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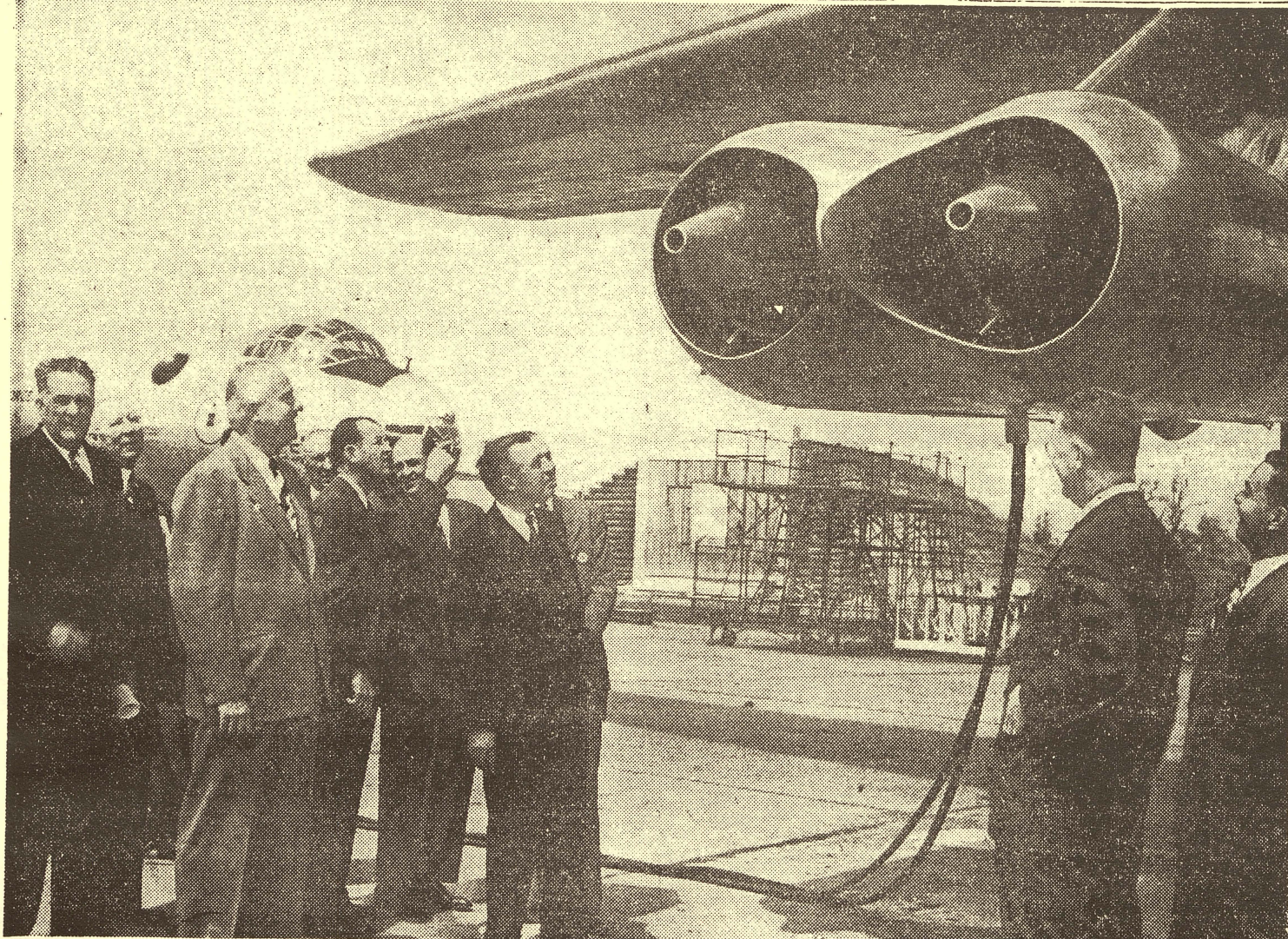
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### Banker Sees Good Times In This Area

**New York Financier  
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For Many Years to Come**

Howard C. Sheperd, who heads the world’s largest international bank, asserted Tuesday night that the future of Fort Worth, the State of Texas and the Southwest “is underwritten for many years to come.”

