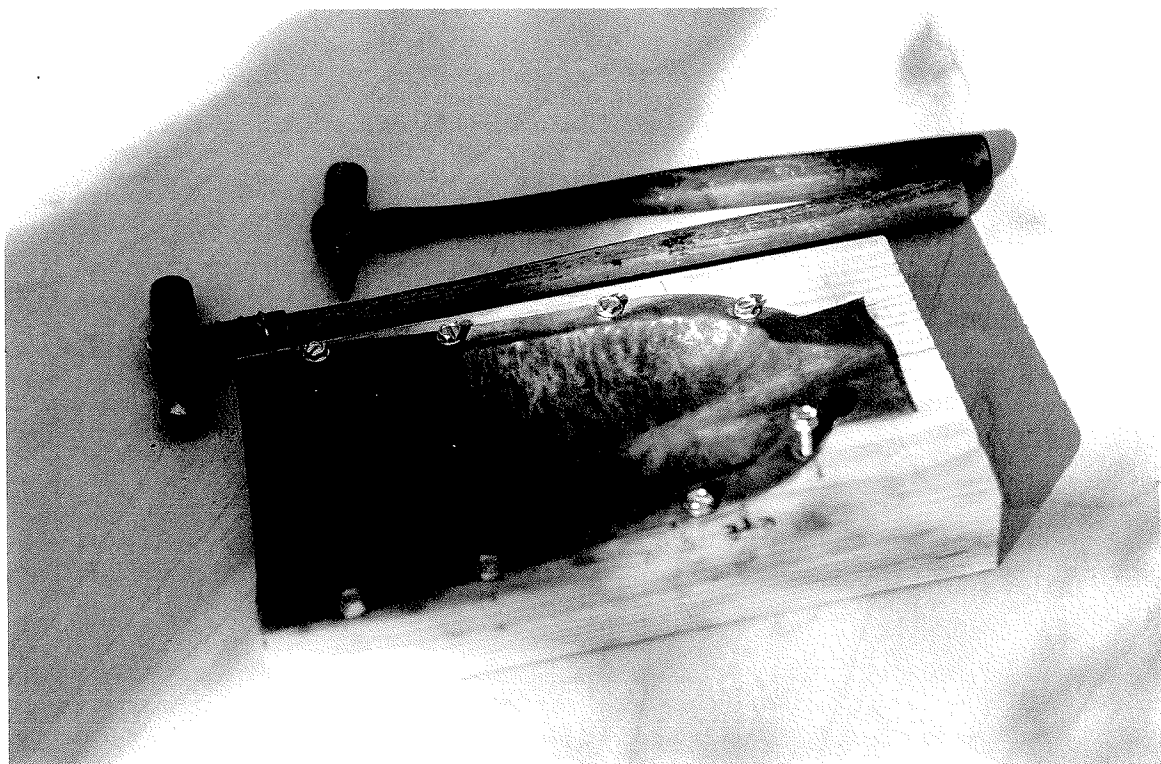
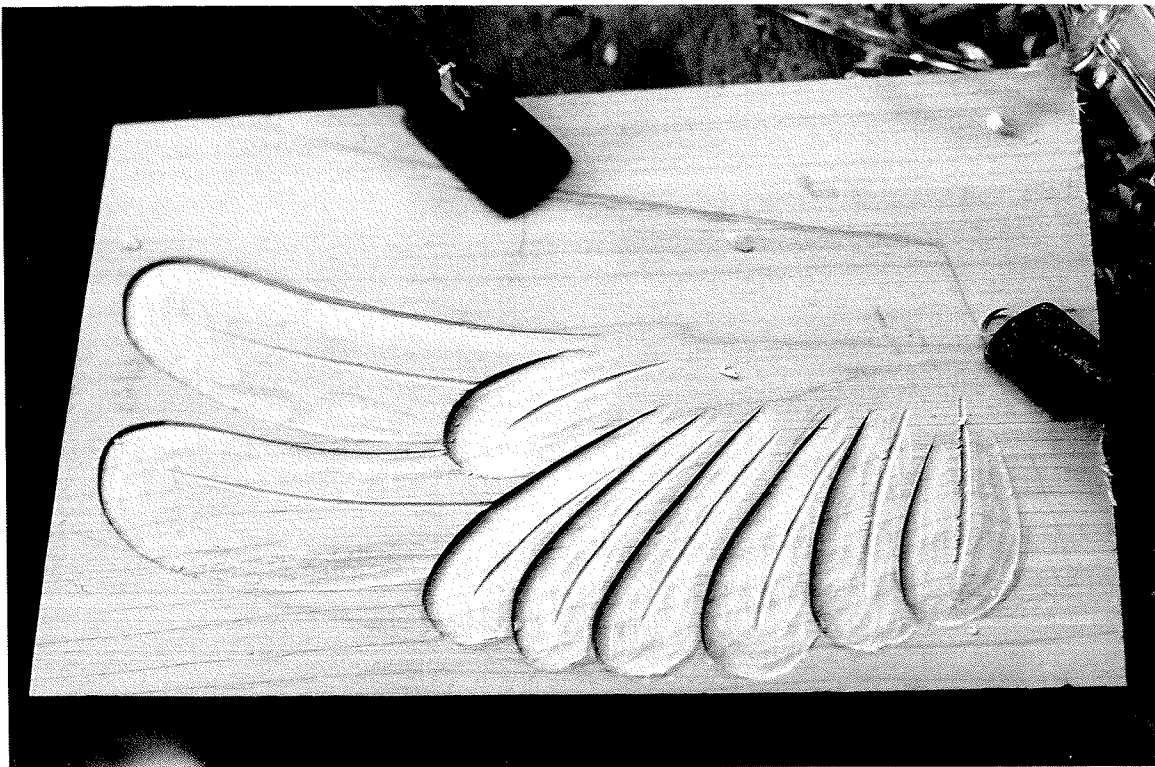




