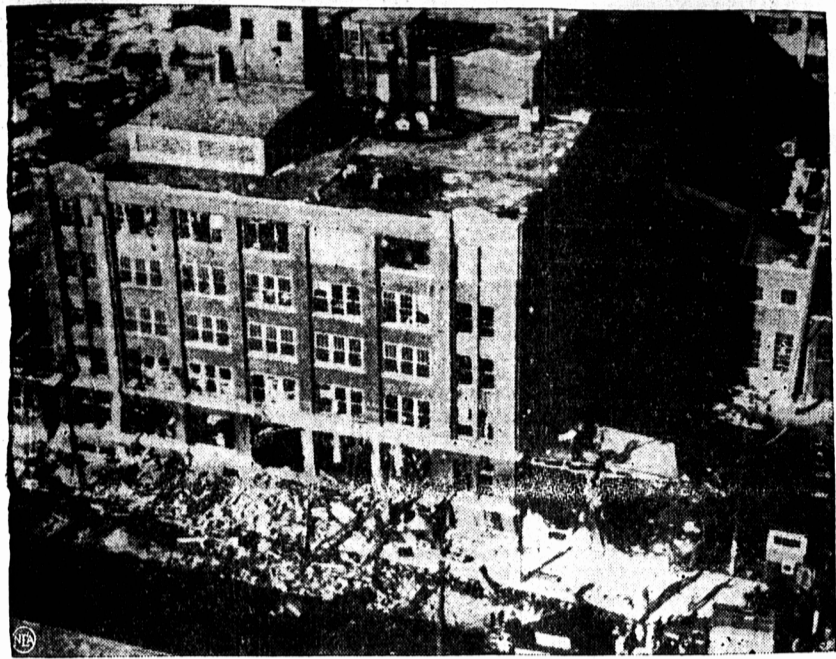


NEWS of the WORLD in PICTURES



SWIFT BUILDING EXPLOSION—Air view of the Swift & Company Meat Plant at Souix City, Ia., following explosion which mushroomed up from the basement, demolishing the first floor, and on up through the building killing at least 18 and injuring nearly 100-6 critically. The blast, believed caused by leaking natural gas in the plant's heating facilities, caught most of the 700 employees at work in the building.



Anne Marie Morris, six, of Hamilton, Ont., suffered from a rare ailment all her life without anyone knowing it. Whenever she played games with other children, she became exhausted quickly. Then it was found a circulatory malady caused blood to flow the wrong way. But, an operation having corrected her condition, she is now able to play along with other children.



THOMAS SENTENCED—Former Rep. J. Parnell Thomas (centre), flanked by deputy U. S. marshals, leaves the U. S. Marshal's office in Washington for removal to the Federal Prison at Danbury, Conn. The New Jersey Republican was sentenced to six to 18 months in jail and fined \$10,000 for accepting kickbacks from his office staff and padding his payroll during his term in Congress.



TRIPLE AMPUTEE GETS WONDER ARM—Former Marine sergeant Donald Doubrava of Cleveland, O., tries the first of two new plastic arms with which he hopes to write, feed himself and do almost anything a normally-equipped person can do. Doubrava lost one leg in the explosion of a Jap shell in the Philippines, and lost both arms in this country when he fell in front of a train. With a total of 70 operations behind him, Doubrava looks forward cheerfully to a nearly normal life.



Two youngsters who appeared on program of "Carols of the Nations", sponsored by the United Nations Association in Canada at Convocation Hall, University of Toronto, were Pavel Stepanek, six, and Jaromir Janda, eight, in costume.



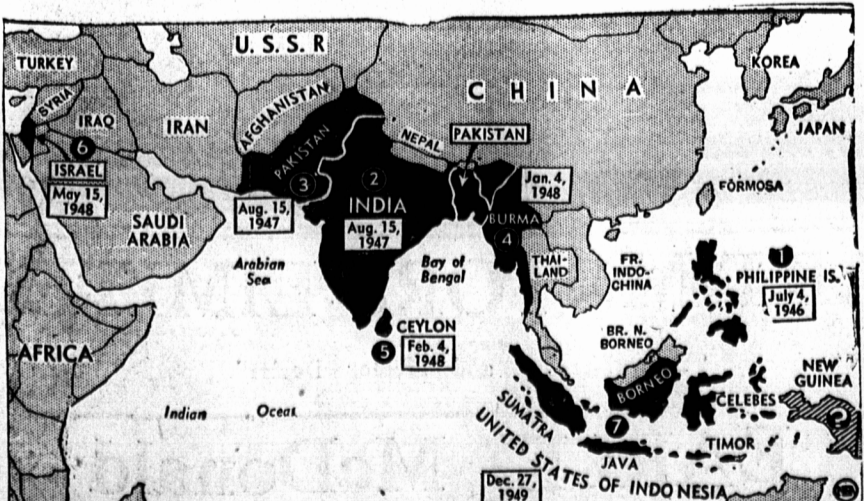
Earl Baird, Guelph, is recovering from a fractured collar bone, result of a tumble in front of his home a few weeks ago. It was his 15th major bone fracture, although he is only eight years old. A rare disease causes his bones to snap like chalk. Doctors say that by the time Earl reaches his twenties, his bones may be strong enough for him to lead a normal life. But for now, a hockey outfit at Christmas would be a useless gift.



On their way home to their grandparents in England for Christmas are Lawrence, six, and Ann Rayne, four, shown with T.C.A. Stewardess Mary Jane Blandford at Malton. Children of a Canadian soldier, left motherless when Mrs. Rayne died two years ago, they were turned over to a London, Ont., orphanage. London citizens are paying for trip.



A FAR-EAST UNITED STATES IS BORN—Map shows the new United States of Indonesia which ends the 300-year rule of the Netherlands over the Dutch East Indies islands. Although the new republic will have sovereignty and Dutch colonial rule is ended, the two nations still are linked as equal partners in a Dutch-Indonesian Union, headed by Queen Juliana. The U. S. I. consists of the Indonesian Republic and 15 other states, heretofore known as Federalist Indonesia. Permanent status of New Guinea is in dispute and it will remain a Dutch colony for another year, pending negotiations.



THE WORLD DO CHANGE—The new United States of Indonesia will be the world's seventh new state since the end of World War II. The U. S. I. is the former Dutch East Indies. Significantly, all the new nations formerly had colonial or dependency status. Only France, among the big powers, still maintains a sizeable colonial empire in the Far East in Indo-China.



WEAPON WEDDING—Helen Herrick, 19, a bride of one day, charged that her husband, Francis E. Byers, 29, of Des Moines, Ia., forced her to marry him at gun point. Byers said she eloped with him to Tekamah, Nebr., willingly.



IN RED JAM—The State Department angrily denounced Communist-dominated Bulgaria for accusing U. S. Minister Donald R. Heath, above, of "conspiring" against the government. Declaring the charges "patent falsehoods", the U. S. warned that continuance of diplomatic relations is in danger.



Sault Ste. Marie's famous Hargreave quads are home for Christmas. While Nurse Verna Howe holds Joyce Carol, six-year-old Sandra and Kimmey, four, peek through the glass door of the living room, a temporary nursery. This is the first time he two have seen their little sisters, as they were not permitted to visit the four in hospital.