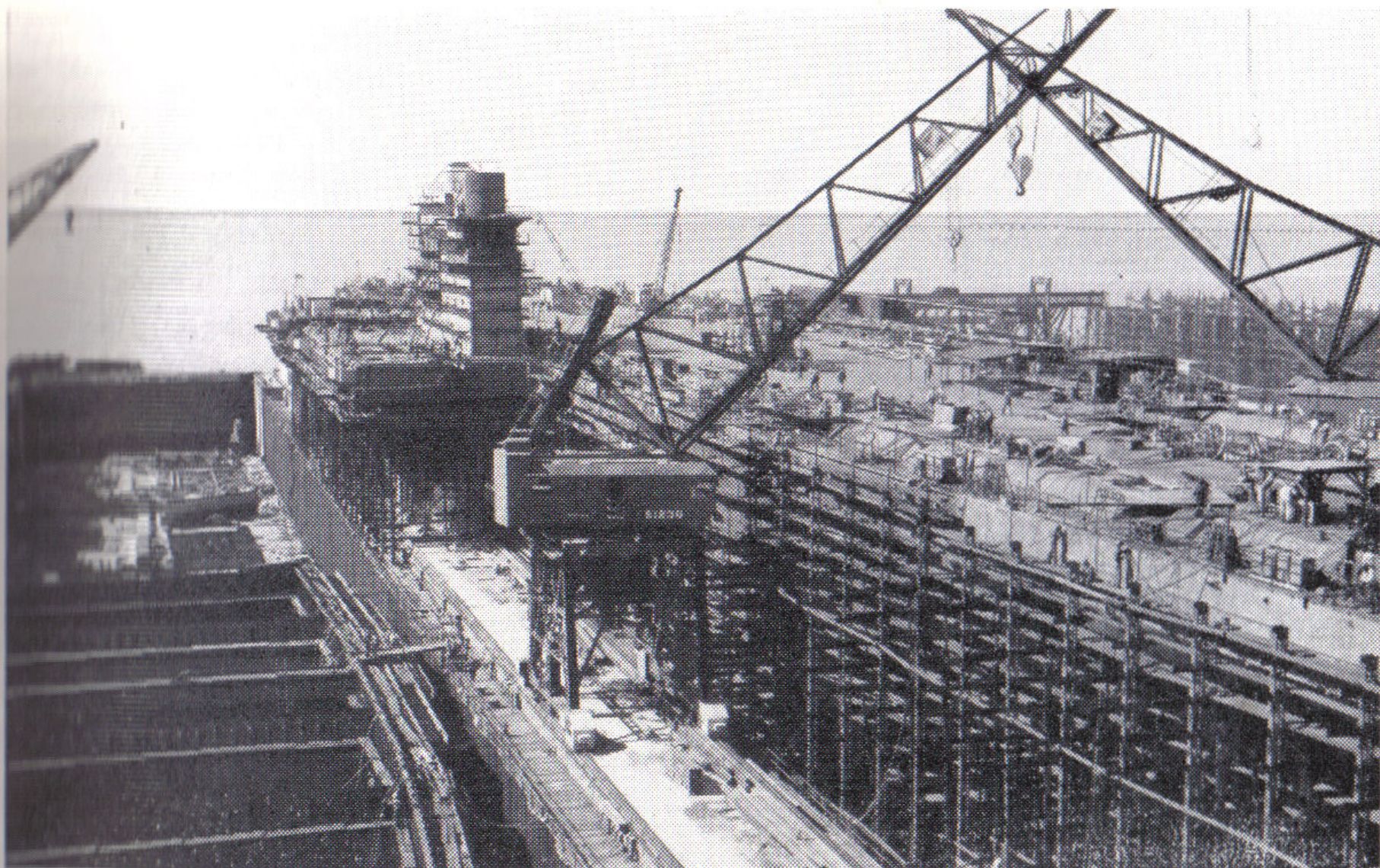
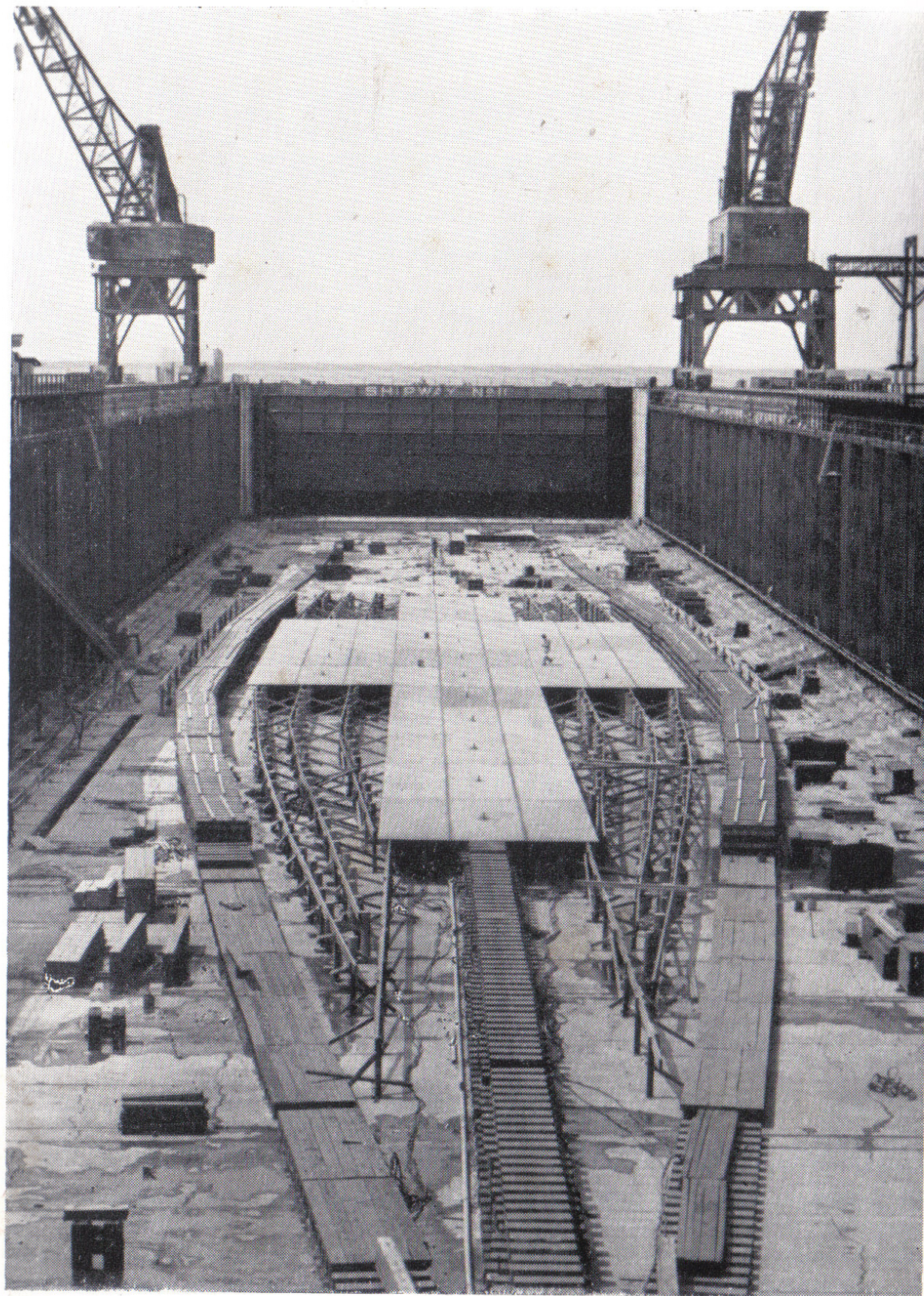


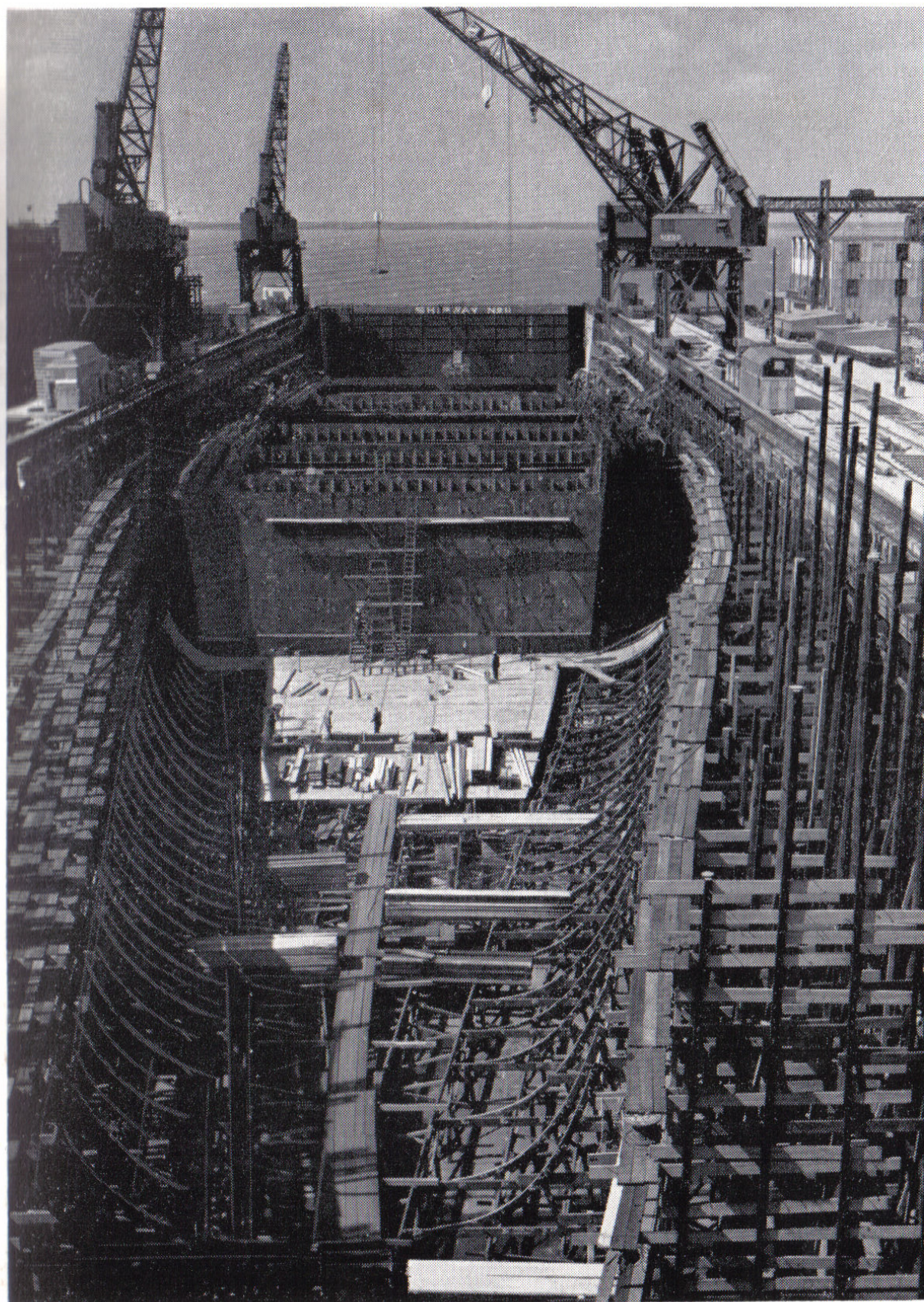
Port rudder post being positioned on the FORRESTAL



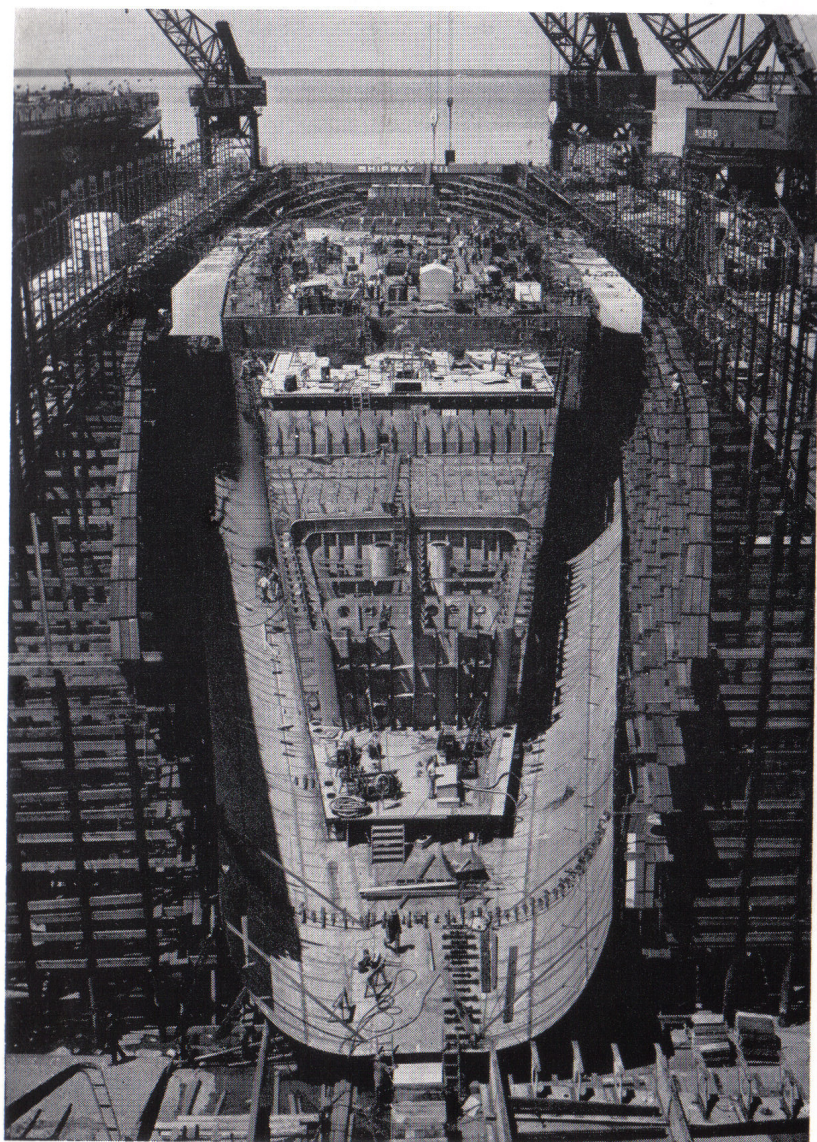
View along the starboard side of the FORRESTAL showing the overhang