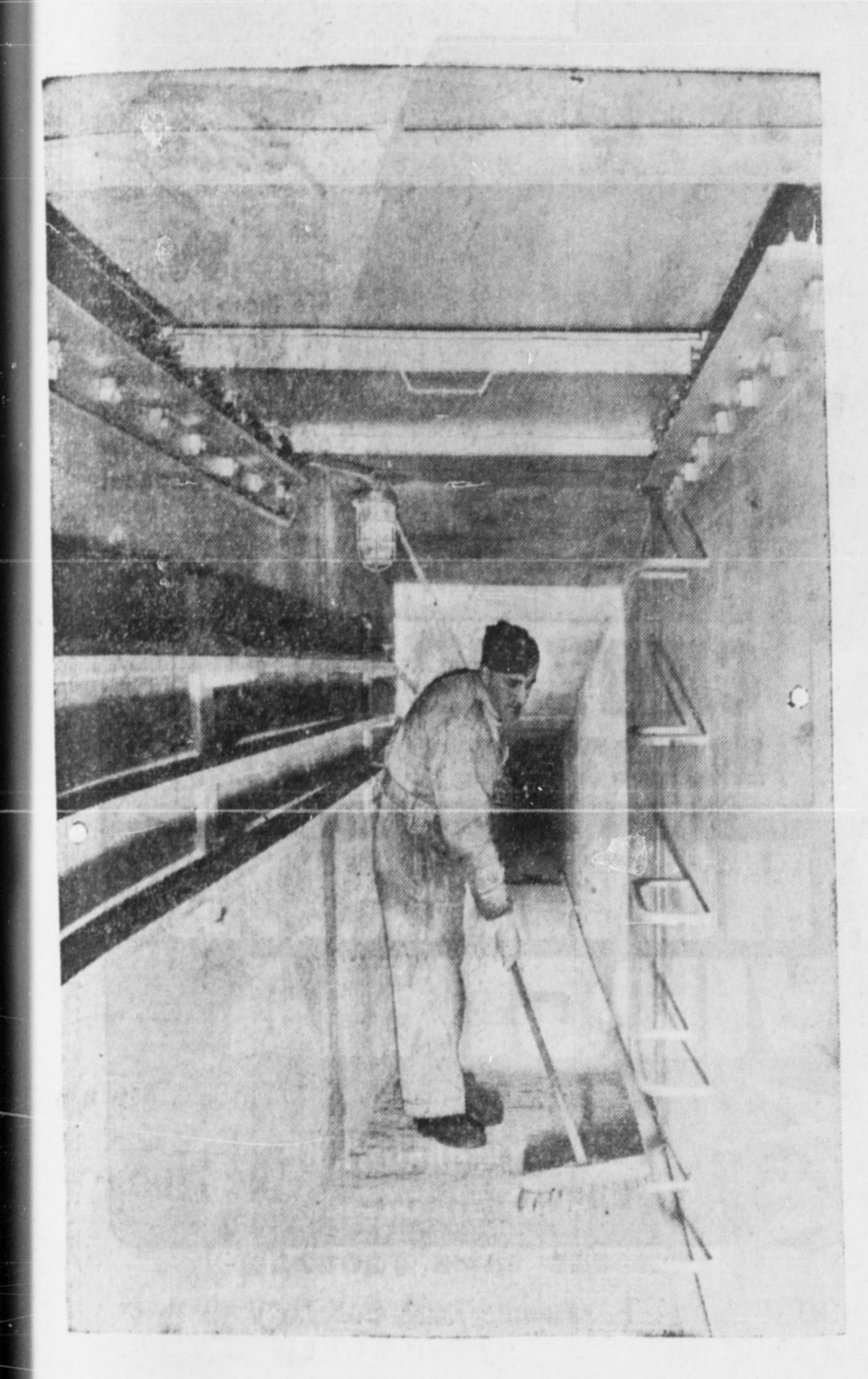
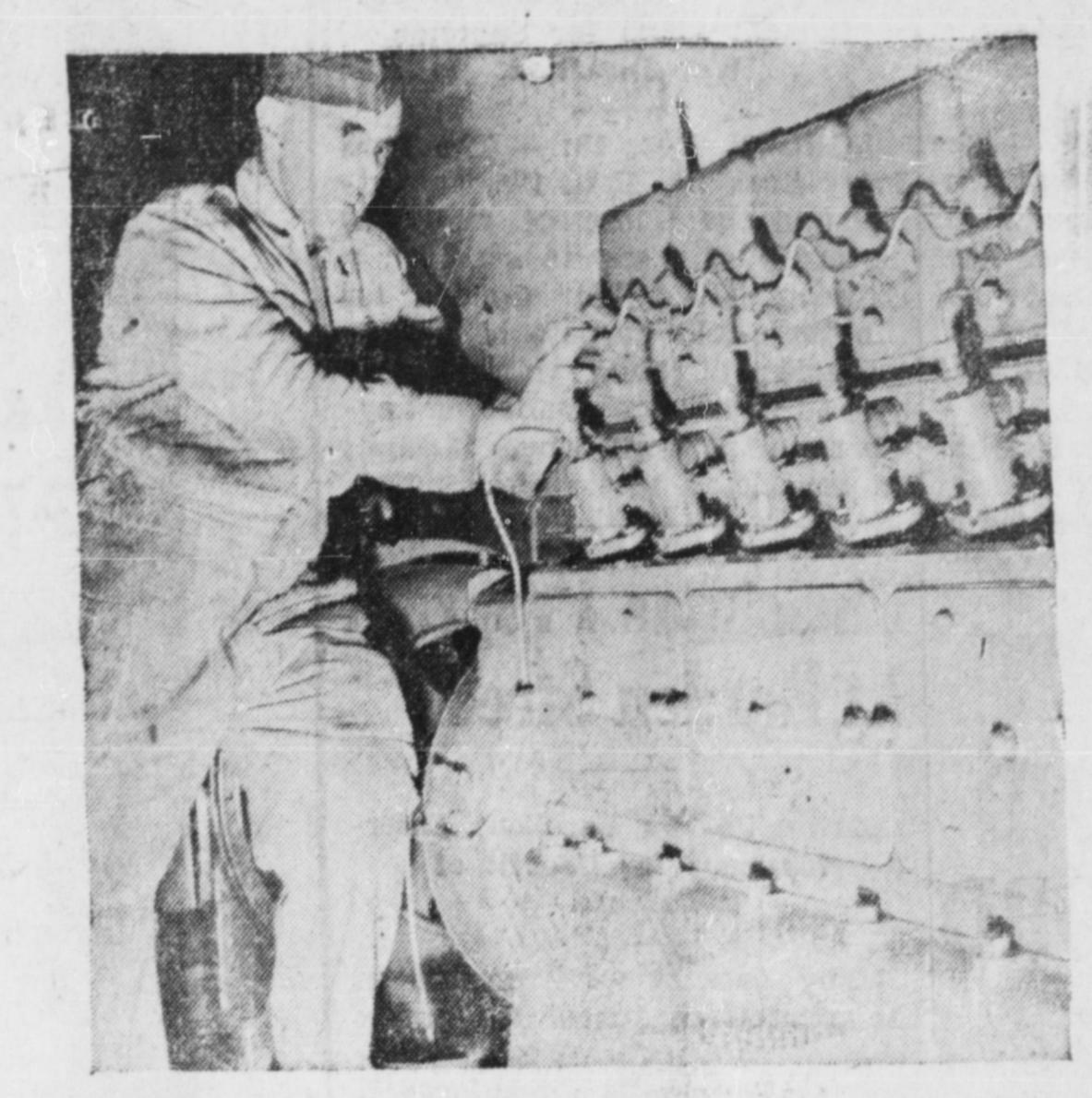
Canada's Guns Are Ready To Roar Their Challenge On Pacific Coast









