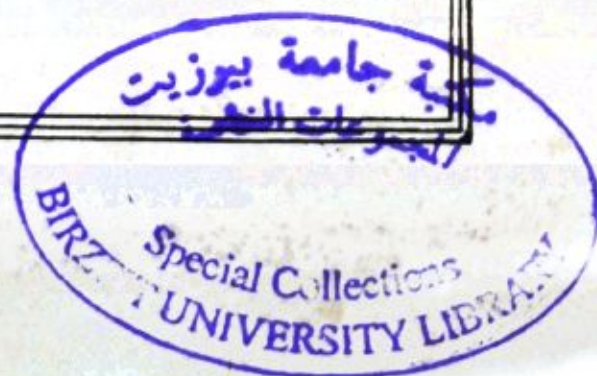


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THE PALESTINE DIAMOND CUTTING INDUSTRY

dates from 1938, when the first diamond cutters arrived in this country bringing with them the first machines and contributing the benefit of their experience and skill to the industry. The establishment of the Palestine Diamond Manufacturers' Association, in 1940, was a decisive step in the co-ordination of the industry, to the rapid progress of which it greatly contributed

The outbreak of the war with Germany which employed eight thousand workers in this industry created a gap which Palestine endeavoured to fill. At the same time the temporary occupation of Belgium and Holland and the consequent loss to the Allies of their diamond cutting industries brought to the fore the vital importance of Palestine as a link between the supply of rough diamonds, centralised in London, and the world demand for polished diamonds