Some 150 of the city’s business and banking executives, plus the officers and directors of Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Corporation who met here Tuesday afternoon, heard the president of New York’s National City Bank

### U. S. FORBIDS RED RAMBLING

NEWARK, N. J., March 29 (AP).—A coast to coast tour of 18 Communist “world peace” conference delegates ended before it started Tuesday night.

The State Department spiked the proposed cross-country journey of delegates from behind the iron curtain less than 12 hours before they were to appear at the first of a series of “no more war” rallies here.

The department said their U. S. visas were good only for last week-end’s cultural and scientific conference for world peace in New York City.

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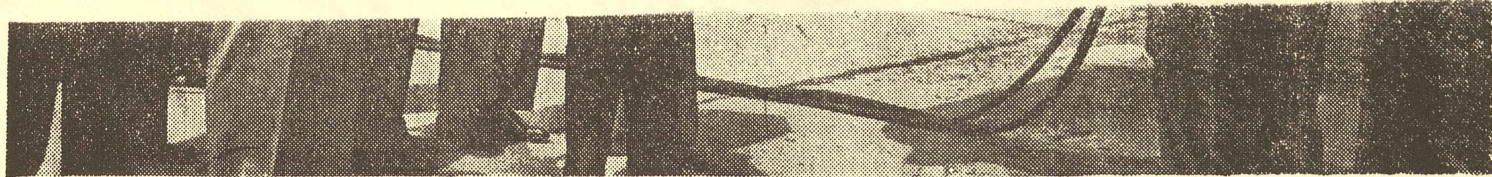
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The major provisions of the bill are:

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# DIRECTORS MARVEL AT B-36 PRODUCTION

From bits and pieces of the world’s largest bomber in the making to the finished craft, streaking vapor trails in the stratosphere, directors of Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Corporation found the B-36 bomber production in their own Fort Worth plant a thing at which to marvel Tuesday.

Topping off a day of inspection afoot, by motor scooter and automobile, they were guests of Col. Alan D. Clark at Carswell Air Base in the afternoon for a preview showing of the new film, “Target: Peace,” showing operational use of B-36s by the 8th Air Force, the flight over Washington for President Truman’s inaugural and the mass formation flight over Fort Worth last Jan. 28 on the 8th’s seventh anniversary.

Odlum of New York and Indio, Cal., chairman of the board, and LaMotte T. Cohu, president and general manager, heard with satisfaction the personal reports of the Convair test pilots who took the plane aloft last Saturday evening for its first flight.

One company official cautioned that “this new model has just been ‘born,’ you might say, and it’s too soon to make any claims as to what it will do in the way of increasing the plane’s speed or altitude.”

As the group came out of the Carswell post theater after the showing of the film, however, a regular “B” model was directly overhead, at an altitude near 40,000 feet, streaming long white vapor trails, its wings and fuselage forming a tiny outline of silver against the sky.

**Flight Prevented.**

Minor mechanical difficulties prevented the new experimental Model “D” of the B-36, equipped with twin jet “pods” for supplemental power, from taking off for a demonstration flight. Floyd B.

**Guests at Luncheon.**

Howard C. Sheperd, president of New York’s National City Bank, and two vice presidents accompanying him, Farris Campbell and George Moore, were guests of the Convair group for luncheon at the plant, along with Colonel Clark; R. E. Harding, Marshall Fuller, Web Maddox, Raymond Buck and Amon Carter.

## THE WEATHER

(By United States Weather Bureau.)

March 30—Fort Worth and Vicinity—Cloudy and cooler Wednesday with thundershowers early Wednesday morning. Highest temperature Wednesday morning in mid 60s, dropping to mid 40s Wednesday night. Thursday partly cloudy with highest afternoon temperature in mid 60s.

Sunrise, 6:20; sunset, 6:48.

Maximum precipitation this date, 1.73 inches in 1914.

Maximum temperature this date, 95 in 1946; minimum, 32 in 1926.

Maximum temperatures Tuesday, 78; minimum, 56.

West Texas (West of the 100th Meridian)—Partly cloudy, colder except in the Panhandle Wednesday. Thursday partly cloudy, warmer in afternoon.

East Texas: (East of the 100th Meridian)—Cloudy, scattered thundershowers in east and south portion, colder in interior Wednesday. Thursday partly cloudy, warmer in the north and west portions in afternoon. Fresh to strong southeast winds on the coast, becoming west to northwest late Wednesday or Wednesday night and diminishing.

