

## Pan-American Building To Get 7-Story Addition

The nine-story Pan-American Airways Building at 28-19 Bridge Plaza North, Long Island City, will be modernized and a seven-story addition will be erected, a seven-story part of the work was announced today by the owner of the building, William Kaufman, who several weeks ago renewed Pan-American's lease for 21 years.



**DOCTORATE**—The University of Wisconsin at Madison, Wis., has awarded the degree of doctor of philosophy to Gerald F. Dinneen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Dinneen of 118-21 9th avenue, College Point. His dissertation in the field of mathematics is titled "The Exponential Function of a Variable Matrix." He received his B.S. from Queens College in 1947 and his M.S. from Wisconsin in 1948. With his wife, the former Mary Purington of Malba and their two children, he is living in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, where he is employed as a development engineer for Goodyear Aircraft Corporation.

The large scale operation will involve construction of a seven-story wing containing 50,000 square feet and complete air-conditioning of both the present building and the addition. Melvyn Kaufman, in charge of construction for the Kaufman office, will direct the operation.

PAN-AMERICA will have a total of more than 200,000 square feet of space in the modernized, enlarged building. Except for the National City Bank, which occupies the street floor and basement, the airline is the building's sole tenant.

In addition to the wing and the air-conditioning, new construction will also include a street-floor parking garage with an entrance on the 29th street side.

The facade of the older portion of the building will be cleaned by a hydro-silica process and altered in trim to present a modern, harmonious blend with the exterior of the new addition.

As planned by Herbert Tannemaum, architect, the floors of the addition will be joined on each level with existing construction to provide integrated working areas.

PAN-AMERICA'S need for additional space resulted from expansion of its Far East operations, Kaufman said, and the realization that Long Island City was an exceptionally advantageous location.

Edwards and Hjorth, who designed the TV transmitting tower atop the Empire State Building, are the engineers. Rutherford Stinard and Alfred Kleinberger are the mechanical engineers.

## 4 Men and Girl on Raft Plan Voyage to Africa

By GODFREY ANDERSON  
PARIS, (A.P.)—Four men and a girl make an Anglo-American attempt to drift across the Mediterranean from France to North Africa on a homemade raft this month.

The idea first struck Richard Miller, 27-year-old American leader of the group, whose family lives at 139 North Long avenue, Chicago. If the crew of the Kon-Tiki could get across the Pacific Ocean on a raft, he figured the Mediterranean should be easy. That night he started dreaming rafts.

Then he met Michael Jones, a former R.A.R. pilot officer, of Ravenscourt Park London, in a Paris bar. Jones insisted on going along.

They soon added Philadelphia-born Don Kinder, 28, of Jessups, Md., and Spanish-born Jose De Tejada, 28, now of Princeton University. That made up the four men. The girl came later.

"I am a nurse," explained slim brunette Muriel Grand, 20, of Hull, Yorks, "and I came to Paris on holiday. I stayed looking for a job, but failed to find one. Then I found a raft."

MURIEL—she calls herself fourth mate—was busy caulking the deck of the raft as it bobbed in the wash of passing barges on the Seine.

She was clad in the briefest khaki shorts and a gay green sweater, with her dark hair tied back in a bobbing horsetail.

She scoffed at suggestions that the Mediterranean might be both wetter and colder than the Seine.

"We have confidence in the ship," she said. "After all, we built it."

The raft, which consists of stout planks bolted on air-filled drums, was built in three weeks on an island up the river seven miles north of Paris.

It measures 30 feet by 41 and has a square cabin about eight feet by six and six feet high amidships. The raft later will be fitted with a mast and a single sail.

The launching, which cost ex-pilot Jones a ducking, was not carried out without difficulty. Amidst cheers and the crack of a bottle of champagne, the raft was named "Ken-Tookey" by a minor French movie star.

Then it was towed downstream to a point opposite the French National Assembly, where it floated bravely, slightly down by the bows, before a curious crowd.

