

NEWS FLASHES.

A crashing jet plane starts a huge forest fire in a mountain resort near San Bernardino, California. Nearly two thousand fire-fighters, including many Indians, are rushed to battle with the blaze, which spreads over 10,000 acres and threatens luxurious homes in the Lake Arrowhead district.

In tinder-dry California, fire can travel faster than man can run and though all available equipment is working day and night, it takes four days to conquer the outbreak. Happily no lives are lost.

In their neat little Greydon home, a family prepare to leave for Africa - Seretse Khama, former heir to the Bechuanaland chieftancy, with his English wife, Ruth and 3-year old son Ian. They also have a 6-year-old daughter, Jacqueline, who is at school just now. It's six years since the British Government forbade Seretse to return to his homeland; now he has renounced the chieftancy for ever and at last the ban is lifted.

Budapest Zoo has two newcomers - both born in the Zoo and doing well. Here's the first - a baby hippopotamus - only four months old, but everything mother can do, she can do just as well - as long as mother doesn't go too far away.

And here's the other - the only baby elephant the Zoo has ever raised in its 90 years' existence. She's four months old, too, and already she weighs 24 stons.

But what's 24 stons, my dear? Mother weighs two and a half tons!

America has lost one of her most fabulous sporting personalities, and the world one of the greatest sportswomen of all time. For at the age of 42 Babe Zaharias is dead. She won the World Open Golf Championship with a record score; after a cancer operation, she came back and won it again. She beat Louise Brough at tennis. She broke three world records in the 1932 Olympic Games. She swam, fenced, skated. We may never see her like again; for above all Babe Zaharias believed that sport was fun!

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