

News of the World in Pictures



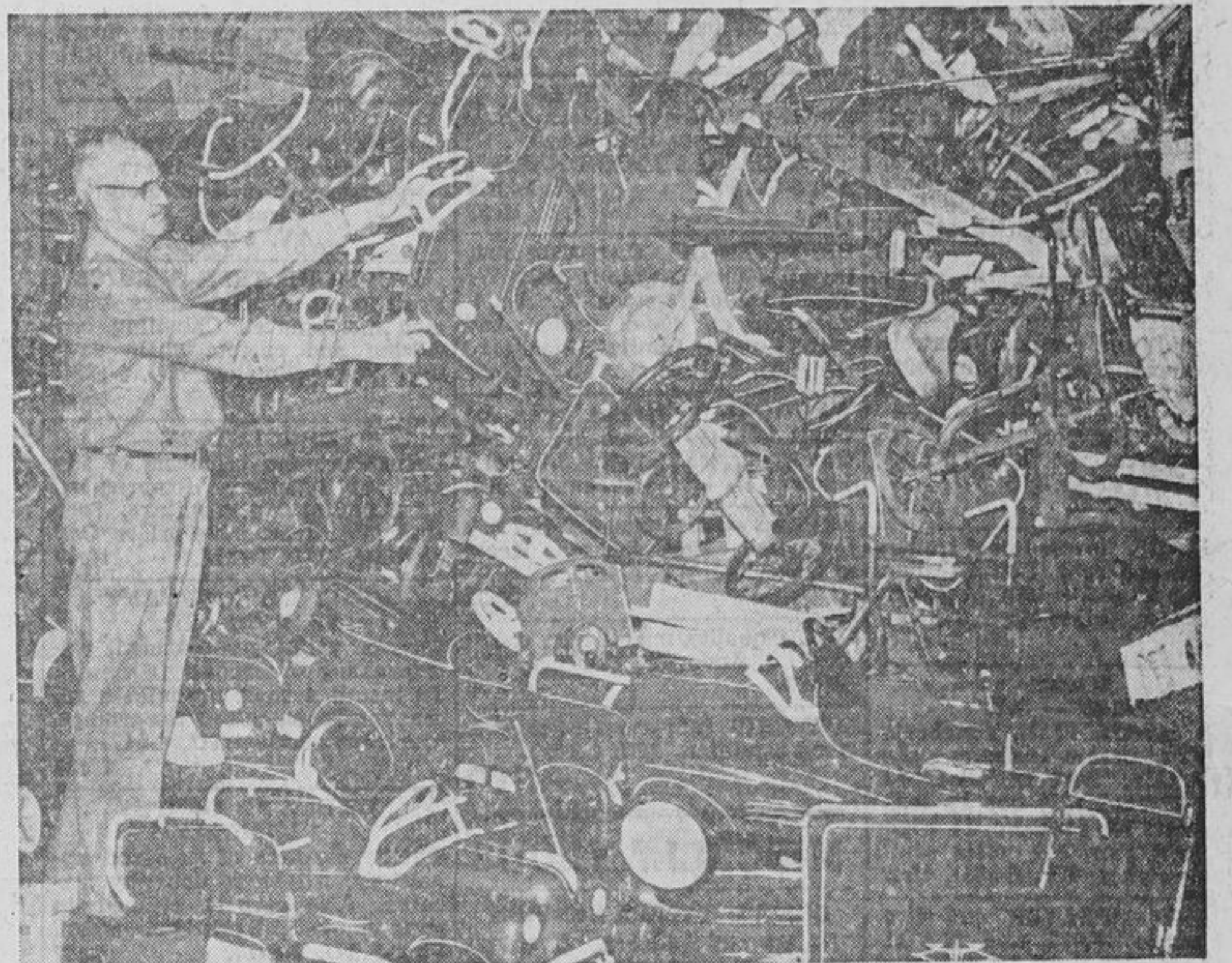
THEY WON'T TAKE THE PLUNGE—Pelicans at the Paris zoo content themselves with looking before leaping into a pond while the temperature is just above the freezing point. They're limiting their activity to preening at present.



LOST GOLF BALL?—It might be, except these women are cutting sugar cane at Nan-Chu, near Kaohsiung, on Formosa.



CONSTRUCTION UNITS ADD VARIETY—Metal tank-shaped units which, when coupled together, can be used for a variety of construction operations are being made in Britain. Here a helicopter is landing on a portable, powered ferry on the Thames. It can also double as a floating dock.



SANTA'S HELPER NEEDS HELP—Lawrence Brack will be engulfed by toys in St. Paul, Minn., fire department, where he and other firemen are repairing broken toys donated by residents for underprivileged youngsters. Brack is chief painter.



LOTS OF SPACE—Gilda Castelli tries on futuristic piece of sculpture in Venice. The sculpture, on display at an art exhibition, represents the feeling of outer space with the three rings.



HEADING FOR A HANGING—A worker in a Vienna factory carefully racks up Christmas tree balls for painting before being shipped to all parts of the Christian world.

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CALLING THE HOMETOWN—Irena Dubicka of Brooklyn, N. Y., records a Christmas greeting to all the children of Poland from all their American friends over a Radio Free Europe station.

'Go Ye Into All the World'



An oxcart driver receives portions of the Bible.



Scripts are distributed in Iraq by ABS men.



Boon Mark interests Buddhist priest in Thailand.

SOME FIVE THOUSAND PERSONS are traveling through more than 50 countries to sell, barter or just give away the world's best-selling book at no profit to themselves. They are members of the American Bible Society and 22 similar groups that make up a sales staff, missionary agency and delivery service that tops any door-to-door distribution system of any government or industry. These people are known as colporteurs, a French term that has come to mean dis-

tributors of the scriptures. Their methods of distribution take on the character of the country. Bibles are transported in a sack across a burro's back in the Andes, in sampans in Japan, in ox carts in India, in jeeps along the St. Lawrence Seaway's transient trailer towns and in jets. There is lots of work left to do because the scriptures are still unpublished in more than 1,200 of the world's known languages and dialects, but the American Bible Society is working on the project.