

NEWS IN FLASHES

Outside the Treasury anxious Budget Day crowds await the Chancellor of the Exchequer. What dreadful shocks are locked in the fateful red box? To young Hugh Gaitkell, who took over from Sir Stafford Cripps, falls the lot to cope with a budget that might shake austerity Cripps himself. Anything on Income Tax? How about beer and fags? All the answers must be told to Parliament first but year after year there's a crowd to speed the box on its way. Well, we know the answers now. If the Chancellor has taxed anything you like, get yourself a nice hypnotist and ask him to make you hate it. That's the only way to beat the Budget.

NEAR PARIS

At Nemil-le-Bel, 102 candles salute Benjamin Lassus on his birthday; and the oldest French journalist proves he can still manage a good puff or two. The cake is a present from the Mayor; the party, the overture to a dance for the "over 65's." But at this dance, Benjamin is making no overtures. Like a good journalist the doyen of the French press is watching through eyes that have seen quite a lot of history in the making.

ZOO

Let's look at "Life with the lions," the three young offsprings of the lion Mr. Churchill gave to the Zoo eight years ago. Rota is bored with all this fuss about the kids. They're spotted (like all baby lions) and though cuddly, they're already quite a handful. But they're only a month old and their mother Janet is worried about humans handling them. Father couldn't care less!

Not to be outdone, Keeper Smith produces a basketful of bear cubs. Ten weeks old Rip, Sleek and Wilfred are Syrian bears, children of Pickles and Minnie.

We've shown you nice big humans playing with nice little bears. Now wait till we show you nice big bears playing with nice little humans. That'll be the day!

BOXING

Randolph Turpin, British and European middle-weight champion, winds up for his fight against Billy Brown of America at the Sportsdrome, Birmingham. A damaged right hand caused the Earls Court date to be cancelled; but there's nothing wrong with it now, as brother Jack's finding out. Turpin did the

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