and island. One of the four deck edge elevators will operate in the space forward of the overhang



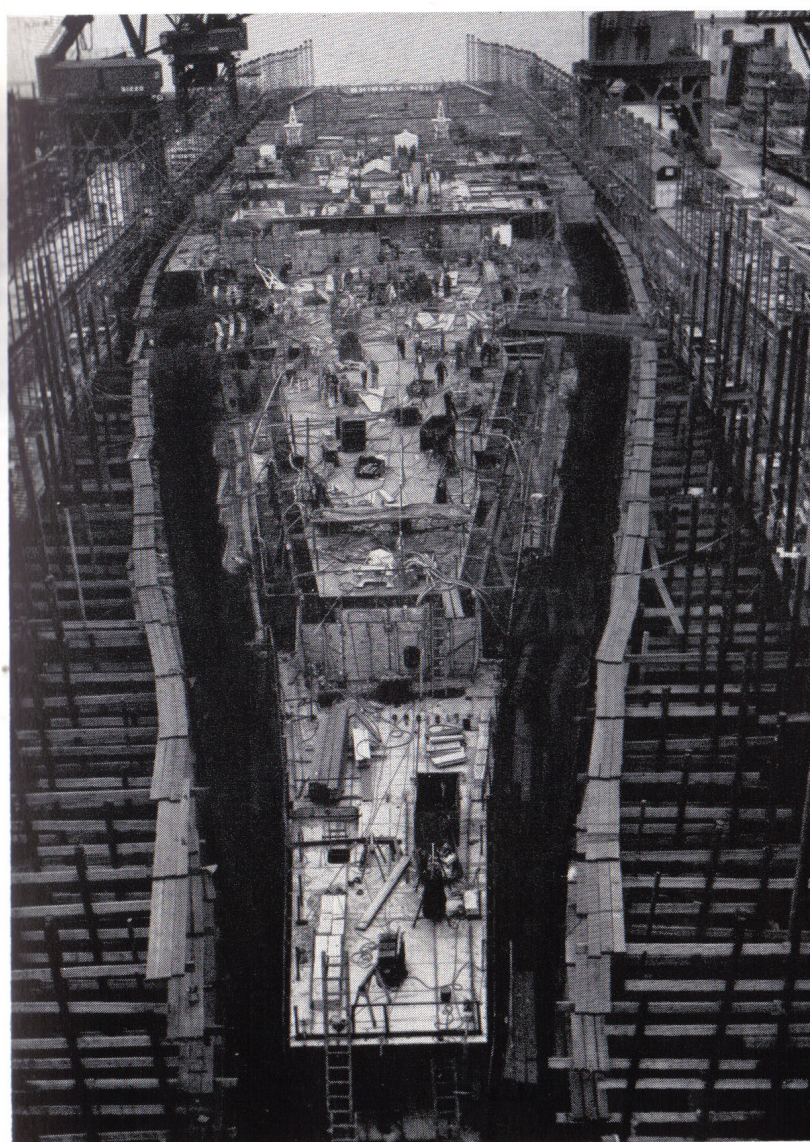
*The keel plates for the carrier UNITED STATES laid on Easter Monday,
April 18, 1949, formed a perfect cross*



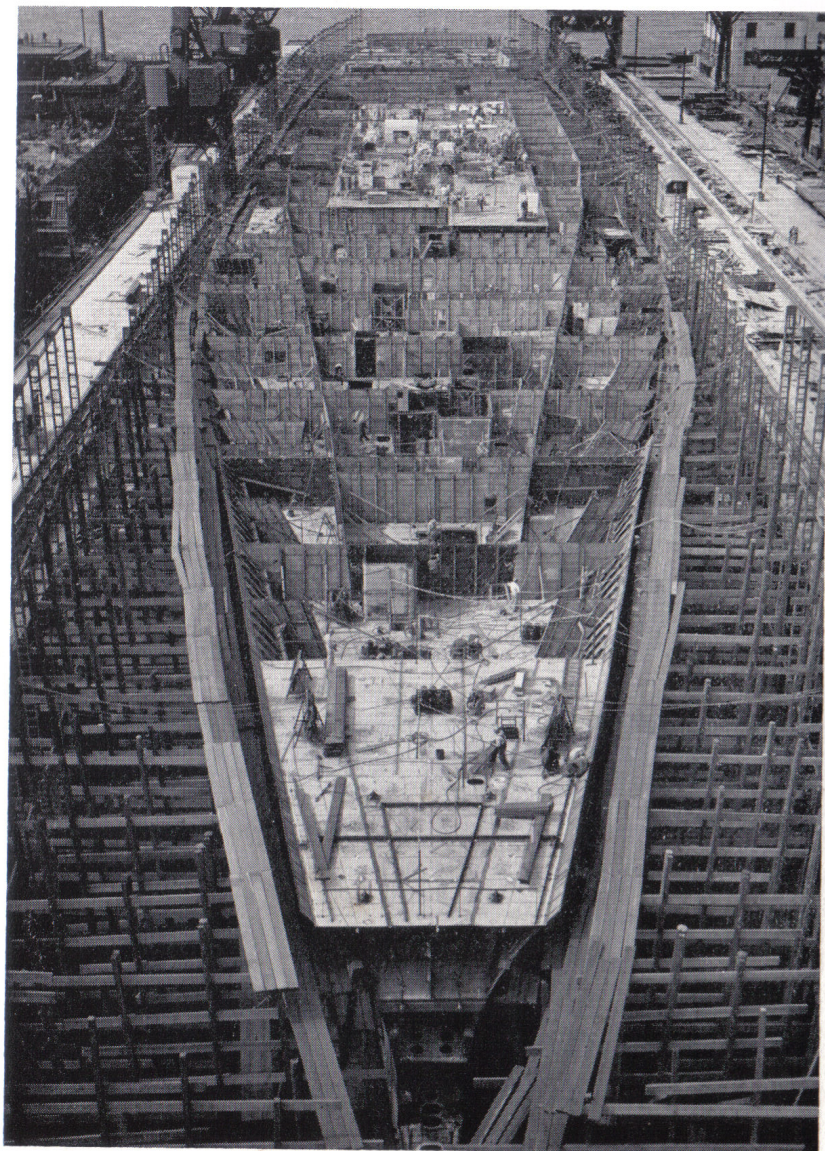