The resulting contribution of the Palestine diamond industry to the economic war effort may be gauged not only in terms of foreign exchange which it procures for the Sterling Bloc but also by the fact, which has since been publicly recognised, that the world sales of gem diamonds enabled the distribution of vitally needed industrial diamonds at pre-war prices

The war precluded both the immigration of additional trained workers and the supply of the requisite machinery for Palestine. The first deficiency was met by a gradual training to which the expansion of the industry was carefully geared at the outset, while the second was successfully overcome by local engineers who devised the necessary machinery and introduced important improvements

Despite all these initial difficulties, the industry has developed rapidly, and thanks to the quality of its production, has won an important place in the world diamond trade. With its 32 diamond cutting factories and 3600 workers, Palestine is at present the world's largest source of small gem diamonds. The export of polished diamonds in 1943 reached approximately £ 3,000,000



THE PALESTINE DIAMOND MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION

At the outset the Association comprised 4 factories with a total of 200 workers, as compared with 32 factories and 3600 workers today

THE ASSOCIATION:

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The Export of the polished diamonds is effected by the manufacturers individually; the Association, however, provides the members with the requisite export licences under the general licence issued in its name by the Government of Palestine

The Association has its Offices in Nathanya and Tel-Aviv, both prominent centres of the Palestine Diamond Cutting Industry

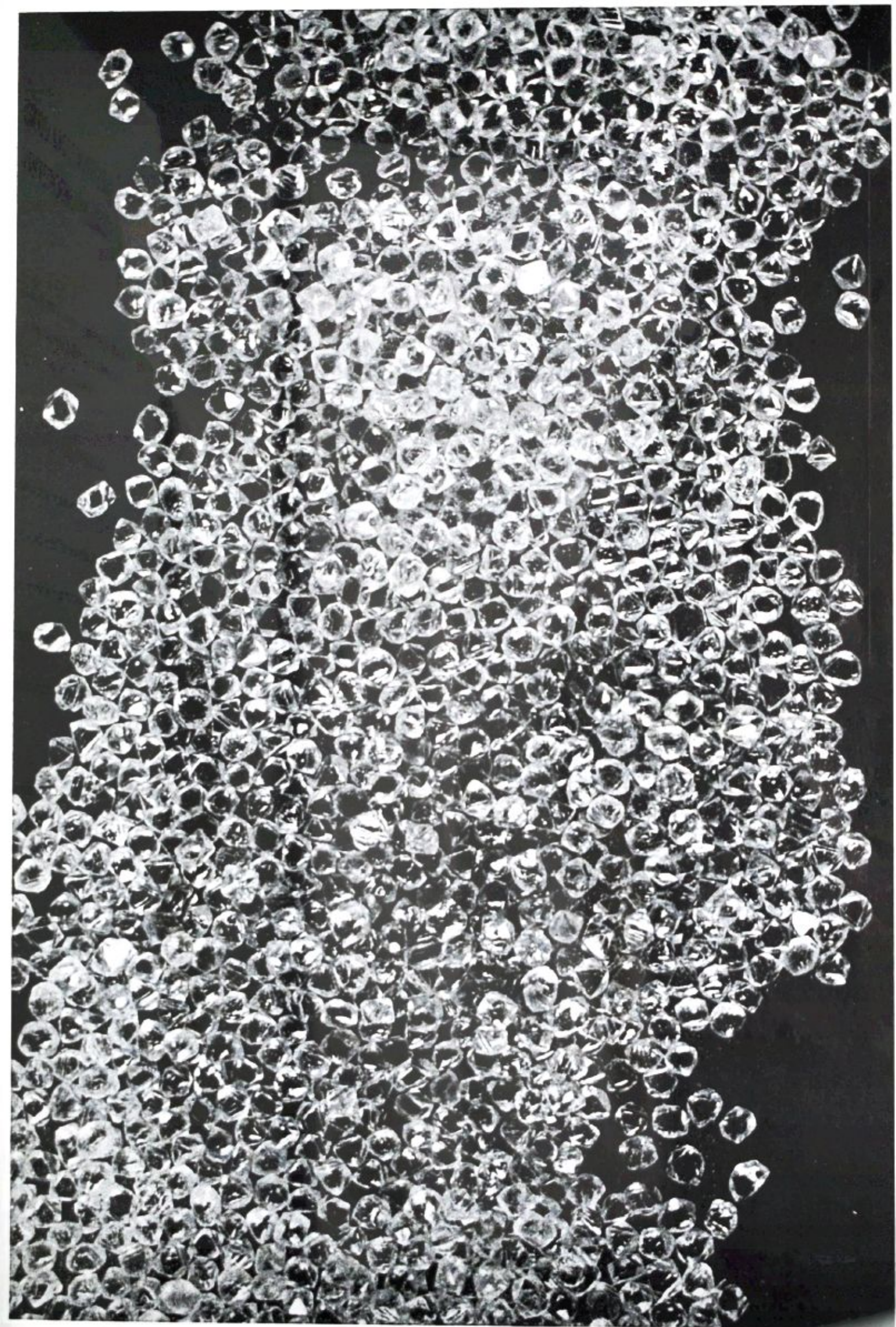
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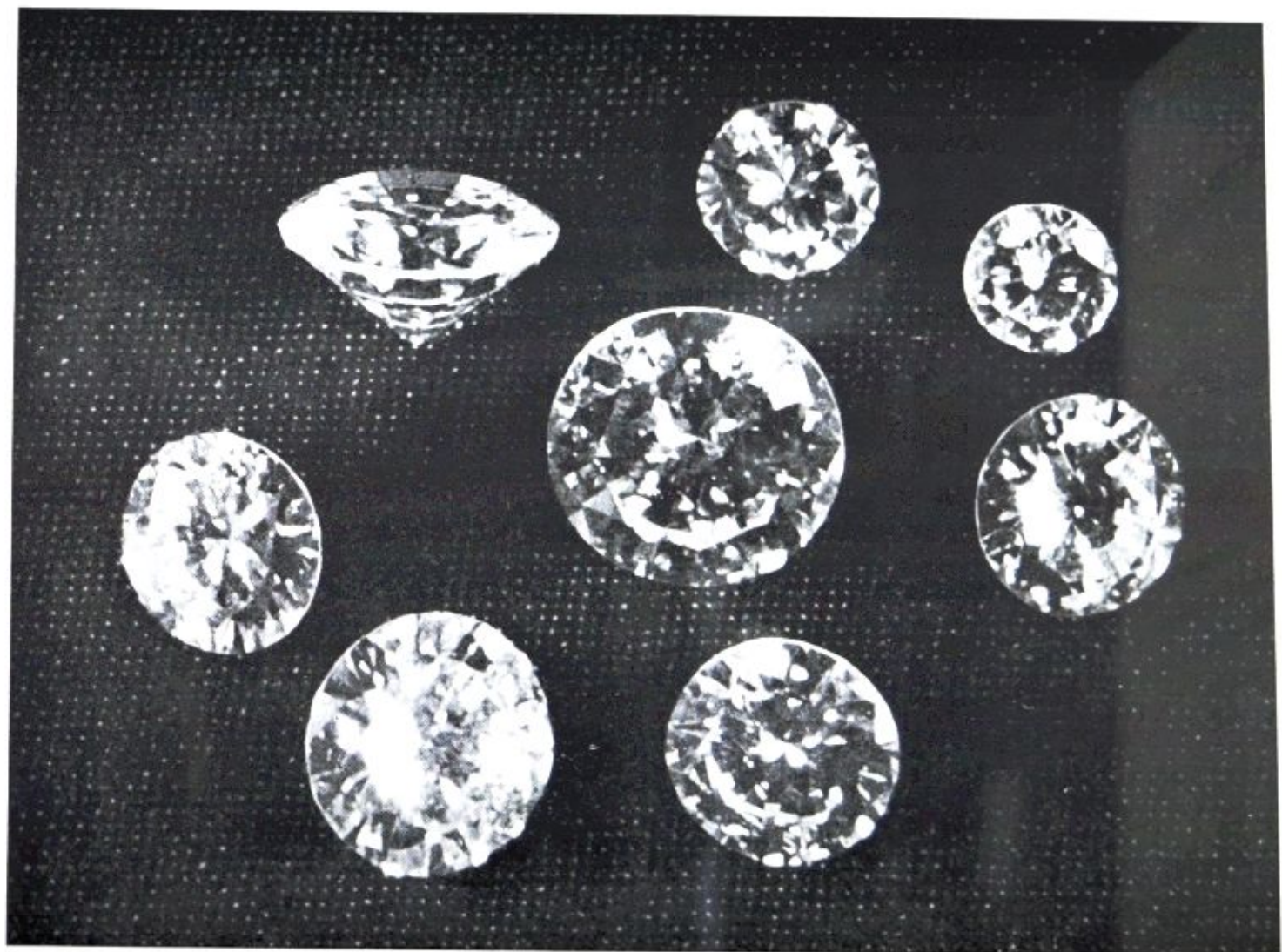
