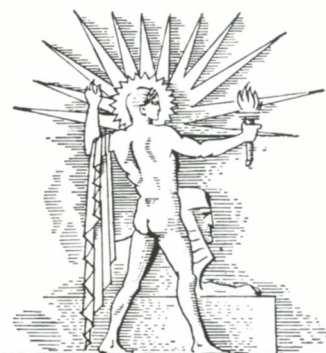
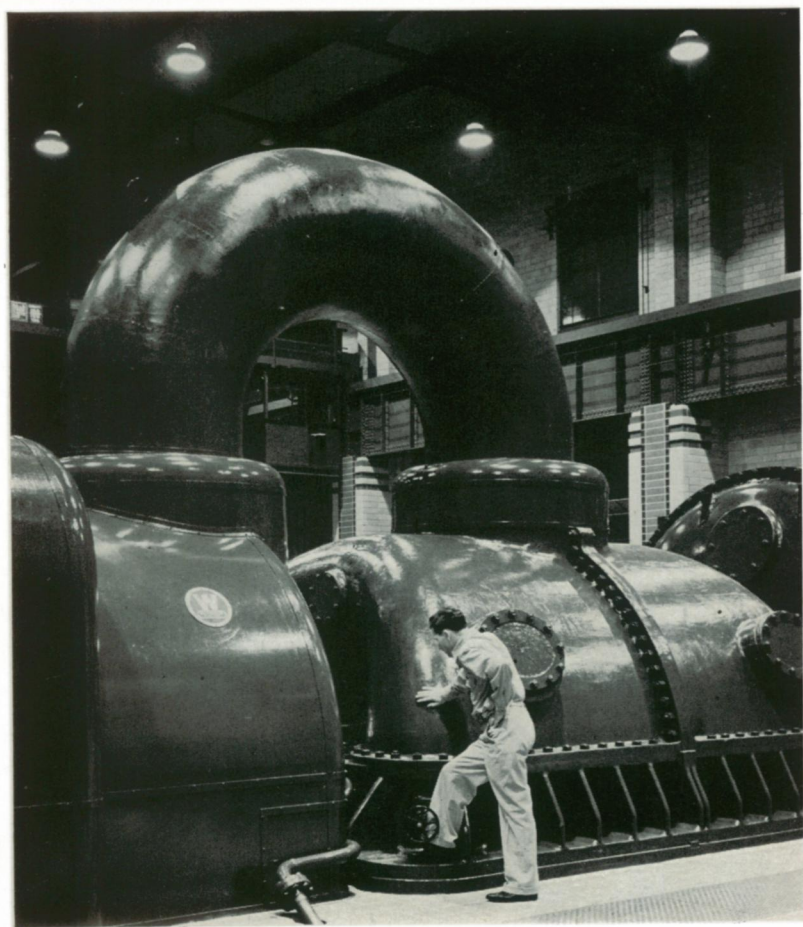


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Do You Know?

Soybeans may provide fiber material for automobile upholstery.

Only three states had *cancer control* programs in 1935, but now 16 states have them.

Machine tools produced in the United States this year will have a value of \$750,000,000.

Ceylon has 1,100,000 acres of *coconut palms*, believed to be 14% of the world's acreage of these trees.

A *bomb destruction pit* lined with sandbags has been constructed by the Indianapolis police department.

New additions to the *herb garden* of the Metropolitan Museum of Art are wild flax, acanthus, feverfew, and woad.

Storing clothes at temperatures near freezing will not kill *moth larvae*, but the larvae will not feed while at such cold temperatures.

Germany could theoretically get as much *oil* as she wants from coal, says a British scientist, but the process is extravagant and the synthetic plants are highly vulnerable to air attack.

An *ordnance* expert says that military priorities call for airplanes first, vessels second, then machine and anti-aircraft guns and ammunition, then anti-aircraft weapons and fire control, then tanks, and finally combat cars and some large guns.

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A young *eel* is so transparent that print may be read through its body.

In the Far North, in *Greenland*, the growing season for plants lasts barely two months in the year.

In a check-up of 101 crippled young people who took vocational *rehabilitation* training to earn a living, 70 were found still employed after two years.

Originated by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, a *strawberry* called the Fairmore is pronounced finer in flavor than the well-known Blakemore.

Outer leaves of California *lettuce*—often discarded by truck gardeners and housewives—are reported to be three times as rich in calcium as inner leaves.

More than half the *tin* used in the United States goes into making cans.

French experiments with *photographic printing* on fabrics are reported thus far successful with cotton only.

Settlement of the boundary dispute between Thailand and French Indochina left the famous *Angkor ruins* in the latter country.

Many of China's children are said to suffer from *vitamin deficiencies*, causing such conditions as night-blindness, rickets, and beri-beri.

A new *varnish* to prevent books from molding in warm, damp places contains turpentine, castor oil, camphor, shellac, ethyl alcohol and mercury bichloride.

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