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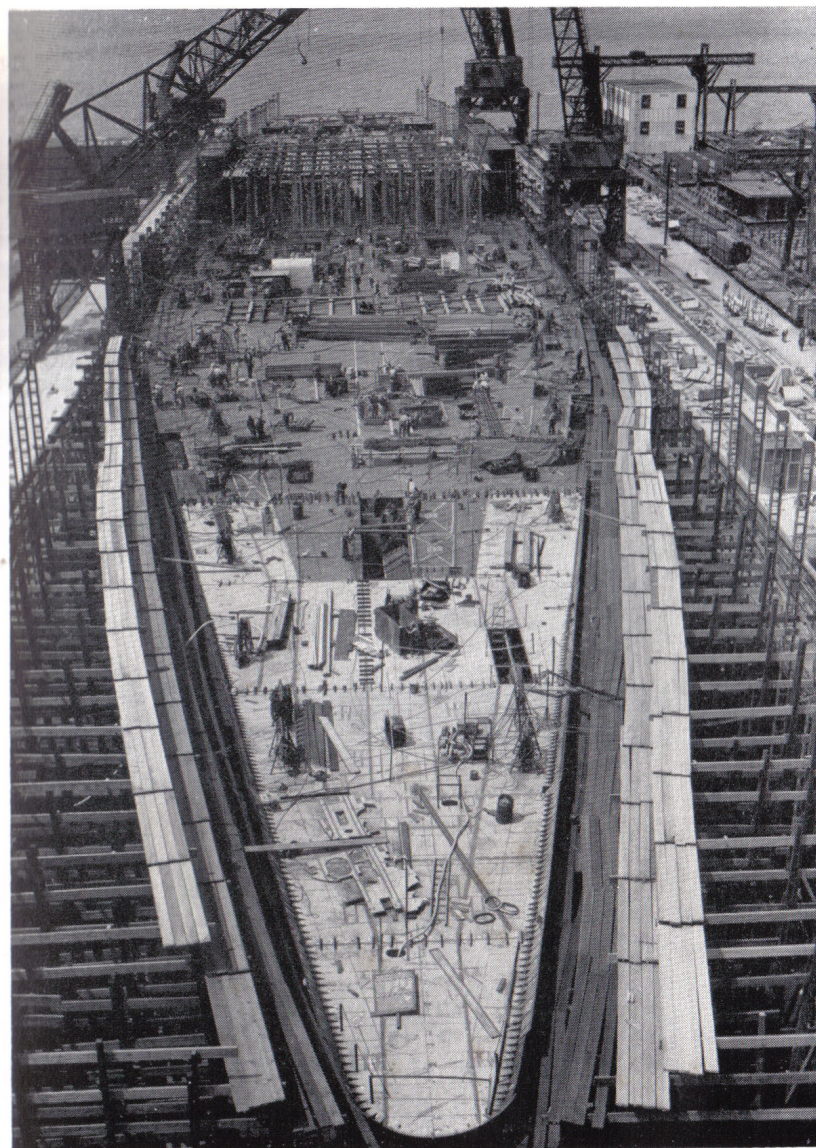
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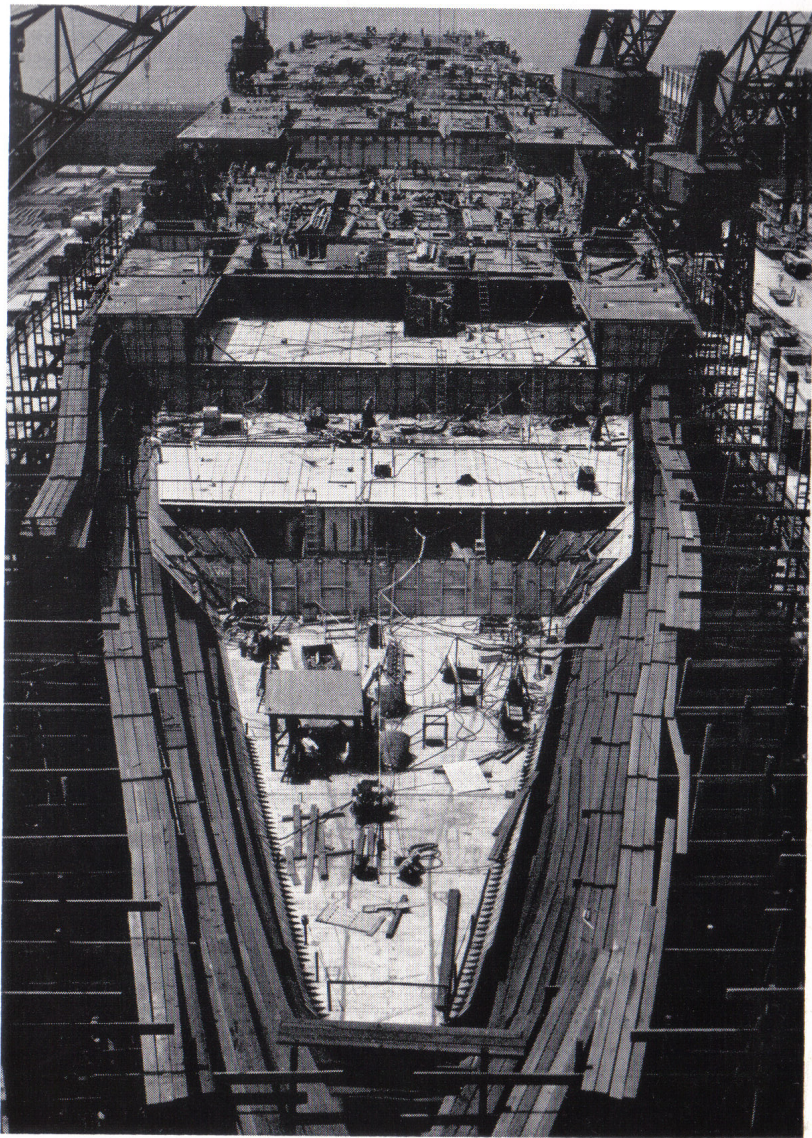
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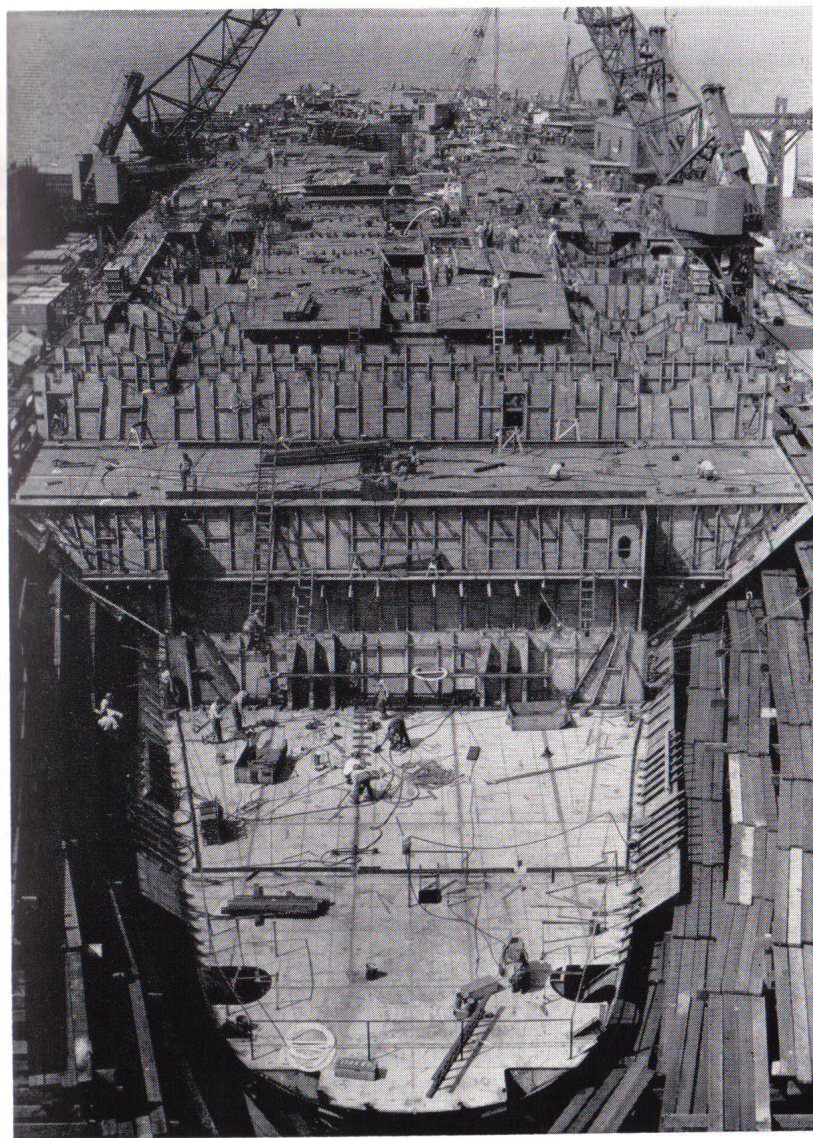