The Convair board made no public announcement regarding its brief business session other than the setting of the next directors’ meeting for April 25 in San Diego, after the annual stockholders’ meeting on that date.

It was announced, though, that in the period from the present meeting until the April 25 session, a stockholders’ proxy vote will ratify the nomination of Sidney G. Down of San Diego and George H. Howard of New York for election on the board.

**Will Reduce Number.**

At the same time, the board will be reduced from 17 to 14 and the required quorum reduced from 9 to 8. The death of C. E. Groesbeck and the resignations of Harry Woodhead and of Louis A. Johnson, who was sworn in Monday as secretary of defense, left three vacancies on the old board of 17. W. A. Bles of Cincinnati and Emmett A. McCabe of San Diego, public relations director, were not nominated for re-election on the board.

Cohu thus remains the only

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## POLICE SPRAY ‘EM SMELL, TELL ‘EM

VIENNA, March 29 (Reuter’s).—A Viennese scientist has asserted that a spray which he has invented will help police to identify criminals.

The liquid, designed for use in water pistols, stains clothes and skin a bright scarlet. It also gives out a “penetrating unpleasant smell” for several days.

## Cut Spending, Income Taxes, George Urges

WASHINGTON, March 29 (AP).—Senator George of Georgia, urged Congress Tuesday to slash federal spending and follow Canada’s plans to cut income taxes.

At the present rate of government outlays and taxation, he said this country is “heading for something that will resemble a depression.”

George, who is chairman of the Senate finance committee which handles tax bills, made his remarks during Senate debate on the \$5,800,000,000 European recovery measure.

If federal expenditures are not cut, he said the government will have to raise \$5,000,000,000 in new revenue instead of the \$4,000,000,000 President Truman has asked.

Noting that the administration bases its tax boost request partly on the need to reduce the national debt, George said that Canada’s own debt is about comparable to our own in proportion to population.

He said Canada is reducing income taxes by an average of 32 per cent. Also the new tax structure will relieve about 750,000 people of all taxes, he said.

Rather than boosting income levies, he told his colleagues Tuesday the government ought to rescale its tax system along the following lines:

Granting single persons a \$1,000 personal exemption instead of the \$600 currently allowed, and married couples \$2,000 exemption in place of the \$1,200 total permitted now.

## Reds Promote V. Sokolovsky, Boss in Berlin

LONDON, March 29.—Marshal Vassily D. Sokolovsky, Soviet commander in chief in Germany and an inflexible instrument of the cold war waged with the Western powers over Berlin, was promoted to first deputy minister of the armed forces of the Soviet Union in a new reshuffle announced Tuesday by the Moscow radio.

Sokolovsky, whose walkout from the Allied Control Council in Berlin a year ago signaled the end of effective four-power control in Germany, moves up to fill the post vacated by Marshal Alexander M. Vasilevsky, whose appointment to the post of minister of the Soviet armed forces was announced last Thursday.

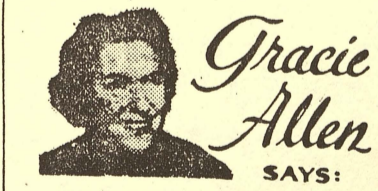
In turn, Sokolovsky is succeeded by Gen. Vassily I. Chuikov, who was responsible for repelling the main German assault on Stalingrad during the summer of 1942. Chuikov goes to Berlin from the post of Soviet military administrator in Thuringia.

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# Hester Indicted by Jury For Murder and Robbery

CLEBURNE, March 29 (Spl).—The Johnson County grand jury Tuesday indicted Arthur Clayton Hester, 18-year-old confessed slayer of Dr. John Lord, for murder with malice aforethought and robbery by assault.

The grand jury came to its decision at 4:58 p. m., only 29 minutes after dismissing the last witness, after two grueling days of hearing testimony from 17 witnesses.

The second indictment was for

John James Jr. claimed Tuesday that Dr. Lord had cashed a \$25 check shortly before the murder and had not spent the money. Hester said he found no money in the professor’s wallet.

Hester’s trial was set for April 25 on the murder indictment.

Final witness, who appeared without subpoena, was Miss Mildred Arnett of Cleburne, Corsicana State Orphans Home employe who arranged the furlough for Hester to Dr. Lord from the home

room, she told of Hester’s “activities as a normal member of the orphans home community.”

