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DARWIN WAS RIGHT.

It couldn't be modern art that Darwin was right about: he didn't live to see it. But these abstract works at Rotterdam were created by Sophie. They're of the French Equatorial Africa School, and considering she's only twelve, the Gorilla shows astonishing talent. Her attendant, Chris Baris, sees to it that she never lacks painting materials, so the moment inspiration grips her, Sophie just lives for art. Ever noticed how some colours smell so much better than others?

The inspiration's at work. Slap it onto the canvas, Sophie. There's money in this game. Her motto is, Anything Picasso can do, she can do better. Just a matter of technique. The real artist is never truly satisfied with his work; so forgive Sophie if she scowls a bit.

You know about that theory that man is descended from apes; well, there you are, Darwin would almost be right...Well now, am I bid £5,000? Why at that price, it's just throwing the stuff away.

WELL DONE, IKE.

What a homecoming it was for President Eisenhower. Thousands at the aerodrome outside Washington braved the wet and cold to show they looked on him as a friend, as nearly everyone does, wherever he goes. He toured half the world to arrange the Summit meeting.

"Folks, thank you very much indeed for coming out on this cold night to welcome my party and me back home. It's certainly good to be here. Now I must remind you that this morning we had breakfast in Madrid, lunch in Casablanca and now we are home at an hour which by our getting up time was five or six o'clock in the morning. So you can realize that this is not a time for a very erodite and informing speech, but I do want to just say this one thing, everywhere we went people sent this back a message of Merry Christmas and goodwill to all the people of the United States and in that message, I join myself this evening to all of you, everybody, everywhere, . Goodnight".

He felt on top of the world. And all the way to the White House the people who love peace turned out to honour the man who untiringly strives to preserve it. President Eisenhower has deserved the thanks of all mankind.

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QUADS CHRISTENED.

In New York's Greek Orthodox Cathedral it was a very special baptism. Mrs. Kajouras brought to the Primate her four babies. Archbishop Iakovos was baptising quadruplets. Three boys and a girl, the quads were six months old on the day they were received into the Church. This service is usually taken by babies as an excuse for a good cry; especially when it includes immersion. Alexander Kajouras and his wife were married in this cathedral two years ago. They never expected their union to be blessed on this lavish scale.

EMPIRE TITLE FIGHT.

Sydney Stadium packed to capacity. For the Empire welter-weight championship. Title-holder George Barnes challenged by fellow-Australian Billy Todd. Todd's out for revenge this time because Barnes beat him on points last August. Tonight the champ looks good enough to win by a knock-out. Certainly Billy Todd seems to have little defence against a non-stop attack. At no time is Barnes worried, not even when he's on the ropes.

At this stage the only thing that keeps Todd on his feet is sheer courage. How he's lasted into Round Six nobody knows. Barnes connects with a peach of an uppercut, but Todd stays upright.

Barnes has nothing to fear. He can forget all about defence. And that's just what he does as he goes all out for the kill. Another murderous uppercut and it's all over. The referee doesn't even bother to count. George Barnes is still champion.