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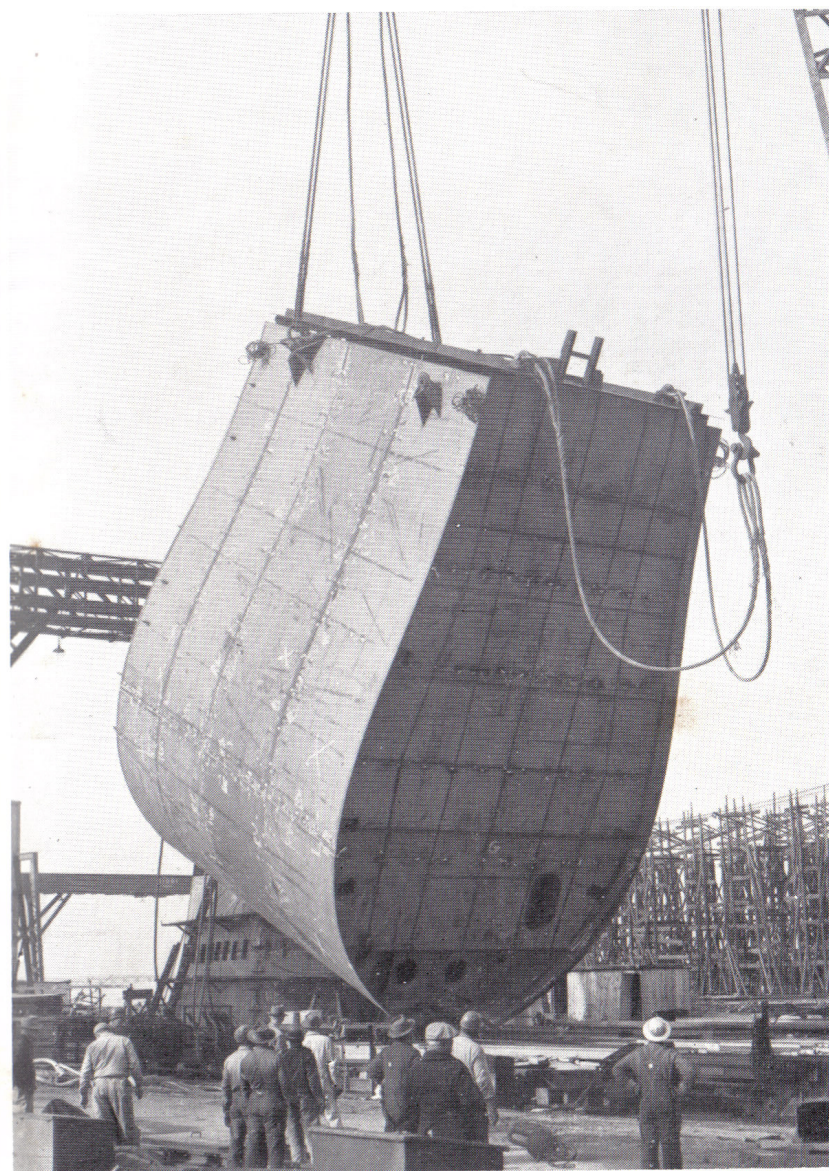
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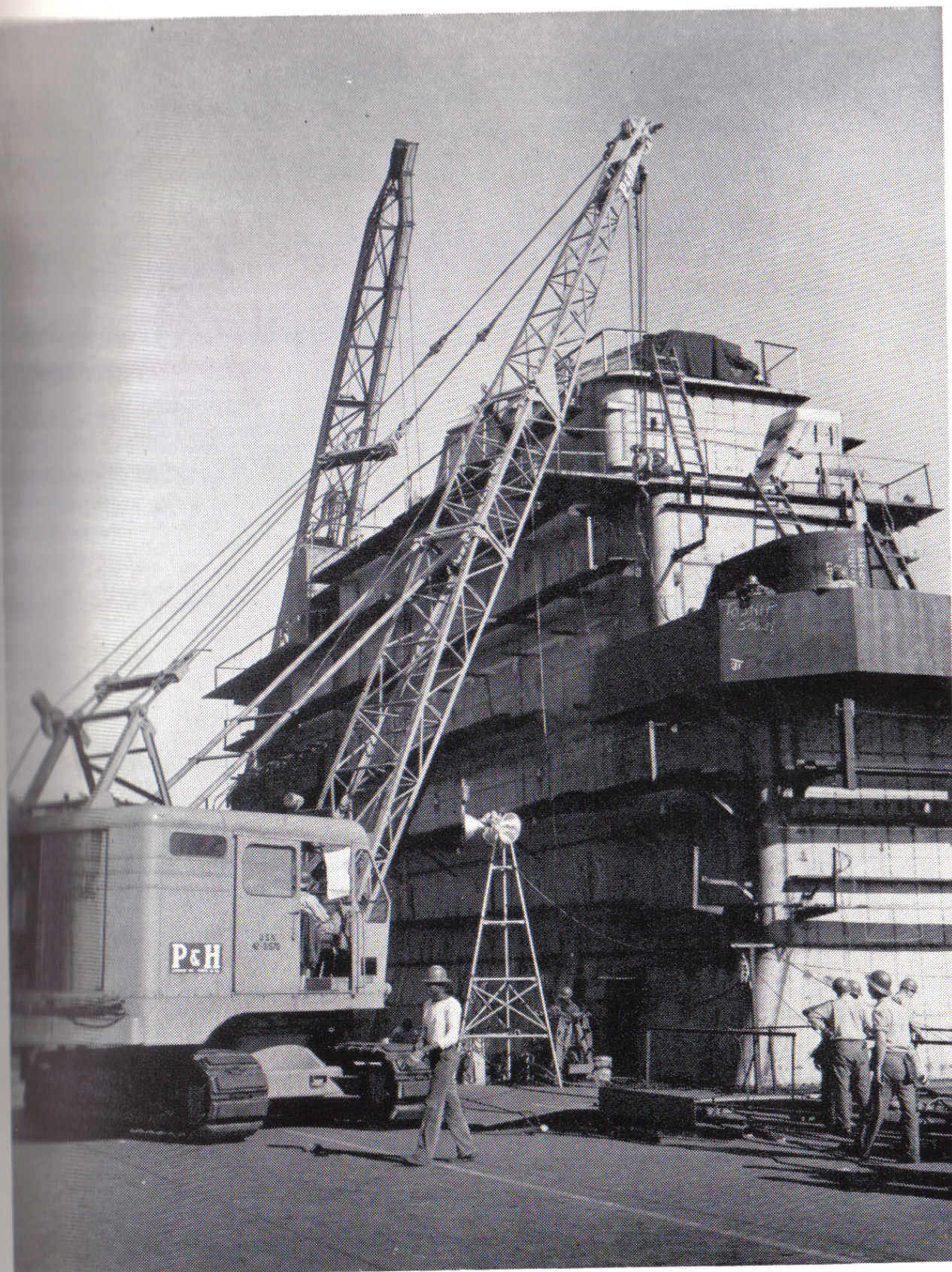
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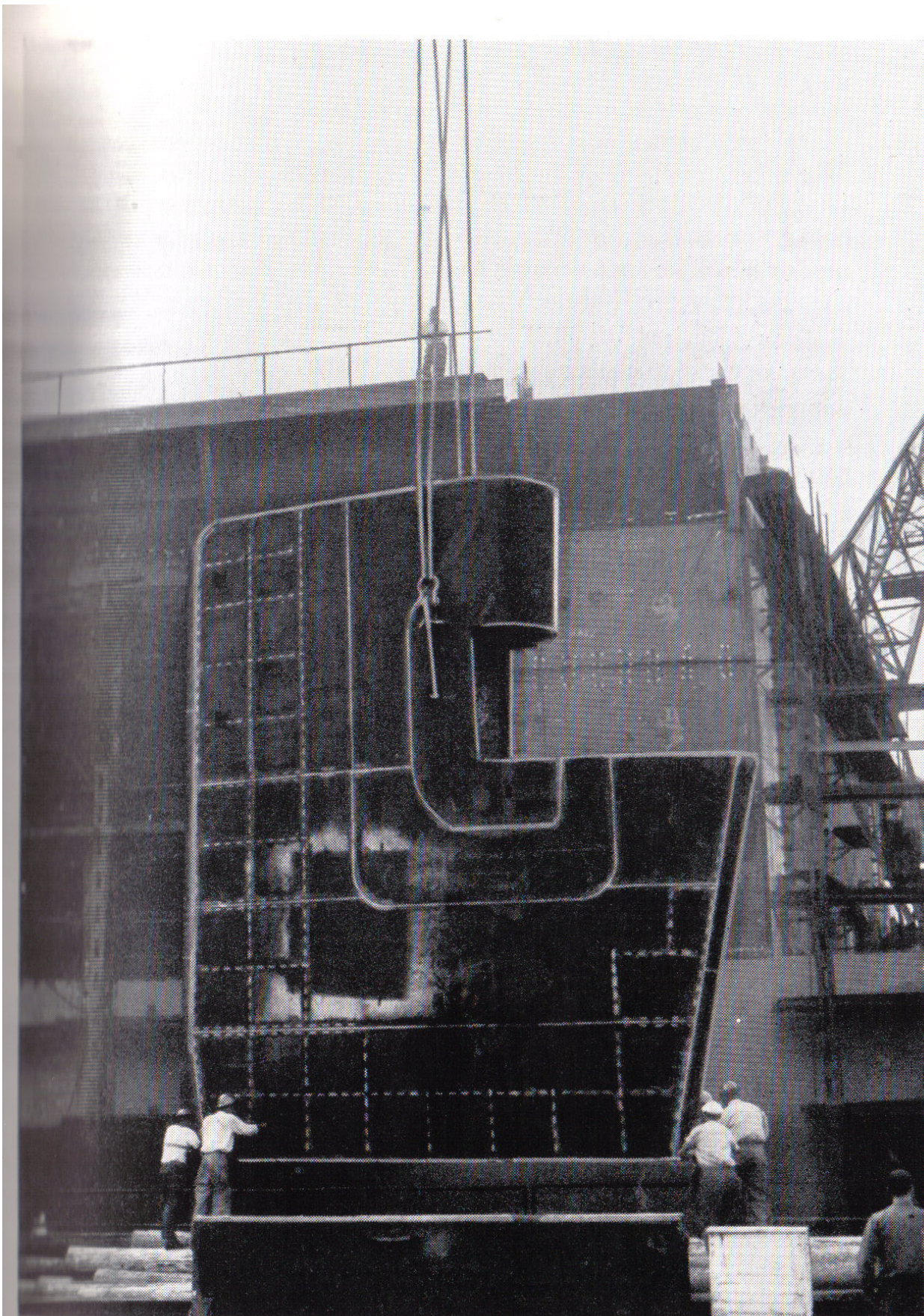