TOP ROW - Canada's coastal batteries, covering the country's Pacific approaches, are connected by passageways newn from the solid rock. In preparation for the present danger, work has been going ahead for several years on this chain of fortifications.

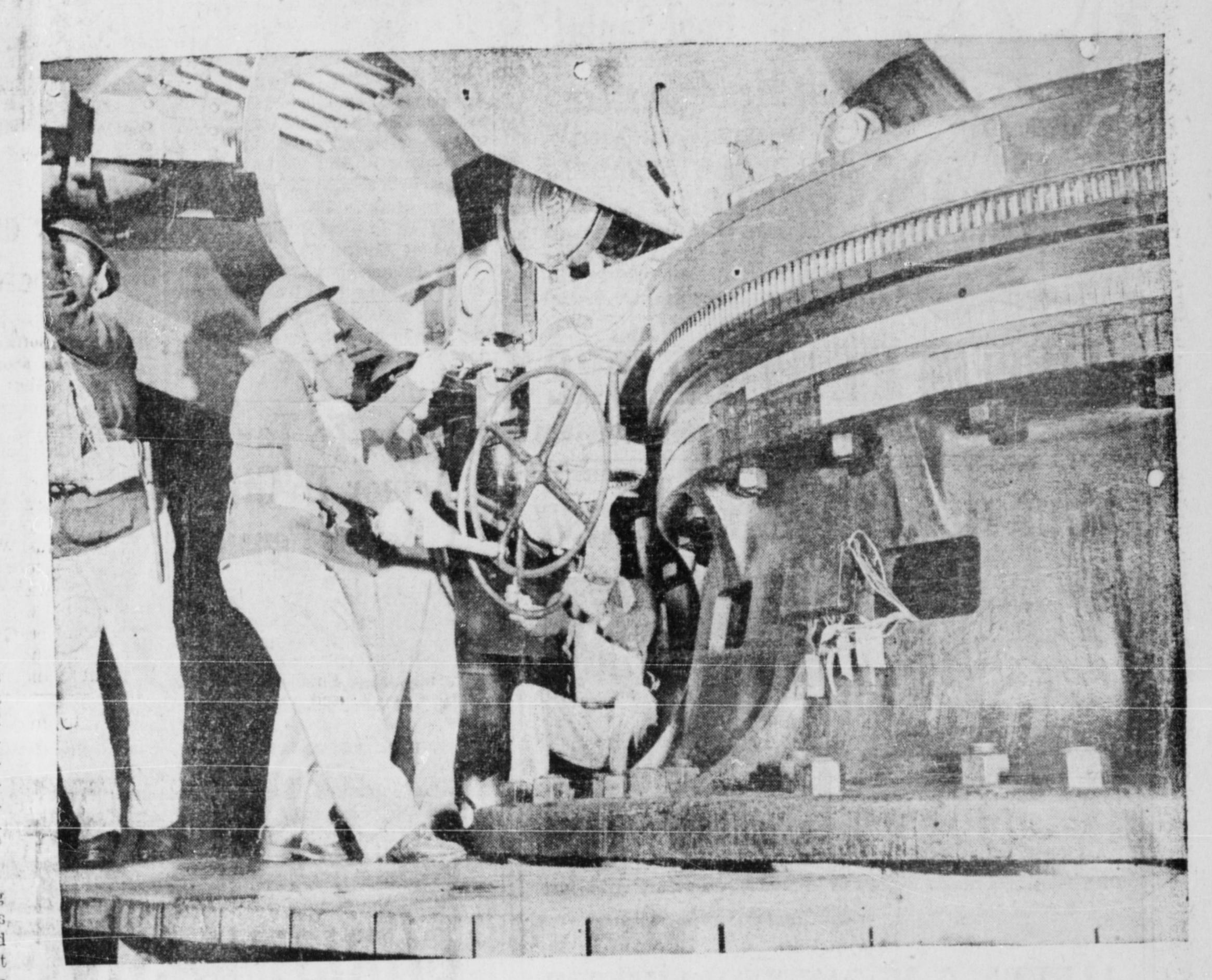
Ensuring independent operation of batteries regardless of outside interruptions of electrical supply are such individual power plants as the one shown.

Carefully planned and modern in design are Canada's Pacific fortifications. Shown here is a section of an ammunition chamber, far below the gun. Shells are raised in elevator to the upper level, where loading crew receives them.

CENTRE-Symbolic of Canada's readiness is this photo, showing an artilleryman in the subterranean control chamber with his his finger on the trigger awaiting the firing order. Far above him big guns command the country's Pacific approaches.