The grand jury also heard six character witnesses from TCU. They were sprung as a surprise by District Attorney John James Jr., apparently in an effort to counteract portions of Hester’s four-hour testimony Monday.

They were Dr. A. O. Spain, acting head of the government department formerly headed by Dr. Lord; Dr. Raymond A. Smith, dean

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would so notify the expediter, who would be required to permit decontrol. 3—By the state legislature decontrolling the entire state. 4—If the local rent advisory board recommends decontrol to housing expediter.

Congressman Lucas explained in a telephone conversation from Washington Tuesday night that the provision for a public hearing before the governing body of an incorporated city, town or village requires that 10 days public notice of the hearing be posted. He pointed out that the hearing has no limits as to length but such resolutions as would be produced after a hearing of both sides must abide by all ordinances governing such procedure.

#### Must Follow Procedure.

Should the city government act outside its authority in passing the resolution, the housing expediter could refuse to follow the recommendation, even if it had been approved by the governor.

Regular procedure for calling a public hearing could be followed by the city council, Lucas said.

As to provisions for action by the local advisory board, that allows the board to operate as it sees fit in preparing a recommendation to the housing expediter.

Deputy Expediter Lucien Wright of Fort Worth said Tuesday night that he had not had time to examine the new bill and his thoughts on decontrol awaited further study.

A. L. Bailey, vice chairman of the local advisory board, said a rent survey has been underway for three weeks and the board is awaiting the report to learn the city's rent needs.

The Fort Worth board also includes Col. A. C. Bradley, chairman; B. C. Reich Jr., real estate representative; Steve Mauser, packinghouse union representative, and Jack Bostick, city fireman.

#### Deen Silent.

Mayor Deen said he was not ready yet to comment on a public hearing on decontrol.

Meantime, Fort Worth Apartment and Property Owners Association officials and some members counted the decontrol provision as the only bright spot in the new bill.

"The whole thing is morally wrong—Congress has refused to meet the issue fairly and squarely," R. G. Waggener of Fort Worth, president of the state association declared.

"That is a breach of faith," he asserted in a reference to a provision of the bill that withdraws authorization for 15 per cent voluntary increases in rent and recontrols any dwellings decontrolled under such voluntary leases at the rent figure contained in such leases.

Waggener said he was hoping decontrol would come to Fort Worth but added that "I hesitate to say when."

#### 'Some' Increases.

Alvin Watson, president of the Fort Worth association, said that "we're wanting decontrol and the majority of people are clamoring

legal ceiling. Congress decided this was a better enforcement method than fines and imprisonment. Tenants have power now to sue for treble damages, but few use it. The rent administration says they fear eviction if they do.

Authorizes the expediter to recontrol any areas he decontrols after March 31. Tighe Woods, the expediter, says this will enable him to decontrol more than 100 of the 600 control areas, since he would have power to slap controls back if rents jumped unreasonably.

The new act does not authorize further 15 per cent "voluntary" increases in rent, and recontrols any dwellings decontrolled under such voluntary leases, at the rent figure contained in such leases.

Trailer camps would be recontrolled. The housing expediter is given discretion to decontrol so-called luxury, high-priced apartments.

Non-transient hotel apartments in New York and Chicago would be recontrolled, and the rents for such places frozen at the levels of March 1, 1949.

Veterans priority for first chance to rent or buy a new property are continued.

## RENT BILL

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way of rent increases pending further study of the new bill.

Although the new bill permits municipalities to scrap rent controls independently of state legislatures, an official of the U. S. Conference of Mayors predicted no major cities will take such action.

Paul V. Better, executive secretary of the mayors' group, said "as a matter of fact, many of the important cities if they had the necessary legal power and authority would undoubtedly strengthen present controls, especially insofar as evictions are involved."

to ask Dallas voters this question: "are you for or against rent control?"

No opposition to a straw vote proposal developed, and the council voted unanimously to take the poll.

So voting machines in the city election April 5 will carry a straw vote ballot which says: "For rent control. Against rent control."

The council's resolution made it clear it would not necessarily be bound by results of the poll. It said the rent control ballot would be "for the purpose of obtaining an informal expression of the qualified voters of the city of Dallas as to their opinion on whether or not rent control should be continued or discontinued . . ."

"Barakat," "increase to your camels," is the greeting of many desert tribesmen.

## CONVAIR

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management official on the board, in line with the new policy to fill memberships with outside, expert consultants.