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A bow assembly for the FORRESTAL being turned on an assembly platform preparatory to erection on the FORRESTAL



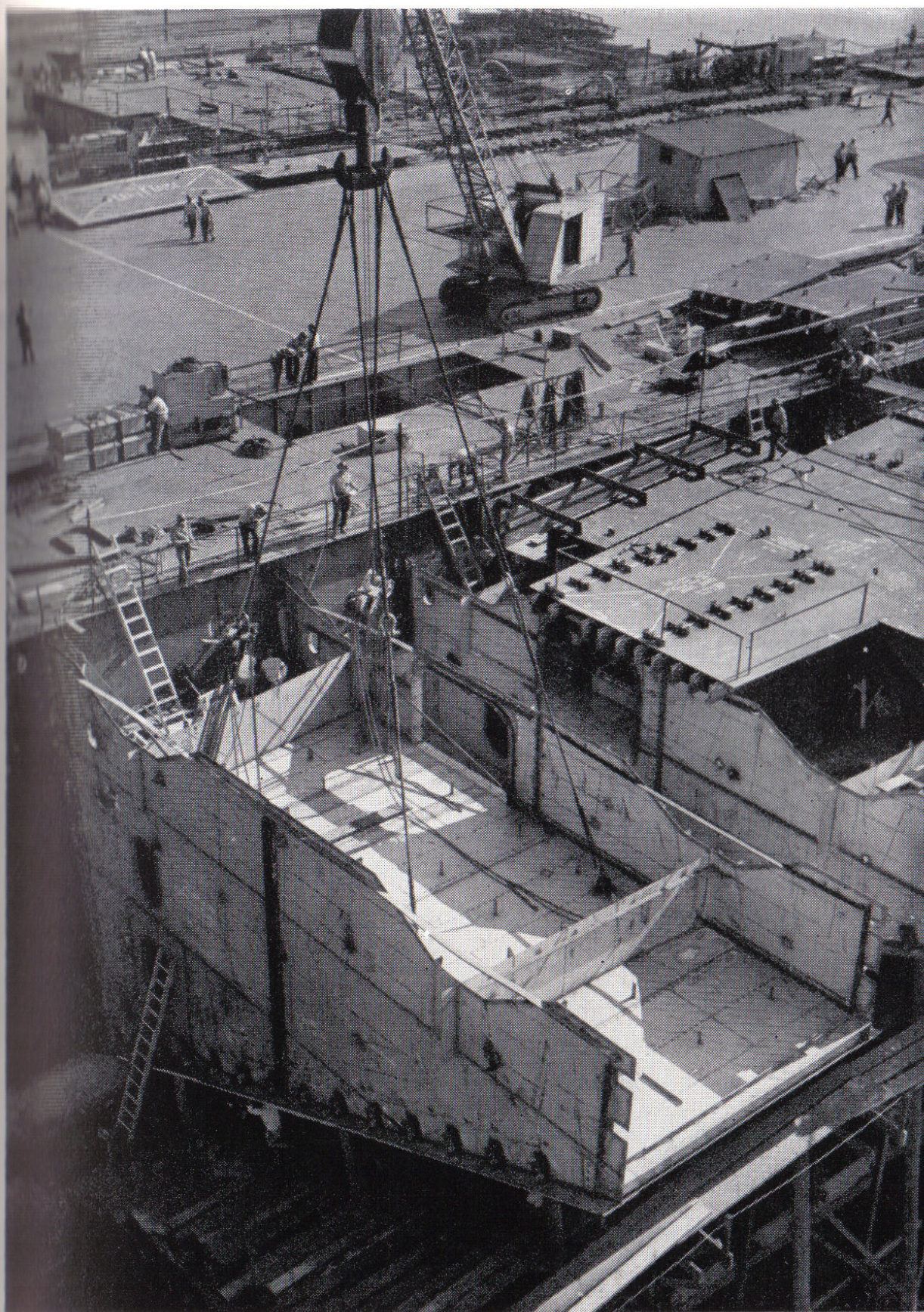
A 25-ton tractor type crane is shown in operation adjacent to the island