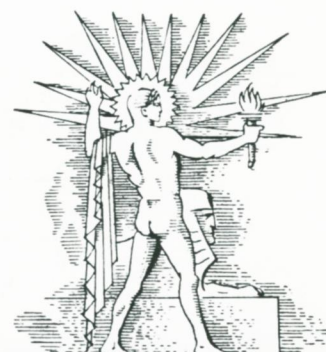
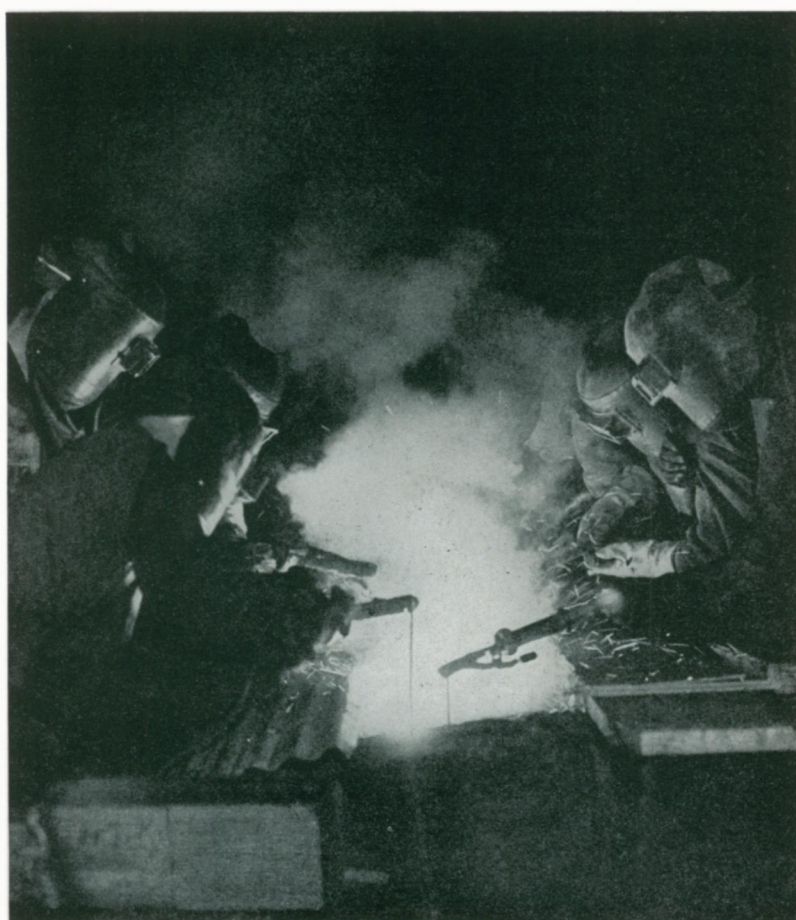


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## Do You Know?

Benjamin Franklin once commented that it would be cheaper for nations to buy territory they wanted than to fight for it.

As many as 67,000 people in a day put in phone calls in New York City to hear the weather forecast announced mechanically.

Volunteers training as telephone operators in England's air raid precaution service learn to handle calls talking through gas masks.

Possibility that the moon's tidal forces act like a trigger to touch off deep earthquakes in South America is being investigated scientifically.

Government scientists have invented a new food article from surplus by-products: namely, wafers or chips made of cull potatoes, skim milk, and salt.

A new type dinner bowl for the dog is divided into food and drink compartments, also made non-skid, so that it does not slip when the dog is eating.

A plant that grows 11 feet tall and has yellow, bell-like flowers has been brought to the San Francisco Fair from ruins of the Incan city of Machu Picchu in Peru.

A British government office has published a map of Britain in the Dark Ages showing distribution of tribes, location of roads, and other facts about the 440 to 840 A.D. era.

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Relay runners in ancient Persia carried messages 1,500 miles in six days along the famed Royal Road from Susa to Sardis.

Testing 2,000 thermometers in a season is one service to Florida fruit growers given by the state's Horticultural Protection Service.

Looking ahead, the Bureau of Public Roads estimates that 25,000 miles of new 4-lane roads will be needed by the United States in the next 25 years.

Nineteen hundred years ago, a writer said that cancer could be cured only in its initial stages.

The World Poultry Congress held in Cleveland July 28 to August 5 is to be unusually complete in showing scientific progress of an industry.

The Chinese government is determined to destroy all poppy fields and even to execute the growers, lest opium take a new hold on the country.

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