

# FIGHT PLAN TO END LEXINGTON AVE. LINE

More than 150 persons are expected to jam the Public Service Commission offices in the Statehouse Monday in protest to the proposed abandonment of the Lexington Ave. streetcar line.

Petition for the abandonment has been filed by the Indianapolis Railways. The petition asserts that the line has been losing money for several years and operated last year at a \$19,000 deficit.

Opponents to the proposal point out that they will have to walk from four to five blocks if the line is removed. Railway spokesmen say there is sufficient transportation facilities without the car line.

At a mass meeting last night Hugh Francisco was named chairman of the protest group. Mr. Francisco's committee includes Harry Rovee, E. M. Ross, Eugene O'Brien, Mrs. Hugh Francisco and Miss Martha McFarland.

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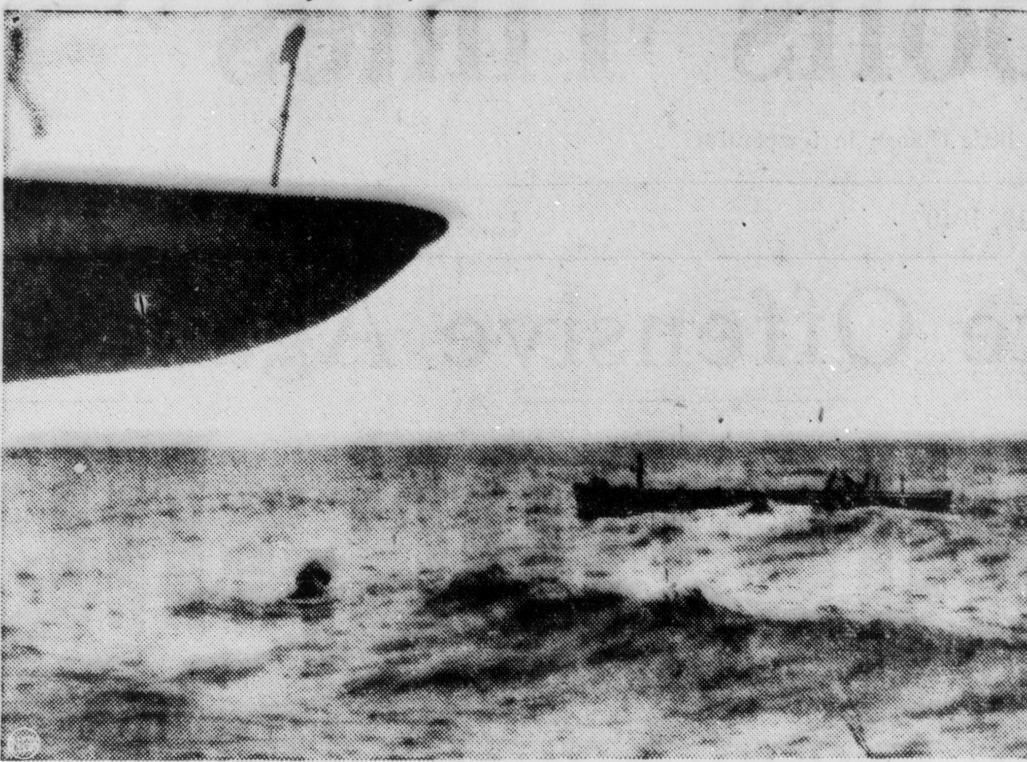
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# Boat Upset; Plane Rescues Pair



Nick-of-time rescue of two fishermen from the choppy waters of the Straits of Mackinac, joining Lakes Michigan and Huron, was made by a coast guard amphibian plane called to duty barely a week after it was based at Traverse City, Mich., to serve Great Lakes shipping in distress. The fishing boat sank shortly after Ernest Anderson and Joseph Schley Jr., shown swimming toward plane, were picked up.

# Italian Cruiser Is Destroyed By British in Fierce Fight

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defenses. The British claimed to have sunk an Italian destroyer and to have heavily damaged an Italian battleship in the action.

In the British Isles, defense forces battled powerfully against a new series of German bombing raids from the channel—where shipping was under heavy attack—to Scotland.