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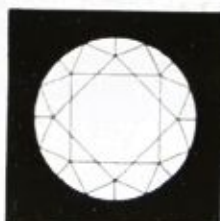
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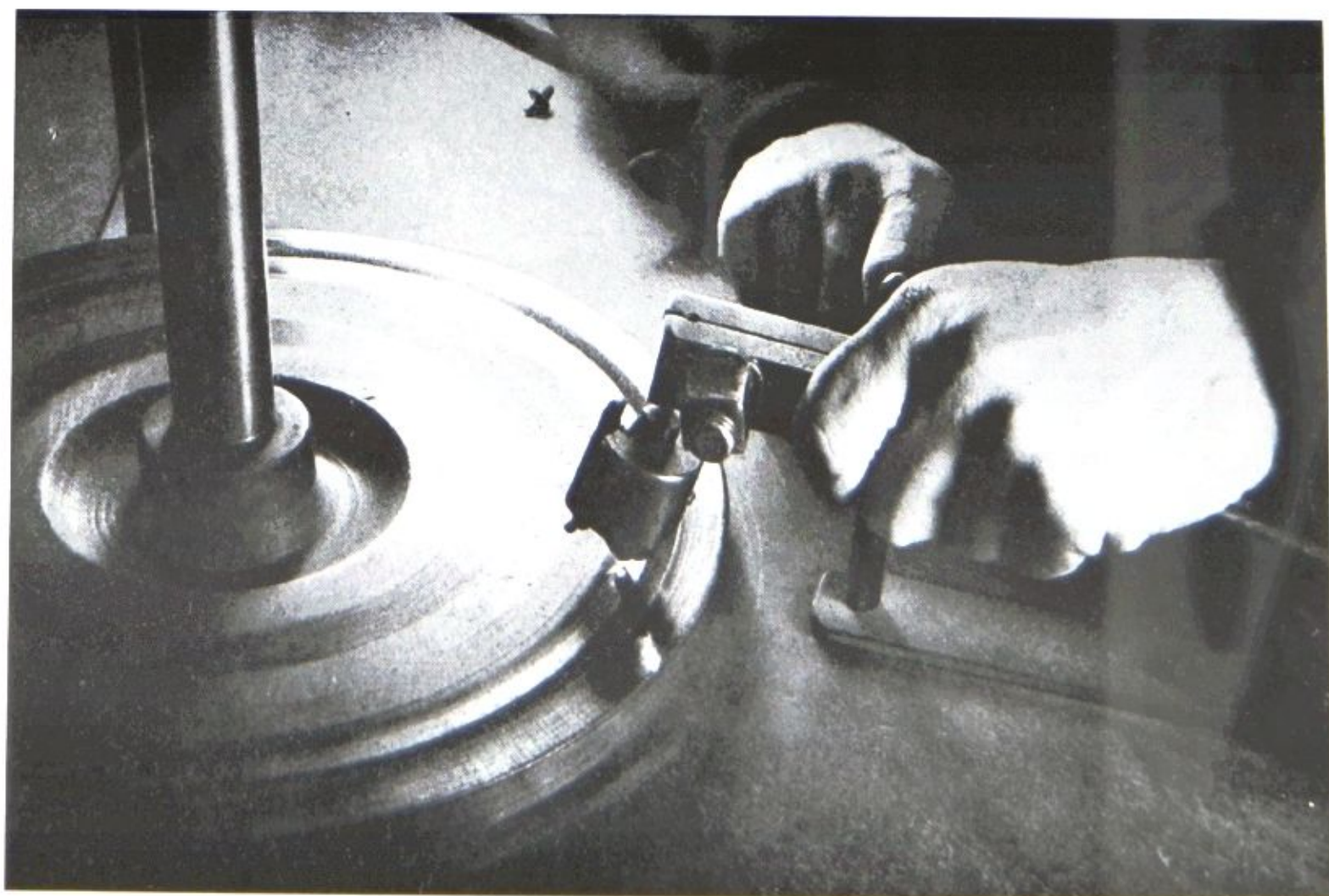
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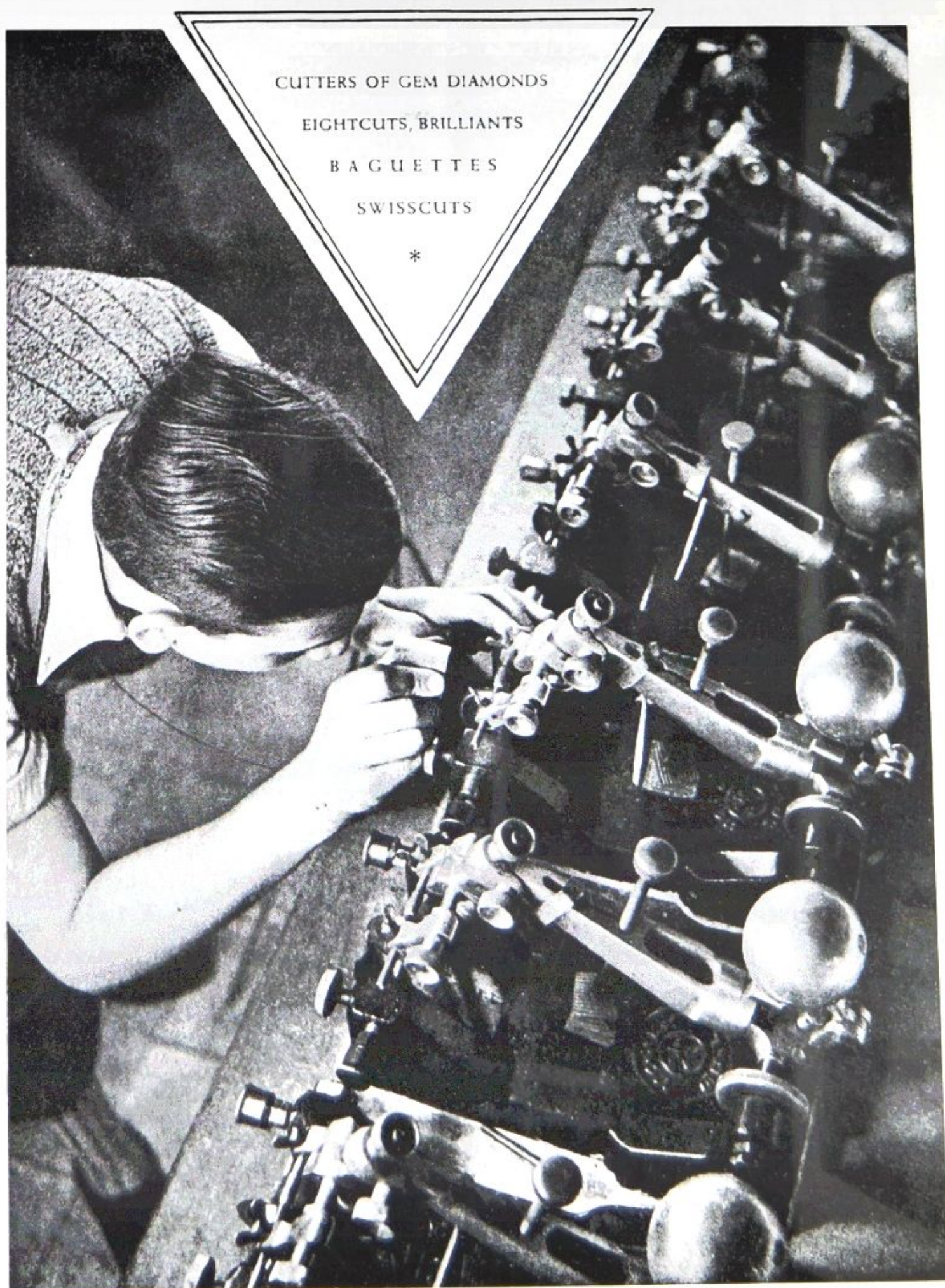
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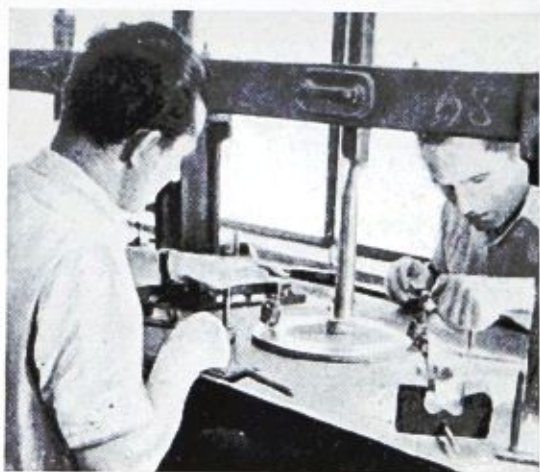
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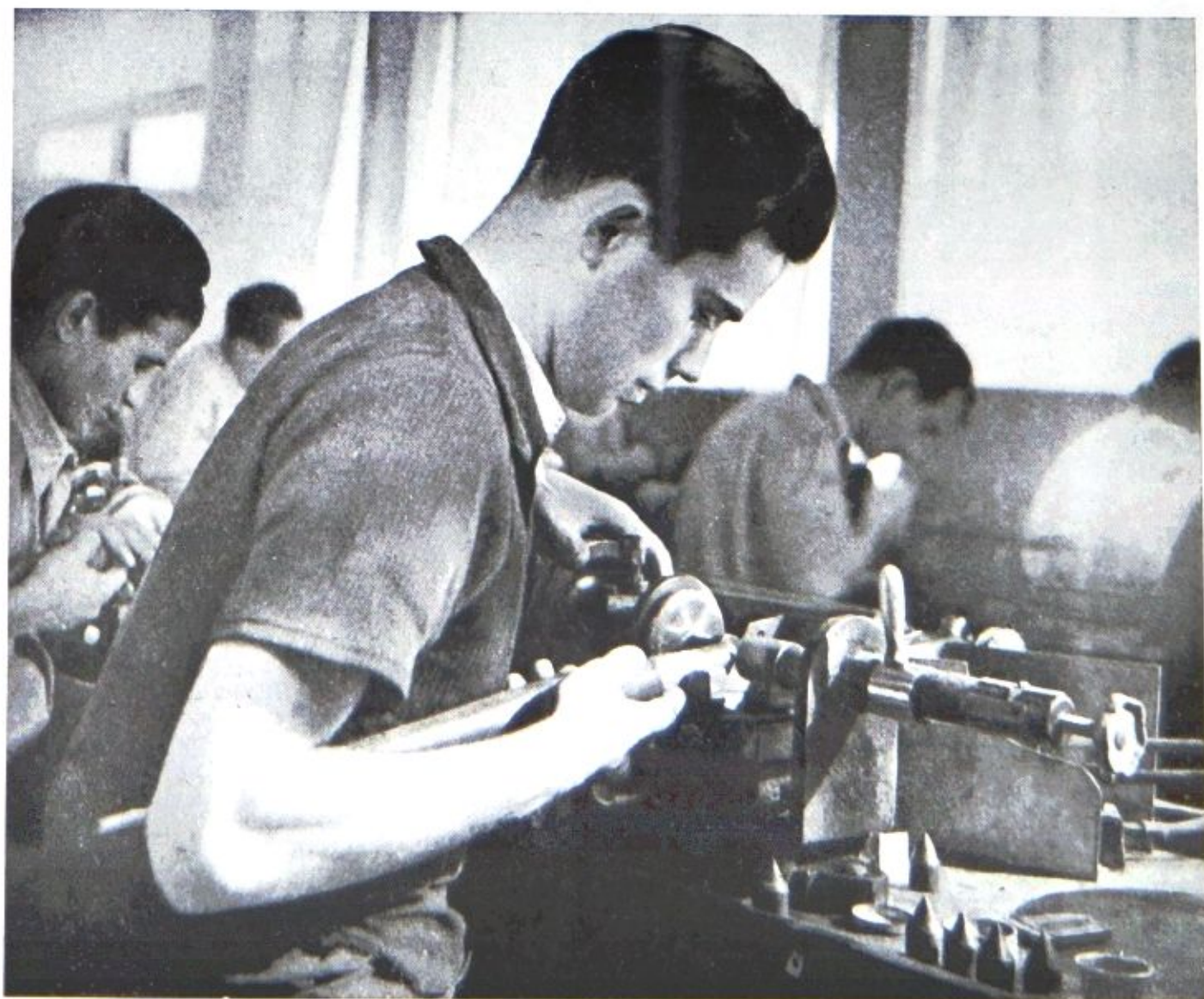
