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ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

America hails a new "Big Four," the Brooklyn Quads - two boys and two girls, including identical twins. Charles and Ethel Collins are the proud couple who brought off this six-hundred-and-fifty-thousand-to-one shot. At his Wall Street office, Collins' fellow-workers honour the clerk who certainly knows his multiplication tables.

Overnight, a housing problem besets the Collins in their three-room flat, previously just right for Mum, Dad and son Stephen. But now they're seven - and the people of Brooklyn are providing a new home, free. The new arrivals (already besieged with advertising offers) are named Andrew Raymond, Edward Charles, Barbara Ellen, and Linda Carroll. Quite a family.

In a week of much comings and goings, the heaviest departure list is from Shanghai. Women and children are conscripted to help in digging trenches as the sprawling metropolis prepares for what may be a long siege.

Panic stricken refugees, cut off from escape, seek safety in the surrounding countryside. Confusion reigns supreme. Although everyone entering the besieged city is checked, no one knows how many fifth columnists have already sneaked in. Nationalists say that the city will become a second Stalingrad. With the Communist armies pressing South, Britain turns her eyes to threatened Hong Kong.

Leaving Liverpool for Hong Kong is the first battalion Royal Leicester's - advance guard of the reinforcements that have been ordered to Britain's prize jewel in the Far East. Security police are on guard, as the Leicesters - 800 strong - embark on the Empire Halladale.

Many of them veterans of the Burma campaign, the Leicesters also include some national servicemen. Ahead, lies a five weeks trip to a troubled part of Asia. No one can hazard a guess at what they will find on arrival, for with seemingly nothing stopping the Red armies, the fate of Hong Kong hangs in the balance. Finally, another arrival. To Southampton come Governor and Mrs. Tom Dewey. The unsuccessful Republican Presidential candidate says:

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Welcome to these friends of Britain.