### Four Women Listed As Eligible Teachers

The names of three North Queens women have been placed upon the eligible list of holders of licenses as teachers of health education and common branches in junior high schools. It was announced today by the Board of Examiners.

They are Virginia J. Burrows of 212-16 36th avenue, Bayside; Catherine C. Beuler of 35-18 162nd street, Flushing; and Margaret Wigiser of 84-31 Fleet court, Rego Park.

The board also announced that Barbara E. Rashbrook of 20-62 31st street, Astoria, has been put on the list of holders of license as teacher of swimming in playgrounds.

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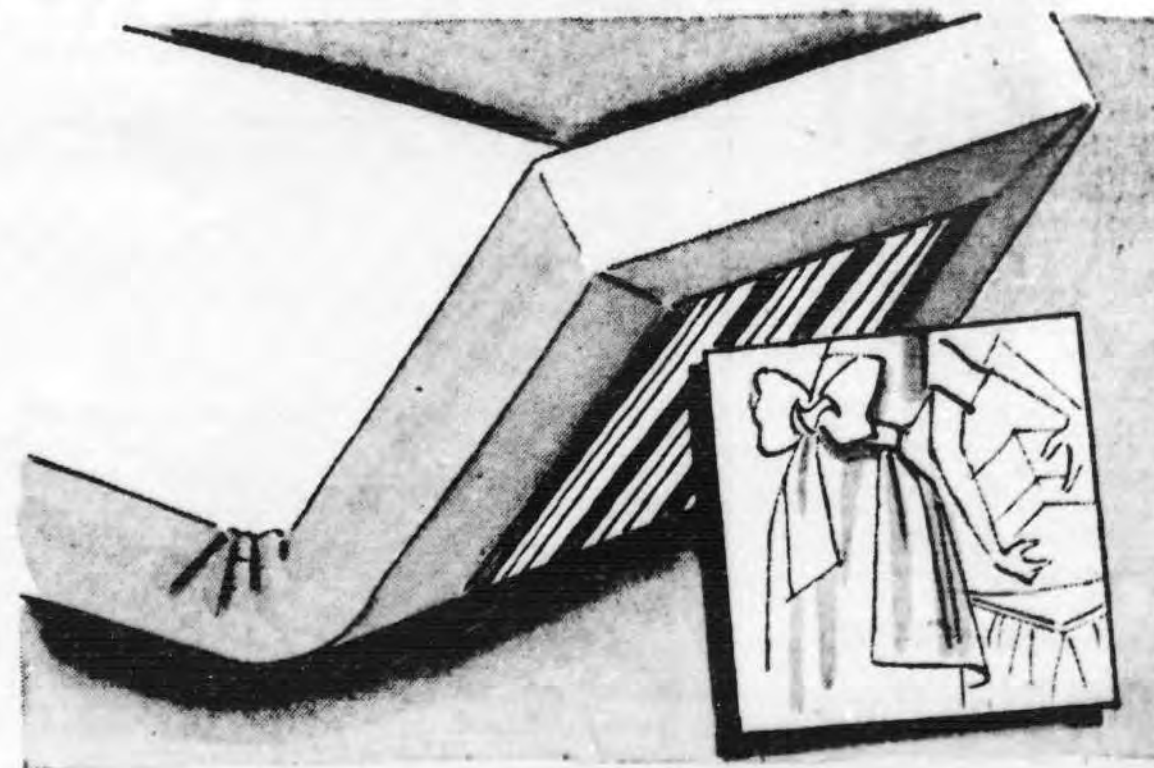
