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concept that "Comedy is about tragedy." Things are not funny, he points out, in a state of perfection, but in some sort of relationship to how far they fall short of it—"There may not be laughter in hell, but there couldn't possibly be any in Heaven."

Interesting too are Steve's discussions of show business and its people: of things that continue to amaze, surprise, or amuse him about it; of wierd or funny or embarrassing experiences he has had as a celebrity; of interesting, funny, or sad "characteristics" that have crossed his path.

This reader would judge that the dominant motivation in this man's life is the urge to create. More important to him than material advancements are intellectual and spiritual developments that strengthen and maintain human dignity and stature. No, this book is no recipe for "instant success mix." Steve himself feels that his success came too easily. If this be true, easy success has not spoiled him. His experiences have produced a man broad, deep, humble, compassionate—a fine human being who understands that to be "American" is not to be a certain color or of a certain creed, or to live in a certain section of the country or the city. Steve is a member of the human race, not just that portion of it within the bounds of the USA. And if he "preaches," well, that's okay. He is the sort of man who will permit his listeners to take and sift, keep what is worthwhile to them, and discard the remainder. Not much will be thrown away.

—L. E. BALLARD

Time To Enlist —For Peace!

For thousands of years men—and women—have enlisted for war. Through war they have sought the things they prized most—possessions, freedom, security. And war has grown constantly more demanding, more destructive, more disappointing in its failure to win what its supporters sought.

Now war has come to its full flower. Even the testing of modern nuclear weapons takes its toll, according to the geneticists, in the damaged lives of children to unnumbered generations. War itself, if it comes, threatens to destroy civilization as we know it, poison vast areas of the earth, and perhaps make the world itself uninhabitable.

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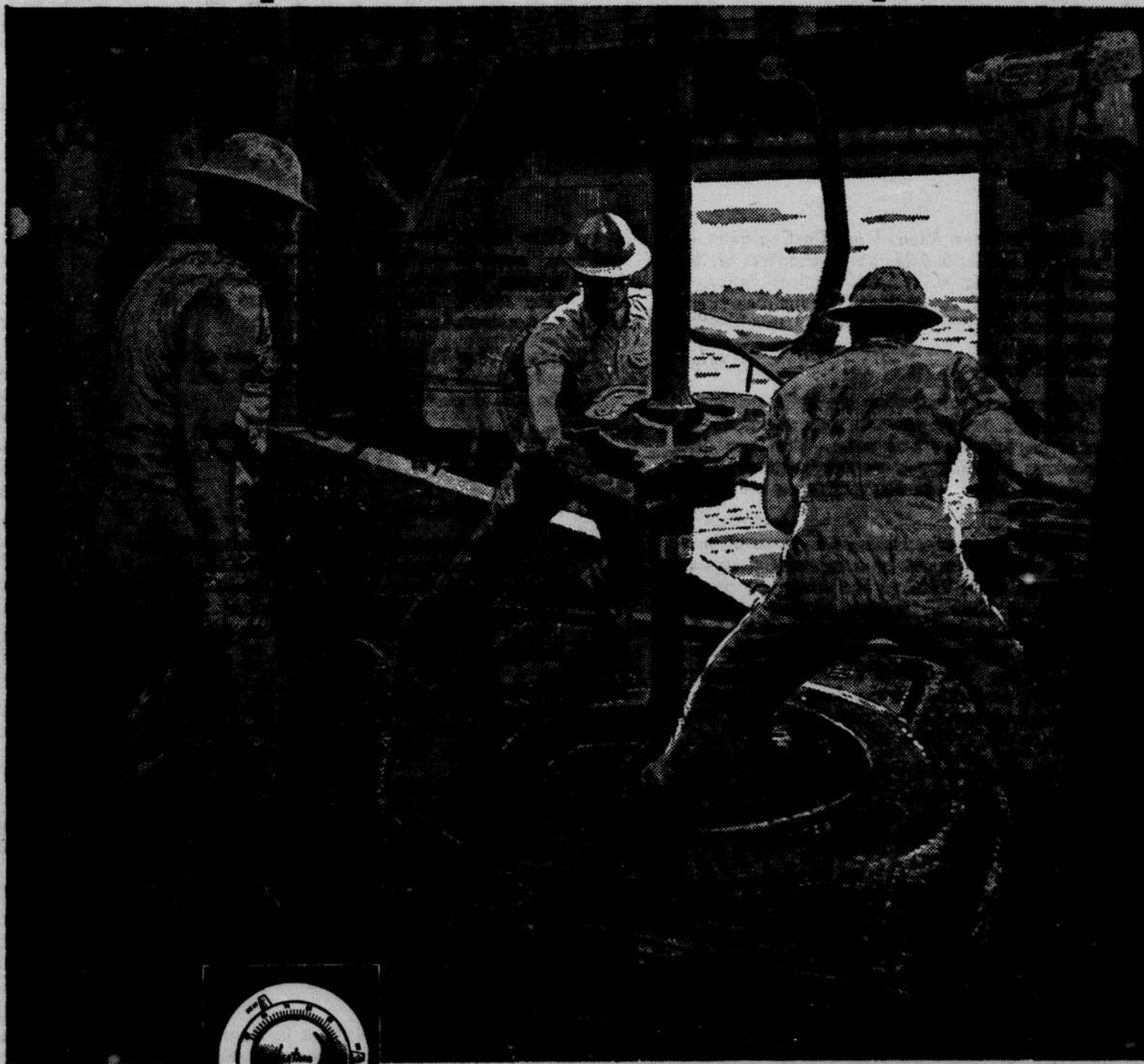
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