on the flight deck of the FORRESTAL. This procedure was necessary for installations in the stern portion of the ship which the shipway cranes could no longer reach after installation of the overhangs



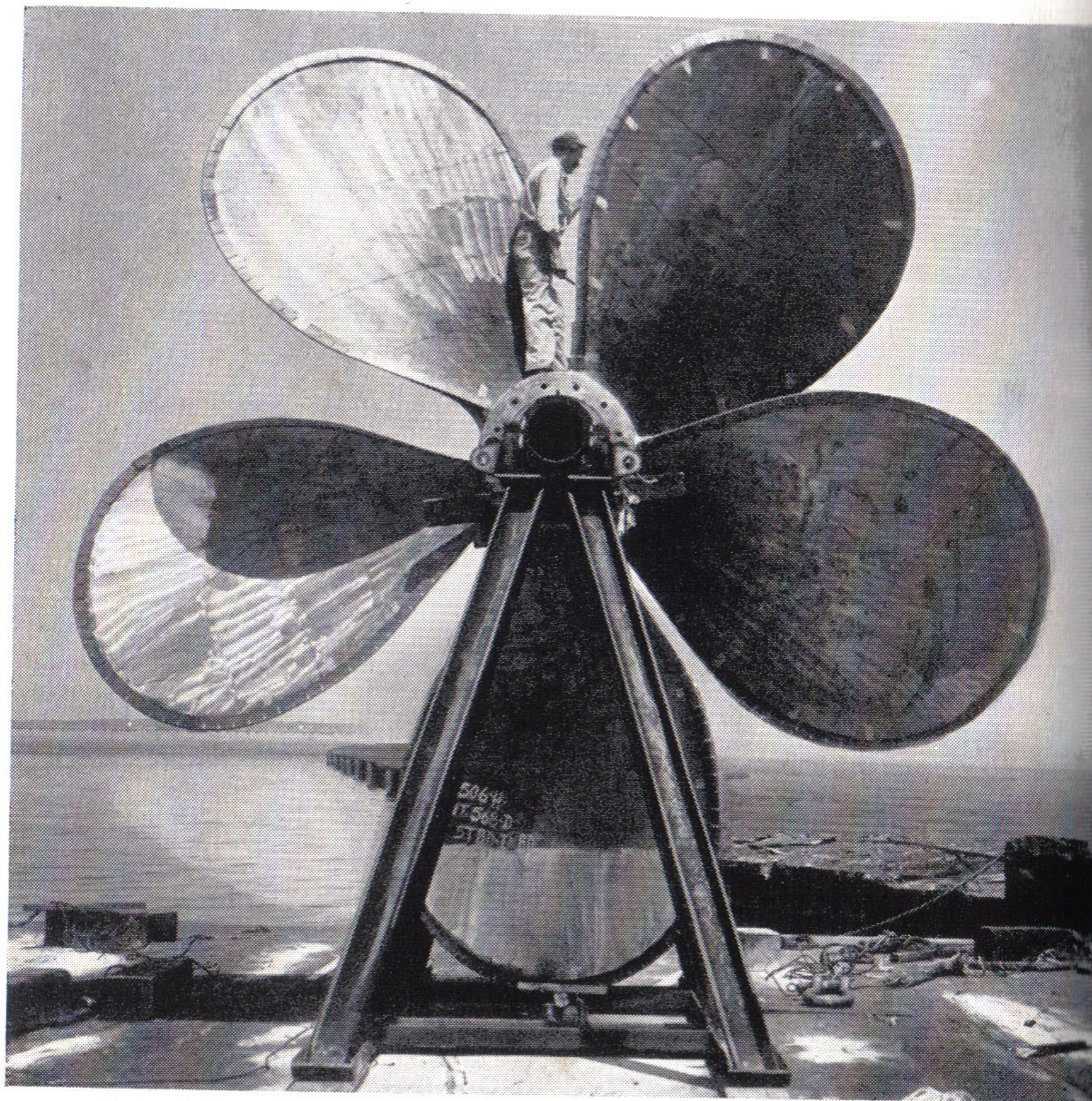
*The 45-ton port rudder for the FORRESTAL is being lowered