Directors present for the session beside Odium, Cohu, Down and McCabe were John Hertz, Canoga Park, Cal.; Ben O. Howard, Los Angeles, several times winner of the Bendix speed trophy and long a figure in aviation; O. L. Johnston, New York; G. H. Shaw, New York; Joseph H. Rosenberg, Los Angeles; I. M. Ladd and William C. Rockefeller of San Diego, assistant to the board chairman.

Also present were Robert B. Watts, vice president and counsel; R. H. Biron, vice president in charge of industrial relations; L. W. Miller, vice president for finance; and W. M. Shanahan, secretary-treasurer.

Absent were R. C. Patterson, New York, now ambassador to Guatemala; George H. Howard, New York; and D. N. McDonnell, Los Angeles.

Most of the board members left Tuesday night to return to their homes.

As the meeting convened, 14,000 copies of the corporation's printed annual report, bearing a colorful photograph of the red-tailed B-36 bomber on its cover, were received in the Fort Worth plant for distribution to all employees.

ber as the same man for whom he refused to unlock the cash register Sunday.

"You pulled a fast one on me the other night, and if you don't give me the money the legal way, I'll shoot hell out of you," the man addressed Adams, brandishing a revolver.

The robber, who walked up on Adams while the attendant was at the rear of a customer's car, trailed Adams into the office and took the money from the cash register.

## HESTER

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and Sandy A. Wall of the education school, Business Manager L. C. (Pete) Wright and Norman Brooks, former student secretary to Dr. Lord.

O. A. Tarlton, grand jury foreman, commented at the conclusion of the two-day session: "Some of it was pretty sordid."

All of the jurors said they were exhausted from the mass of testimony. One of them complained that he was "worn to a nub."

The grand jury spent an equal amount of time—about 30 minutes apiece—on the six former TCU associates of Dr. Lord.

Some of them, like Wright, had known Dr. Lord for nearly 30 years. They all reasserted their praise of him both as a scholar and a high-type personality.

When informed of the grand jury's verdict, Hester's defense attorney, Al Clyde, said he would request Judge Penn Jackson to set a bond on Hester.

"If the bond is set, we'll make it," Clyde said. "If the bond is not set, we'll get a writ of habeas corpus and find out just what kind of a case the state has."

Clyde said he was not "surprised" over the verdict. "The state brought in a high-powered prosecutor and he was all the jury had to listen to," Clyde asserted.

## Reds Reopen Arms Plant

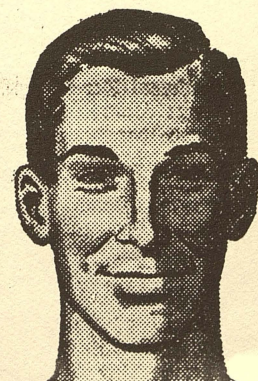
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Boston was the first city in the United States to have the diamond-cutting industry.



"Nothing beats a fig leaf!"

AS ADVERTISED IN THIS WEEK'S LIFE



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(Released by Consolidated News Features.)

City Bank vice presidents who are accompanying Sheperd on his tour, and presented all three with honorary vice presidents' badges to the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show.

LaMotte T. Cohu, president of Convair who greeted the visiting bankers on behalf of the aircraft firm, was presented with honorary Stock Show vice presidents' badges by Carter which he in turn pre-

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er and advanced on him before the fatal shots were fired.

Police Chief Grilled. The hard-fought case was argued before several hundred spectators who filled every seat in 29th District courtroom and its old balcony jammed the aisles and led outside the doors to hear bits of testimony in Erathy's most sensational case in decades.

