

The Collins quads make history in the Bronx. Two are boys, two girls, and one set is identical twins. Take your pick.

Charles and Ethel Collins, the proud and overwhelmed parents of the six-hundred-and-fifty-thousand-to-one shot, think it's just wonderful. And so do fellow employees at the Wall Street office where the twenty-nine-year-old father works as a securities analyst. Of course, the Collins three-room apartment, already home to son Stephen, ~~xxxx~~ who's two and a half, is a bit small. But the Bronx is going to provide a new home free. Yes, Steve, they're all yours!

The quads, already being besieged with advertising offers, are named Andrew Raymond, Edward Charles, Barbara Ellen and Linda Carrol. But even their parents are having a job learning which is which. Yes, Collins' family life is going to be hectic -- but ~~xxxx~~ fun!

Latest pictures from nationalist China show Shanghai under siege. The garrison inside the Red-encircled city commandeers trucks and jeeps from civilian concerns. Refugees, cut off from escape, seek safety in the surrounding countryside. Every one ~~entering~~ <sup>entering the</sup> ~~besieged~~ besieged city is checked, but none knows how many fifth columnists have already sneaked in. Women and children help dig trenches as the nationalist army orders every family to contribute one member for manual labor. Store windows are boarded up. As the red armies close in, the world waits to see whether the defending garrison can make its commander's pledge ~~that~~ -- that Shanghai would be a second Stalingrad -- come true.