into position*



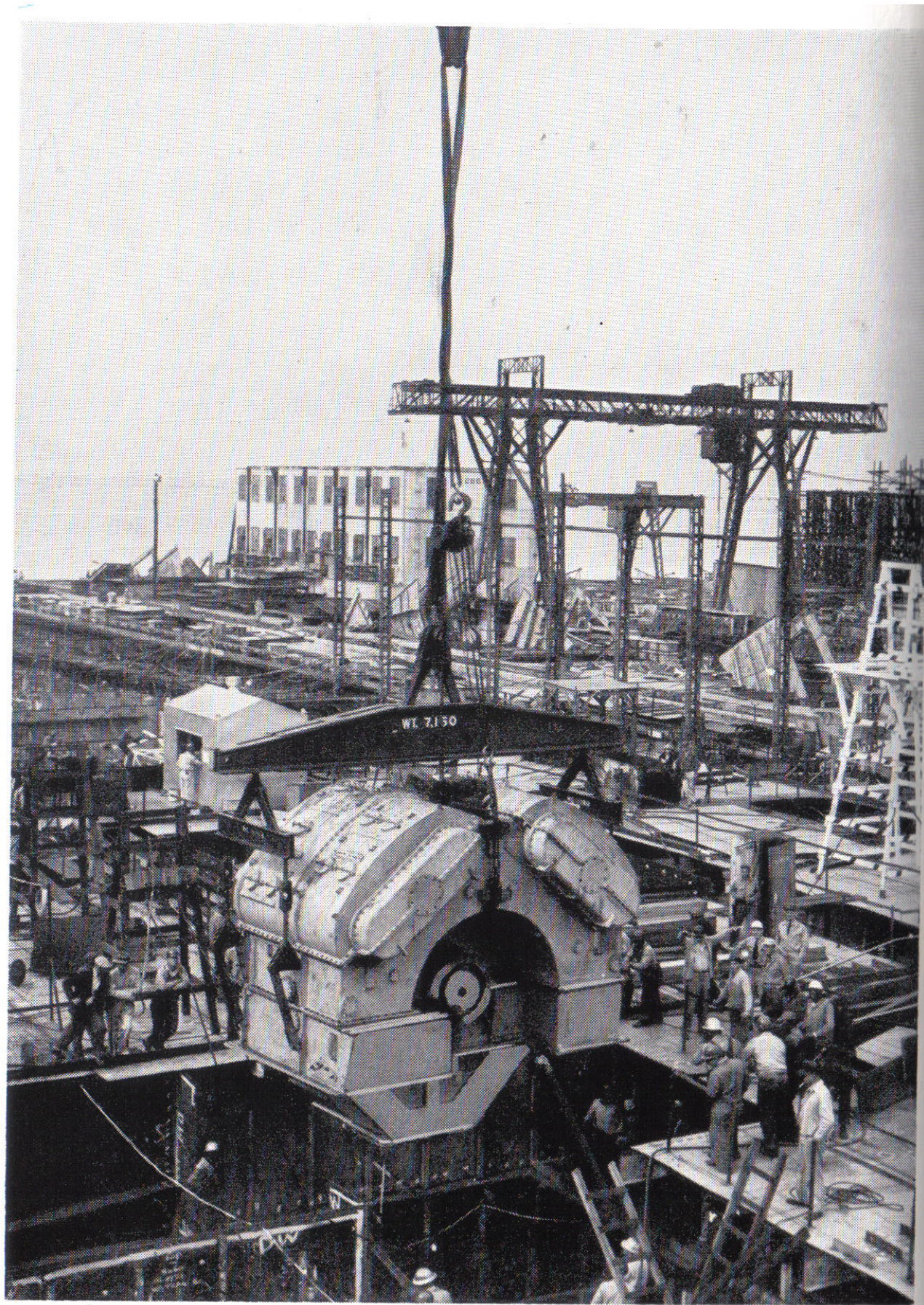
View from the bow of the FORRESTAL showing the full length of the flight deck



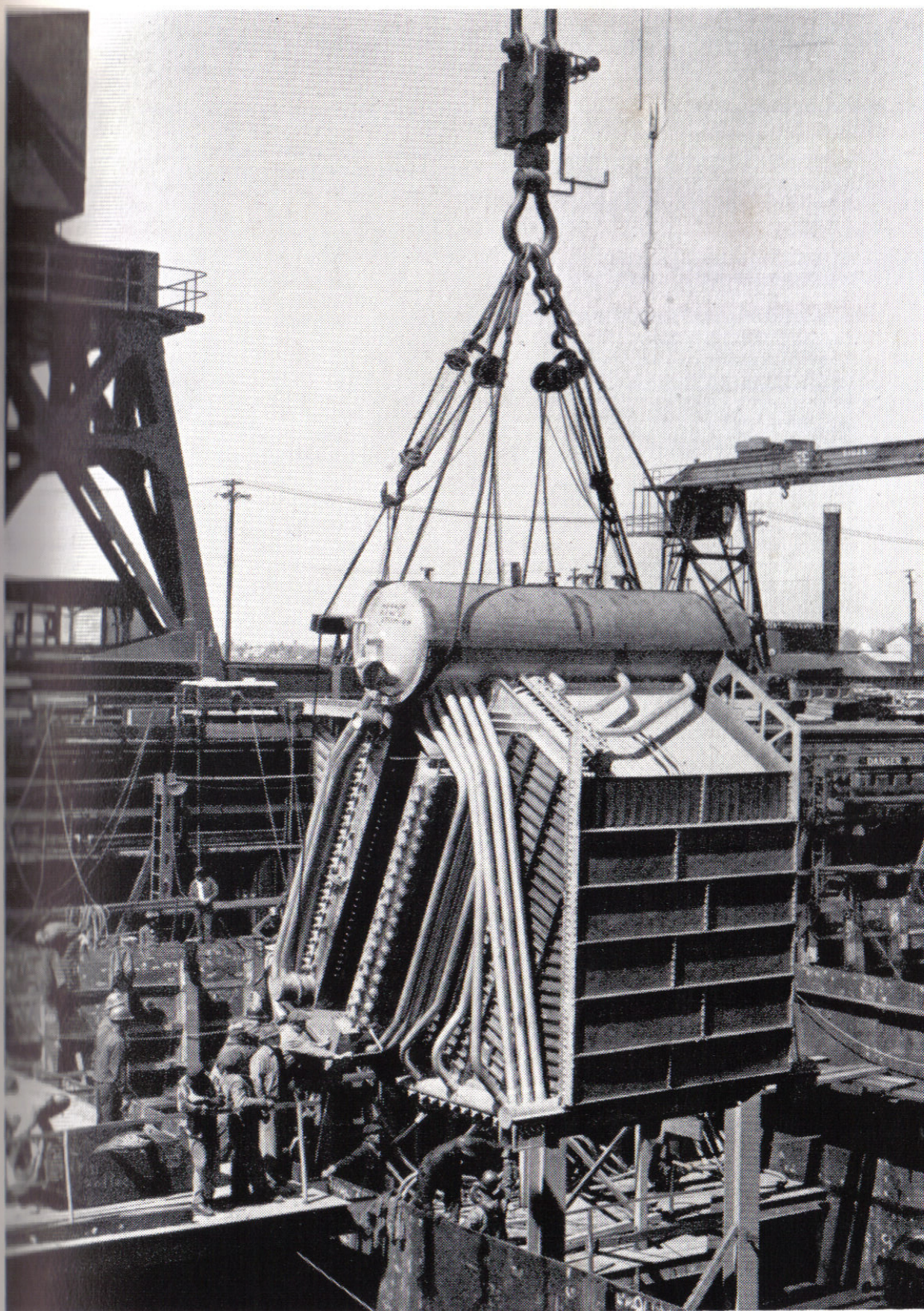
*A section of one of the starboard sponsons for the FORRESTAL
is being lowered into position*



One of the FORRESTAL's four propellers. They are over 22 feet high and are the largest ever installed on a ship at Newport News



A main reduction gear for the FORRESTAL is shown being lowered into the ship



One of the FORRESTAL's eight boilers being lowered into the ship