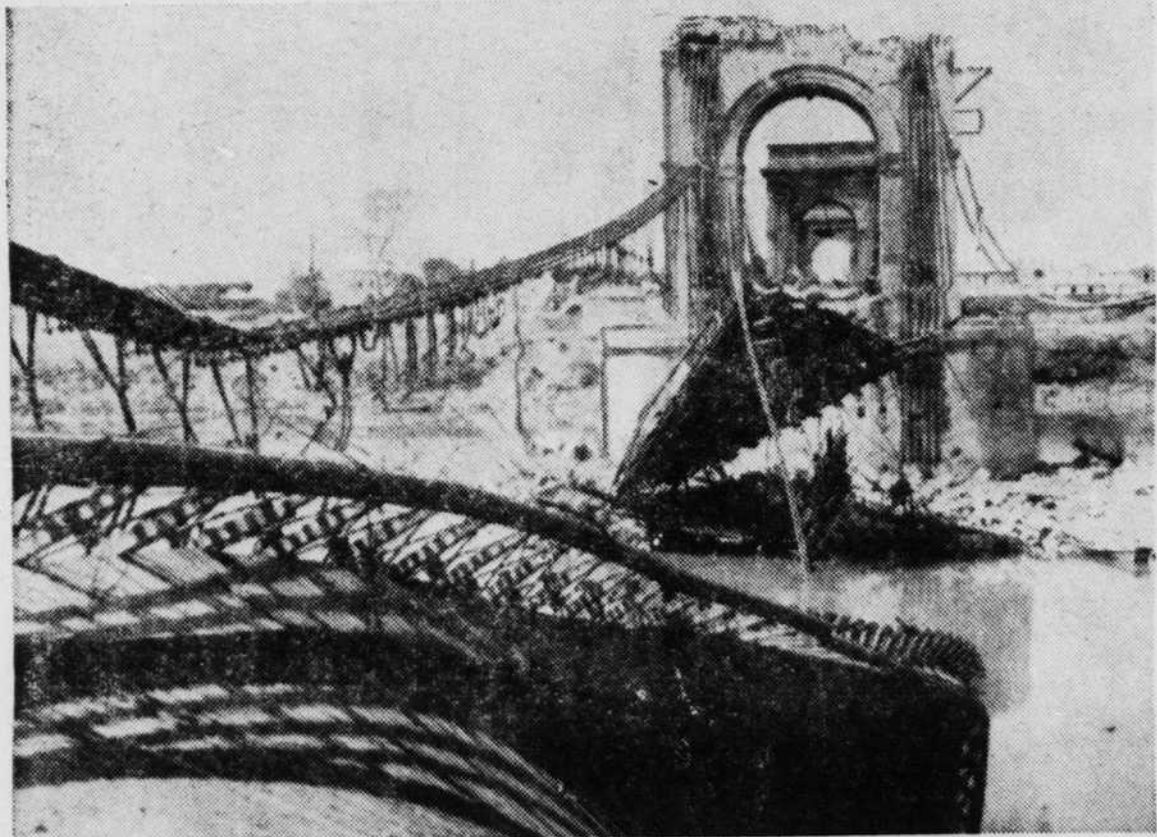
FROM SOCIETY desk of a Kenosha, Wis., newspaper to Hollywood is the step being taken above by pretty Mary Lou Campbell. She's one of three to test for Walter Wanger's "Salome," but because she prefers writing to emoting, she's enrolled in the University of Wisconsin's Journalistic school in case her bid to the films falls flat.



CURBSTONE CHOW — It's a curbstone setting and the comforts of home are lacking, but hungry GI's soon make the best of it. It was breakfast on the run along this street in Orleans, France, for these doughboys and their buddies kept going after the Germans in a non-rest drive.



AS THE PIGEON container is thrown down into the slipstream of the B-24 the static cord automatically opens the 'chute.



DEMOLITION ALLIED STYLED—A mass of twisted steel is all that is left of this bridge over the Rhone river near Toulon, France, where Allied Armies are now firmly established. But the wreckage is not part of a Nazi demolition operation, it is the result of fighter bomber action from a Mediterranean Allied base prior to the Germans' evacuation. AAF photo.



ACE HOME—Col. Donald J. M. Blakeslee, 27, of Fairport Harbor, O., has arrived home after three years and eight months overseas service with the Army Air Forces, during which time he marked up between 400 and 500 combat missions to his credit. He has two Distinguished Service Crosses and seven Cluster awards.



ANOTHER U-BOAT DOWN—Jubilant over blasting a German submarine to the bottom in a recent sea fight, Coastguardsmen aboard a destroyer escort paint up the victory.



A SIX-FOOT 'CHUTE brings the pigeon warriors to the ground, where isolated combat soldiers quickly retrieve them to use for carrying messages back to their main forces for help.