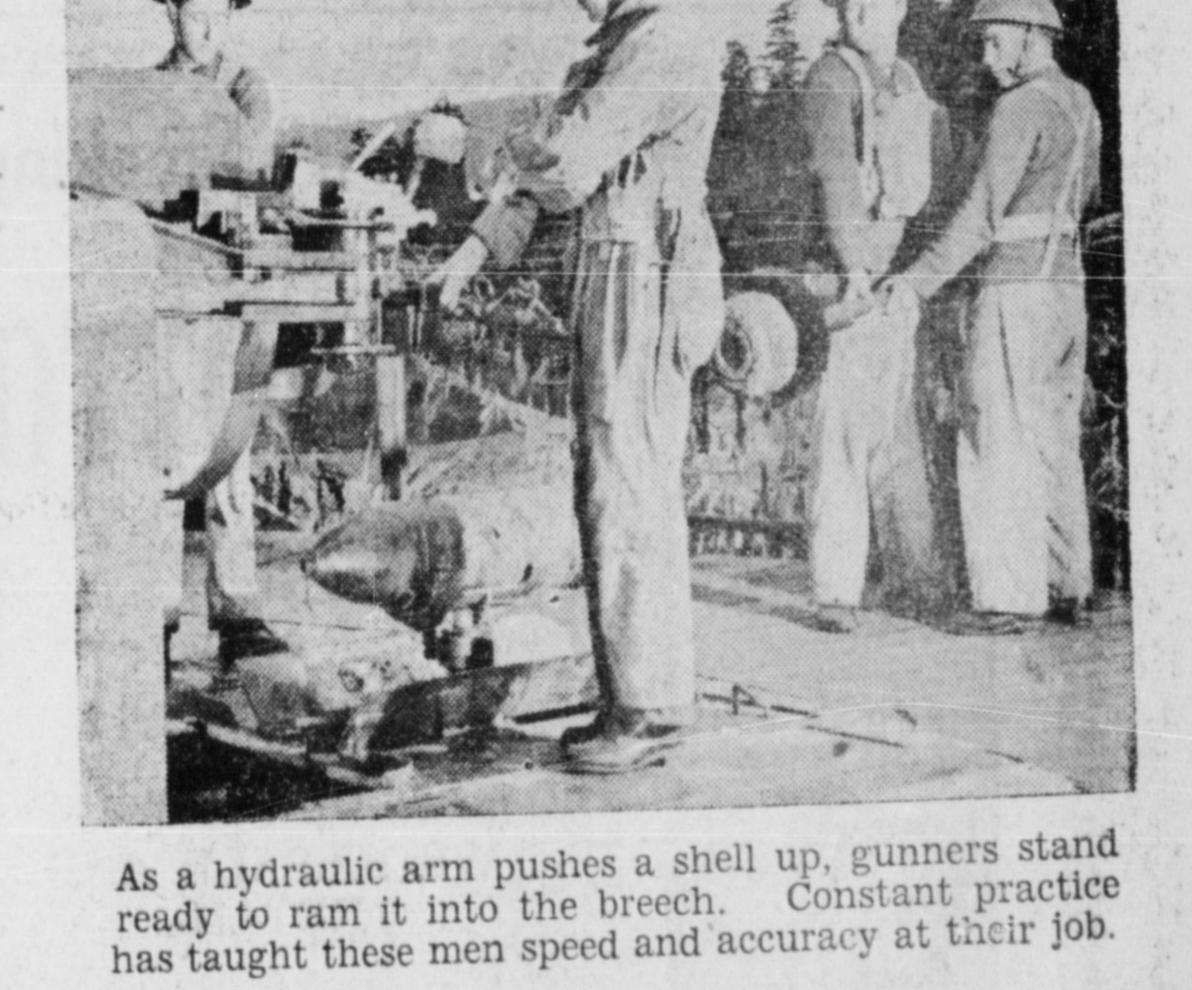
Some idea of the size and power of the big guns which stand ready to hurl tons of destruction far out into the Pacific at the first sign of the enemy may be gained from this photo, showing a control chamber below the surface. These artillerymen make firing adjustments on instructions from observation posts, where gunnery officers work with precise instruments to determine range of target.

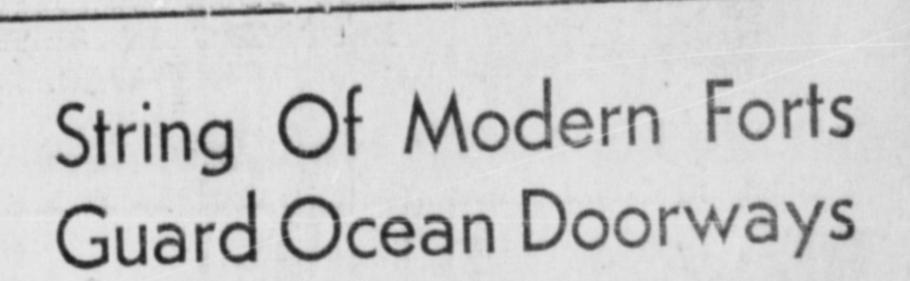
BOTTOM - Out beyond the threatening muzzle of this coastal defence gan lucks, a new enemy for Canada and the United States. Standing ready to play their part in the defence of the North American continent, these soldiers are well-trained and equipped. Their guns will challenge any enemy craft which may venture within their range. When these weapons roar, their thunder cracks windows and may be heard for 25 miles. Years of preparation lie behind Canada's intricate string of western fortifications and when war finally exploded in the Pacific the defence



machine was immediately ready to function with smooth efficiency.

As a hydraulic arm pushes a shell up, gunners stand ready to ram it into the breech. Constant practice has taught these men speed and accuracy at their





CANADA is at war with the Empire of Japan and the Clights have gone out on the Pacific Coast. Sentries stand guard through the night, their eyes scanning the sea and sky. The Dominion's fighting forces stand poised for action, on the ocean, in the air, on the land.

Giant patrol planes range far out to sea. Destroyers, corvettes and auxiliary cruisers of the Royal Canadian Navy have stripped their decks for battle and the tiny vessels of the Fishermen's Reserve carry on a sharp-eyed search of British Columbia's myriad bays and fjords.

The defenders of the West Coast, long groomed against the possibility of trouble in the Pacific, are ready to meet the new challenge.

Most significant of Canada's preparedness in the West is its network of powerful coastal batteries. Work was going ahead on the construction of these fortifications long before the outbreak of war in Europe.

Quietly completed while all eyes were turned toward the Atlantic; these fortifications now cover with their big guns all the important ocean approaches to the "focal points" of the Pacific coast.

The photographs on this page, taken for Public Information by Nicholas Morant, reveal a few glimpses of these armed barricades which have overnight become of vital importance to the safety of Canada.