Plaster model with 24 inch wingspan, 2 1/2 times smaller than finished eagle will be

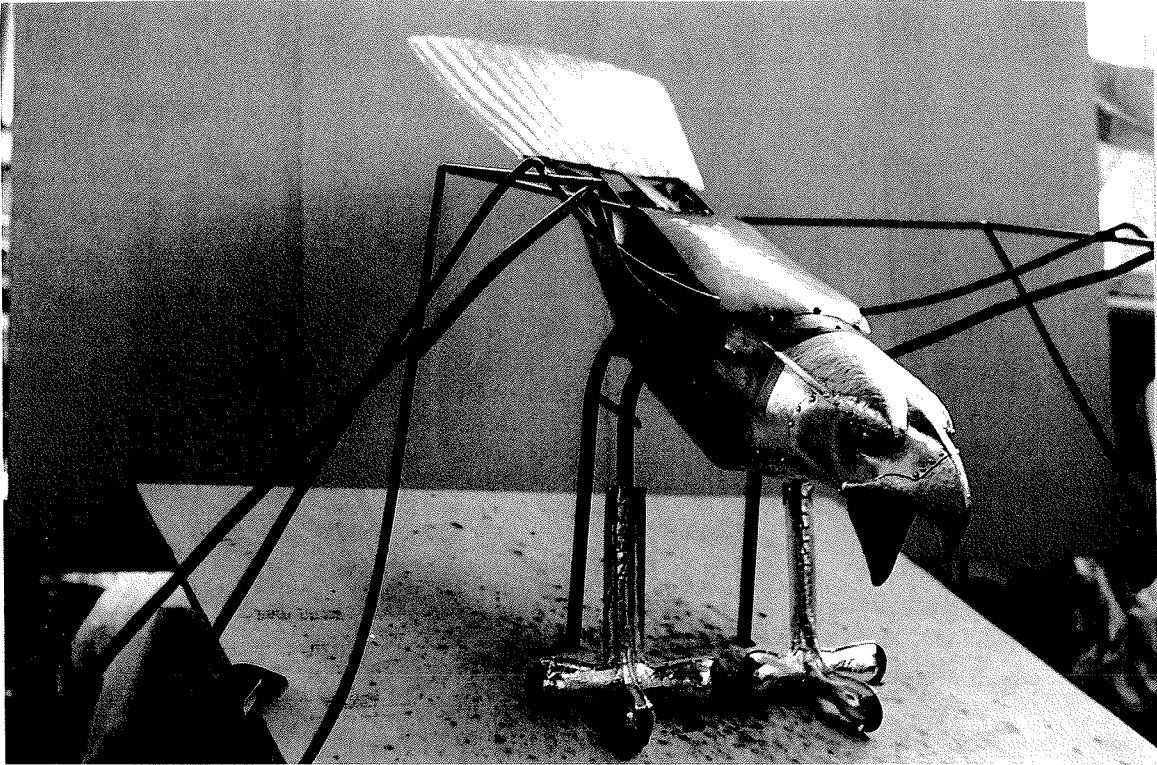


Top of head in negative wood mold after annealing and ready for final hammering



Maple molds of leg feathers and patagium (leading wing edge)
(these were later discarded as too radically curved)