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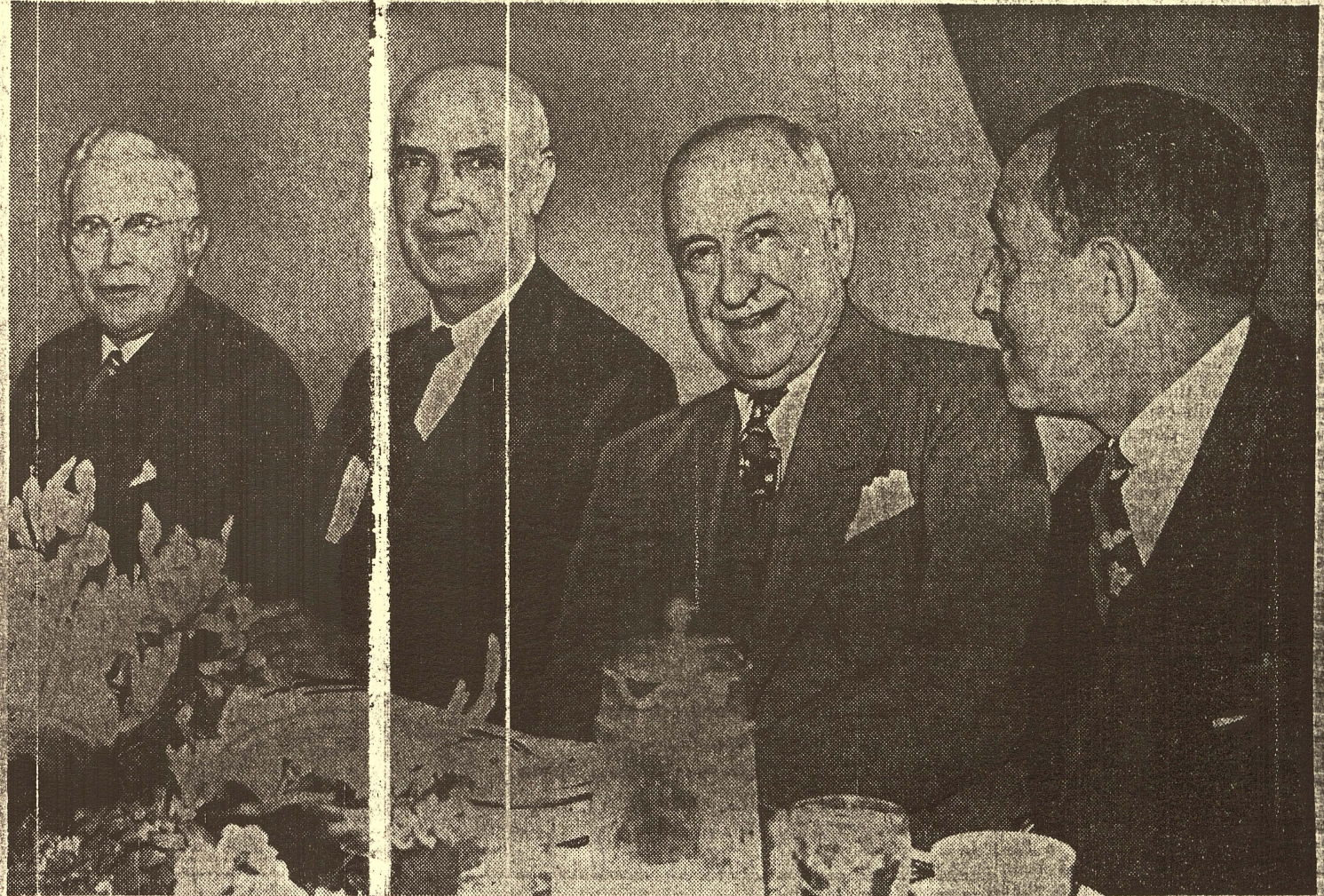
While the package store robbery was in progress, Radio Patrolmen W. L. Counts and A. B. Prine drove past the store, unaware of the gunman's presence inside. The officers went to the end of the block, then circled back behind the neighboring Club 80 at 7030 Camp Bowie Blvd.

When they were out of sight, Turn to Holdups on Page 2.

He said the experter would have these guideposts to help him determine what rent increases should be allowed: 1. Property tax boosts levied on the landlord, (2) unavoidable boosts in operating and maintenance expenses, (3) major capital improvements in the housing accommodations.

Officials at the housing experter's office declined to estimate what this section will mean in the

Turn to Rent Bill on Page 2.



FORT WORTH WELCOME FOR NEW YORKER—Friends of Howard C. Sheperd, president of the National City Bank of New York, honored him at a dinner Tuesday night in the new dining room of Hotel Texas. Left to right, R. E. Harding, president of the Fort Worth National Bank and choice of the Exchange Club for its 1948 Golden Deeds award; Sheperd, who visited Fort Worth business and industrial areas Tuesday; Amon Carter, master of ceremonies, and LaMotte T. Cohu, president and general manager of Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Corporation.

—Star-Telegram Staff Photo