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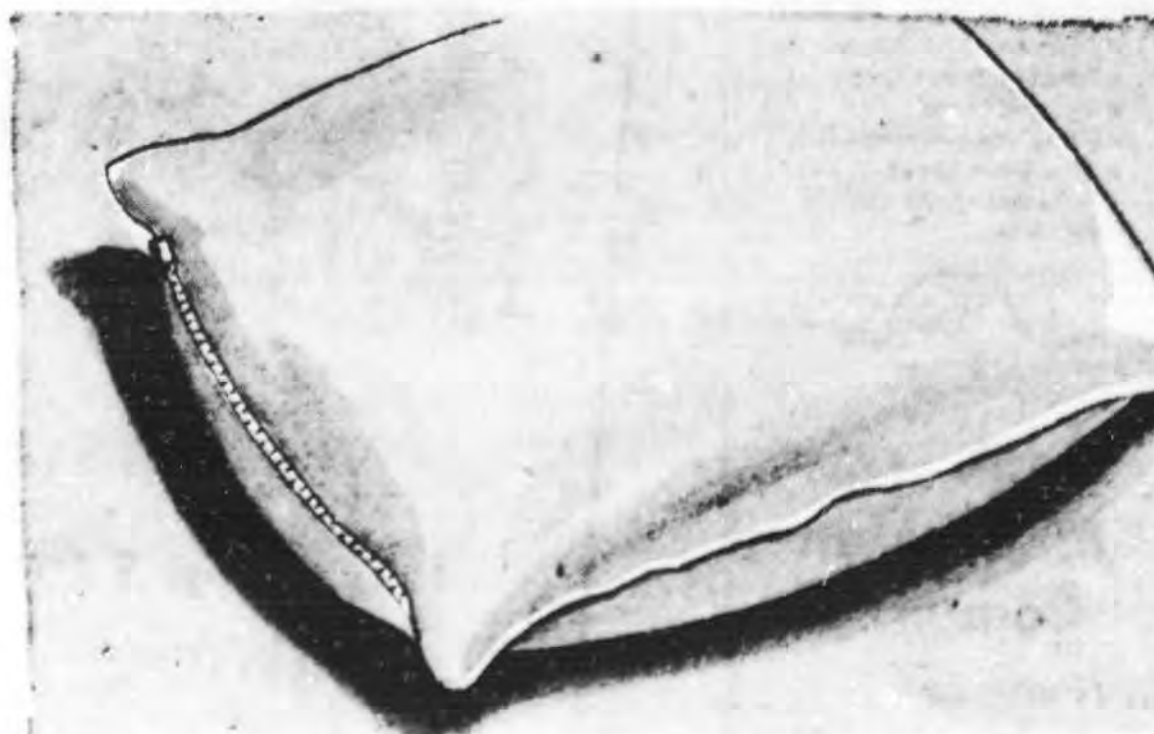
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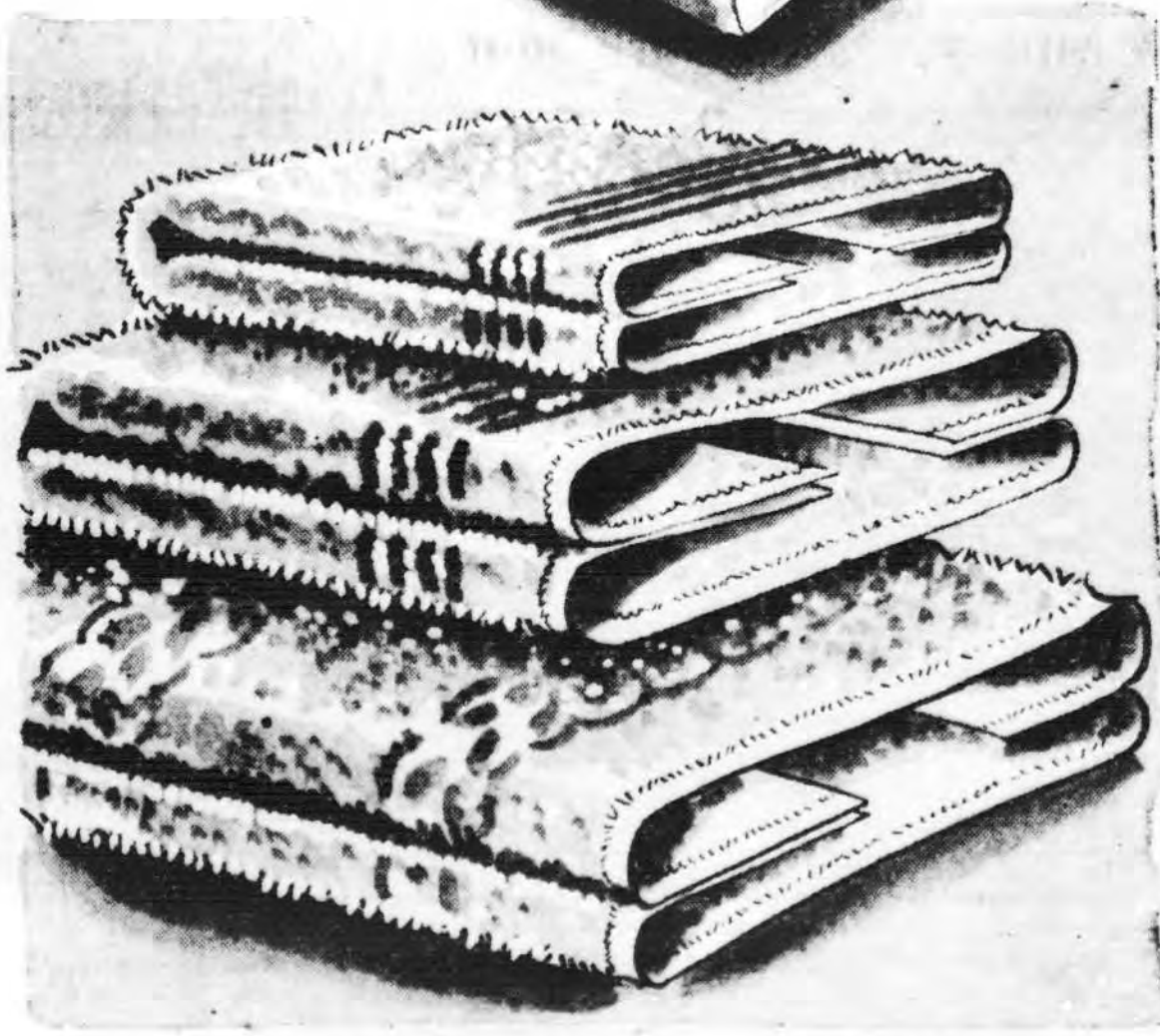
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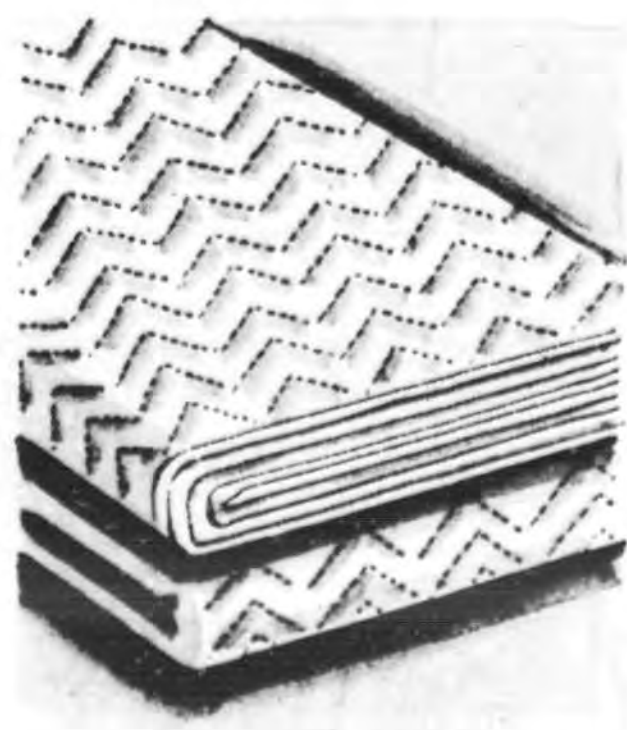
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