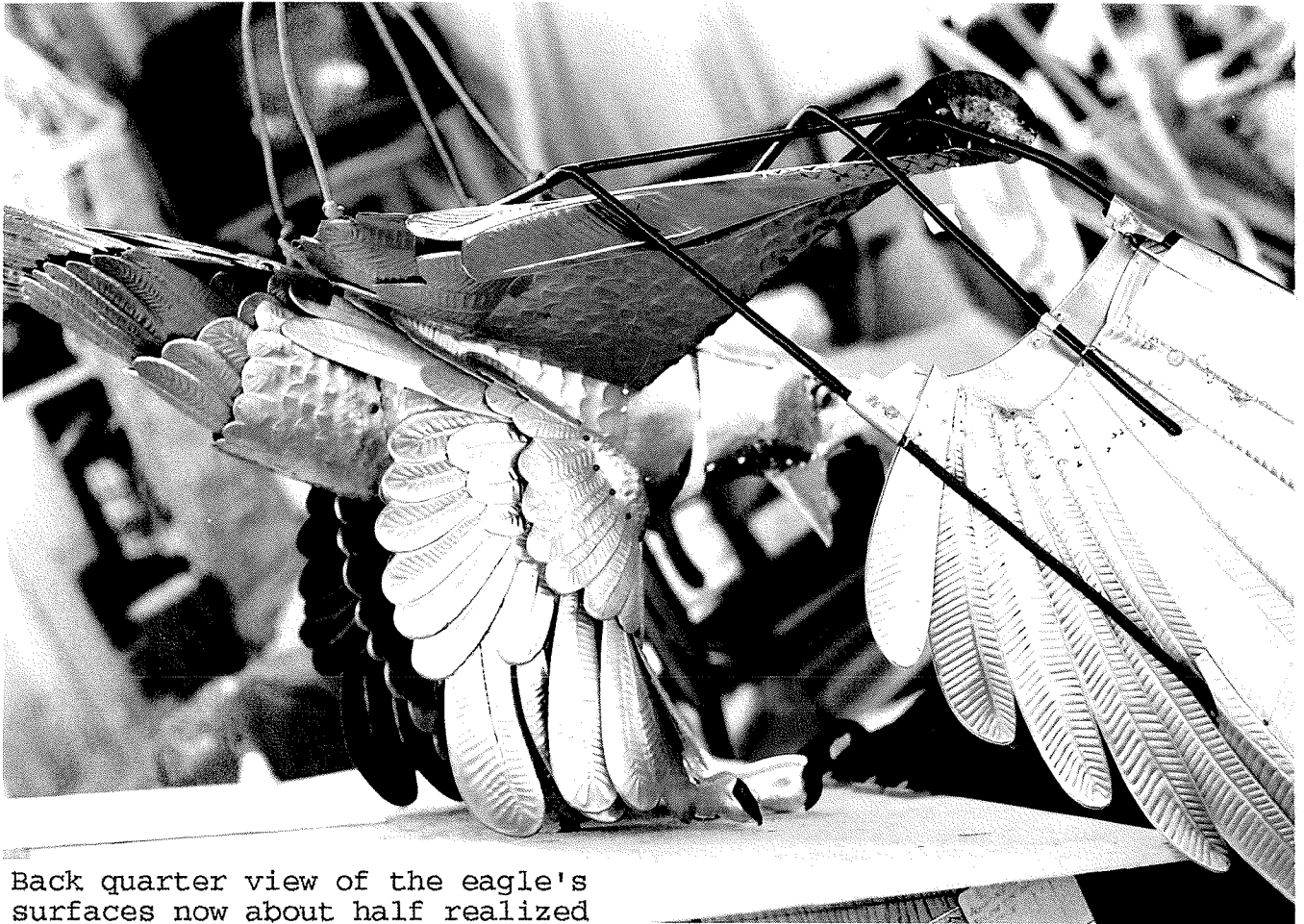




Stainless steel armature mounted on working slope
with first important elements in place



Close-up of head and beak showing stainless screws arranged
along joints. The screw heads are filled with epoxy paste
to simplify their character. The metal primer and enamel
under the gold leaf can be seen behind the white gold. The
eye detail, inner mouth and talons are black enamel, the
tongue red. The knee is in place awaiting "pantaloons"



Back quarter view of the eagle's surfaces now about half realized



Back view of primary feathers. Numbers 1 and 5 are doubled to enclose armature. Through screws coated with epoxy putty and copper paint.