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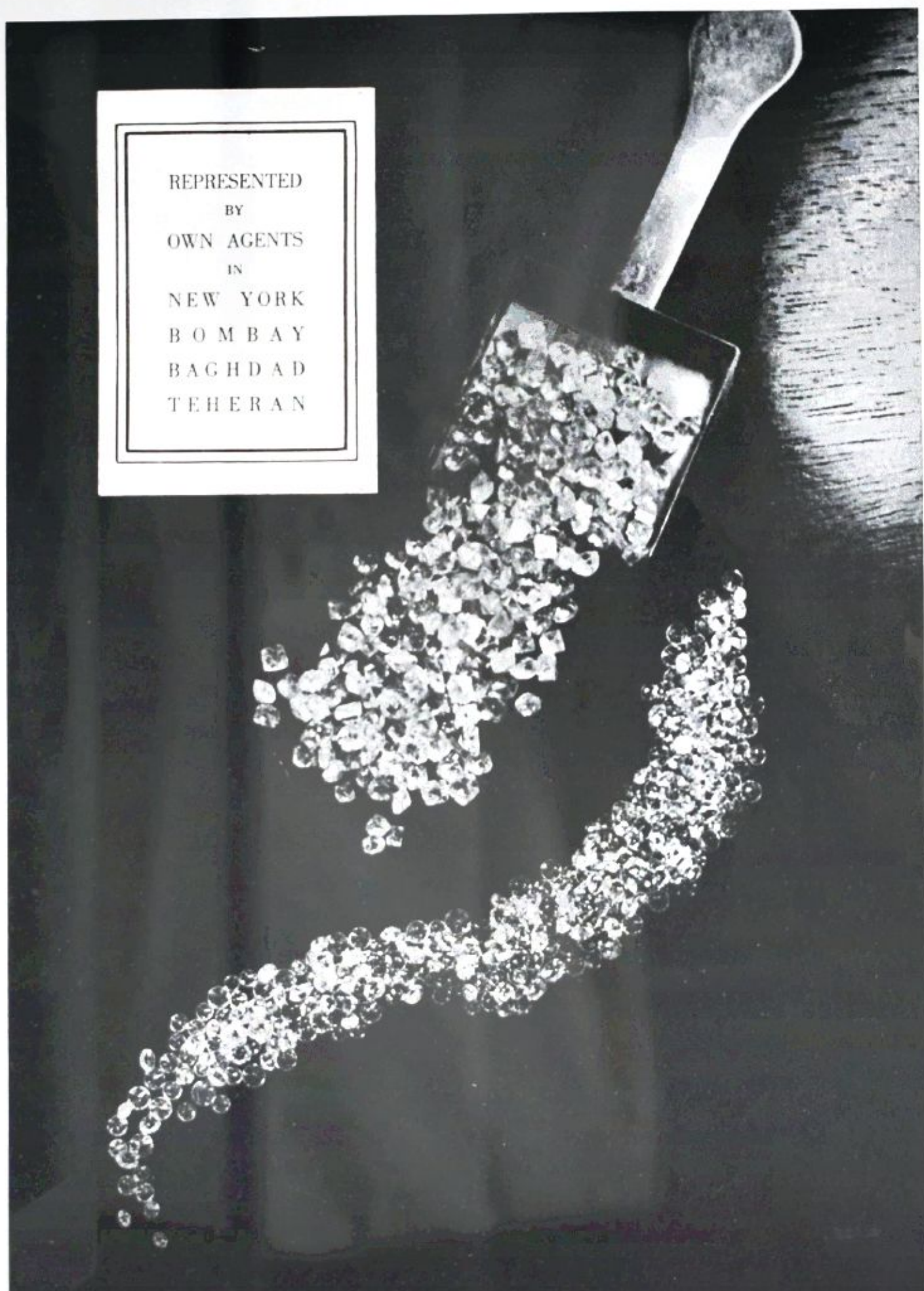
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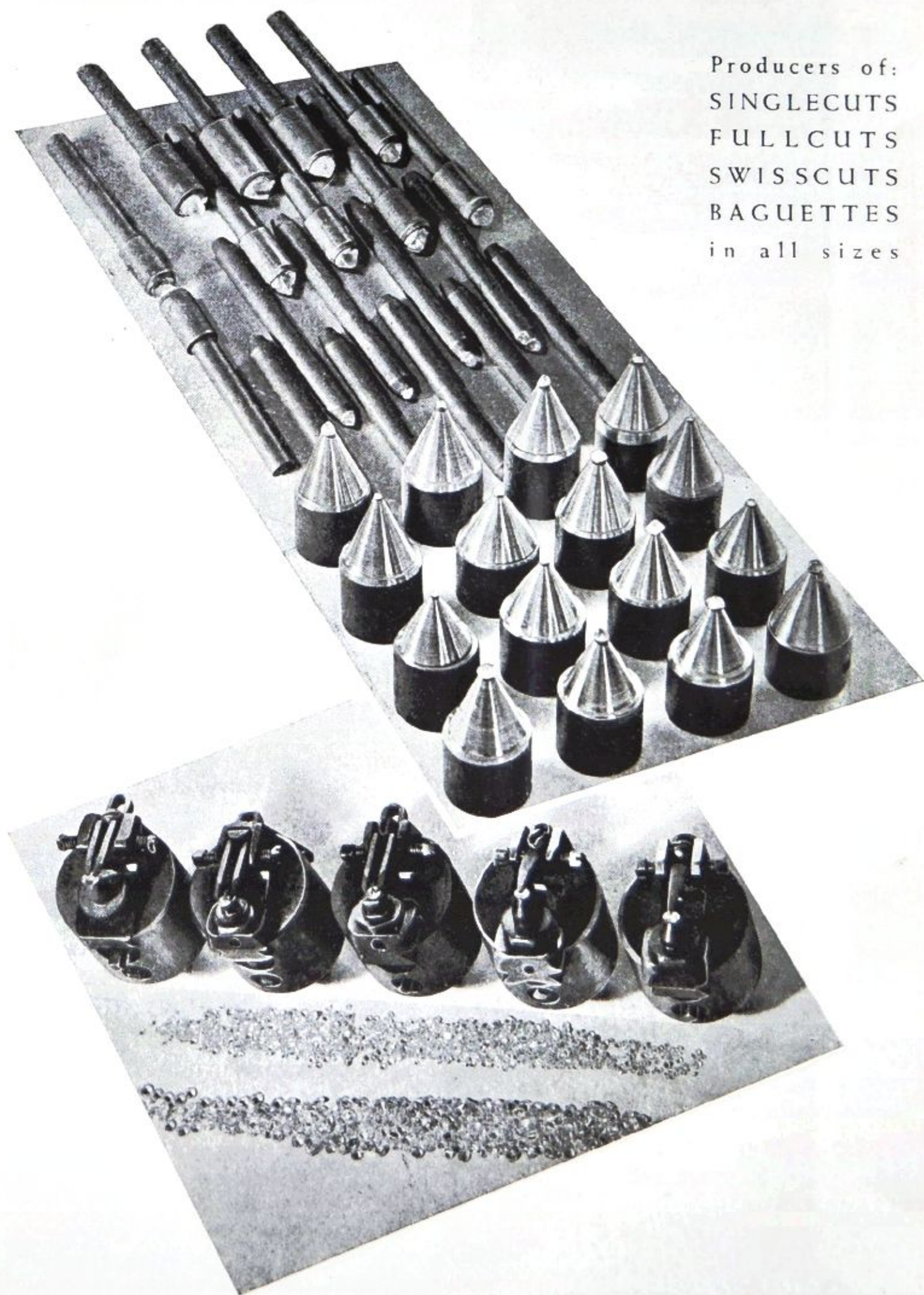
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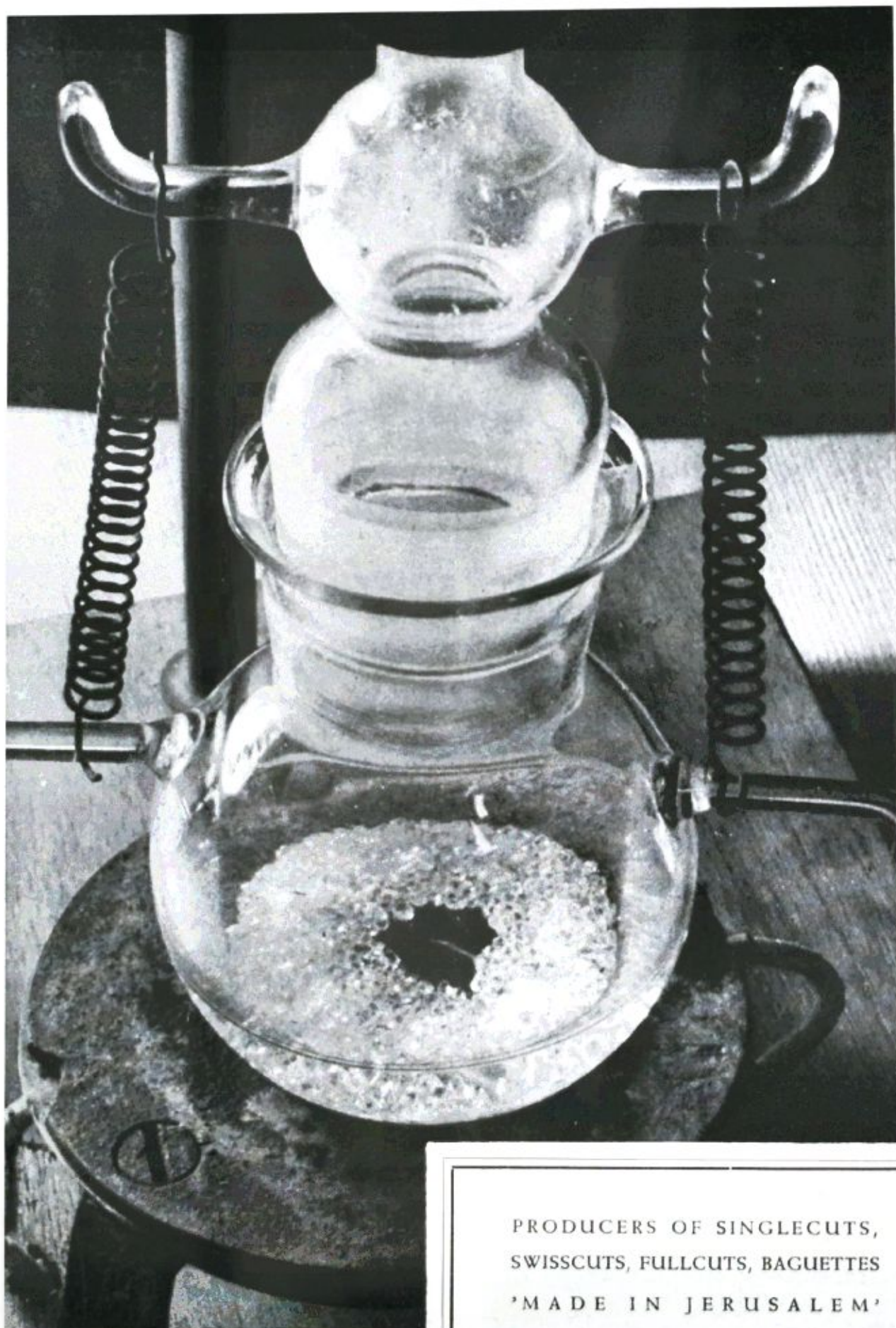
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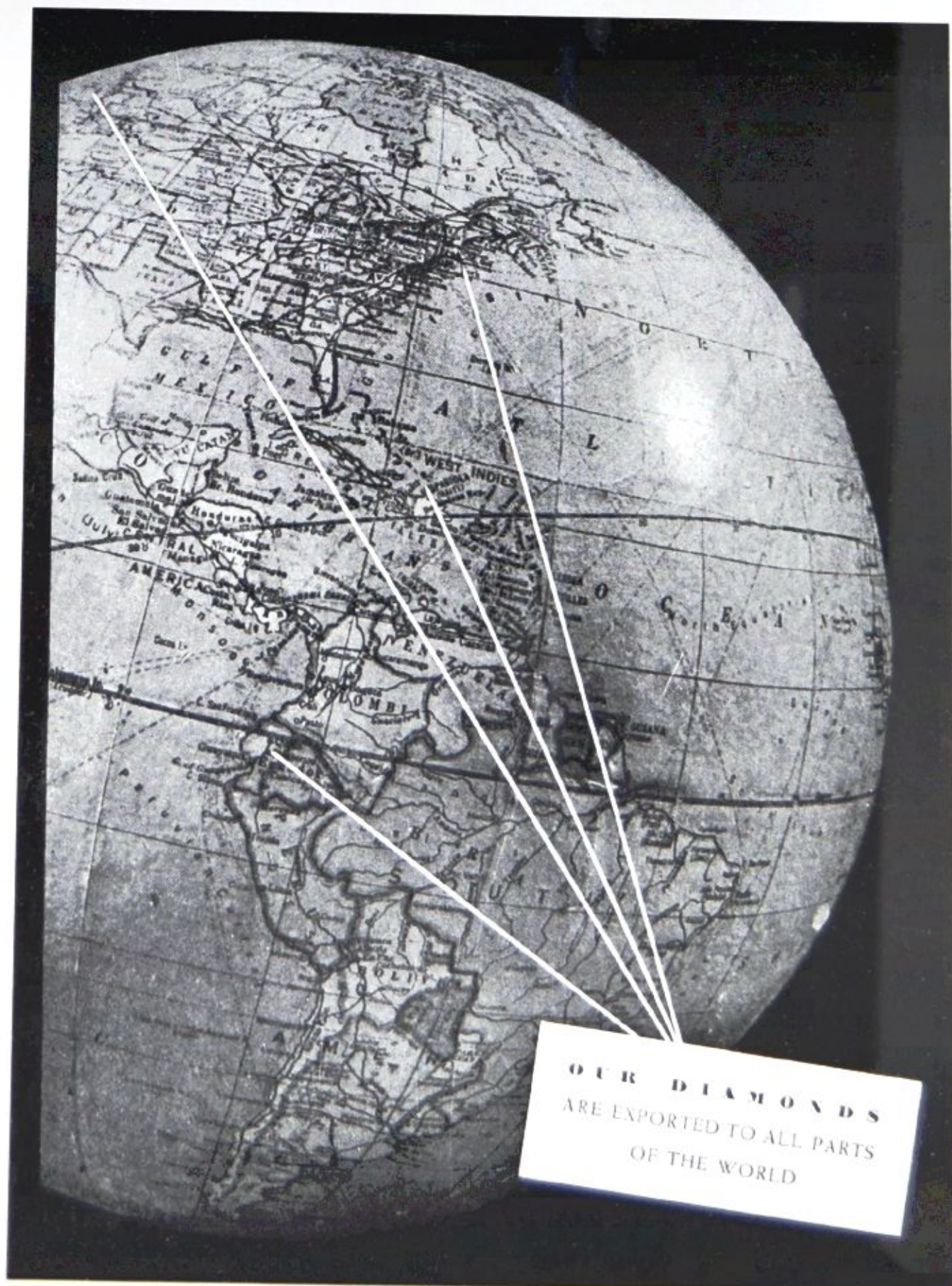
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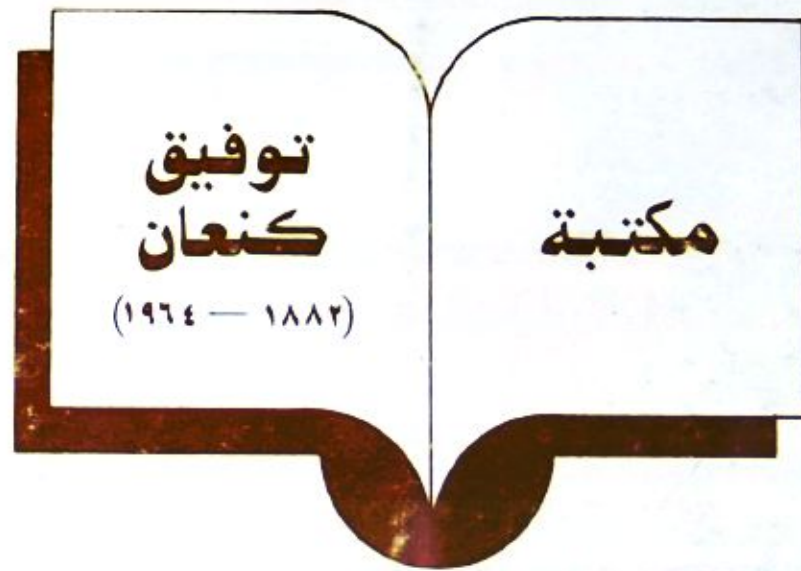
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