German dive bombers struck along the southeast coast of England, but anti-aircraft guns on ships and land as well as fever counter-attacks by British fighting planes drove them back and reportedly brought down six or seven by mid-afternoon.

The renewal of aerial attacks on the British Isles might have been timed to coincide with Hitler's speech before the Reichstag at Berlin.

From Holland, Belgium and France came new repercussions of the German triumph in Western Europe and a declaration of special interest to the United States. At The Hague, it was declared that Germany will take reprisals for alleged mistreatment of Germans in The Netherlands East and West Indies.

The threat of reprisals appeared to be designed to force Dutch colonial authorities to release Germans who had been interned since Nazi invasion of the Low Countries.

The French Government at Vichy published two decrees providing that no civil servants may be of foreign origin and that naturalization of any non-native citizen may be canceled at any time. From Berlin, the official News Agency said Hitler had ordered release of all Belgian soldiers, except officers, that the German military commander in Belgium and northern France had issued strict orders to "pacify" the country and prevent return of refugees government officials.

In a sudden whirlwind propaganda campaign, the Germans and Italians had whipped their nerves and terror offensive to a high peak of threats against the British Isles—and for every threat they received a dogged cry of defiance from London.

Britain was prepared to exploit any indirect gesture Germany might make toward ending the war even on Hitler's own terms as a sign of uncertainty in Berlin and Rome. Reports in London were that the Axis powers had made three feeble

and disguised overtures for a settlement since the defeat of France, but that Britain had ignored all of them. The British also were taking some pages from the Nazi-Fascist system and fighting back against the propaganda campaign.

In London, it was said that the Axis powers had threatened to strike through the Balkans in order to attack the British Empire in the Near East—as they struck through the Low Countries to France. It was also reported that efforts were being made to use the geographic position of Spain for an attack on the great British stronghold of Gibraltar—bombed yesterday by Italian planes in what Rome called a successful raid—at the mouth of the Mediterranean.

The German High Command said that another 31,300 tons of enemy shipping had been sunk by air and U-boat attacks and that a U-boat had shot up a large armed merchantman in attacking a British convoy. The High Command said that German aerial attacks continued to British airfields, harbors and barracks from Scotland to the channel.

The Italian communiqué reported bombardment of Gibraltar and said that a British ship attempting to break through the narrow bottle-neck of the Mediterranean, where the Italians are on guard below Sicily, had been attacked and damaged so badly it was abandoned. Italian planes also reported sinking a British submarine.

The authoritative Fascist party newspaper Regime Fascista attracted wide attention by a warning to Soviet Russia—which yesterday reported that it was building a navy as big as any in the world—that it would be fatal to attempt to "double cross" the Axis powers by giving aid to Britain.

The British, according to the newspaper, still hope to get Russia into conflict with Germany and Italy, but such a move would be settled with "the same swiftness and strength" as Poland and France were destroyed.

Besides hinting that all was not as well in Axis-Russia relations as Rome and Berlin have previously reported, the editorial remarked that the United States was not likely to intervene to aid Britain because the United States always bets "on the winning side."

# PEACE OR RUIN. HITLER'S OFFER

Makes 'Final Appeal to Reason' to Save British Empire.

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France June 19 contained reports of secret meetings of the Allied War Council, and that marginal notes by French Generalissimo Maxime Weyssand and the then Premier Edouard Daladier showed the "machinations of the war mongers regarding all small nations."

"Churchill Will Flee"

These "war mongers," Hitler said, "inflicted an appalling fate on hundreds of thousands, even millions, of their own soldiers, callously enforcing mass evacuations of their own people."

"What is coming will visit the people, not Churchill, who will probably be in Canada," Hitler said in caustic reference to the British Prime Minister and as a warning to the British people of the effects of blitzkrieg attack.

"He may think the outcome will be the annihilation of Germany but will be the destruction of a great world empire—the destruction of which was never my wish or aim."

Hitler recalled his speech of Oct. 6th in which he said he had stretched out his hand to England and France, even though he was then convinced of German military superiority and of the outcome of the war.

Not Weakness, He Says

He said his hand had been rejected, as had all of his peace offers in the past.

"I regret the victims of the war will exact among civilians in Britain as well as among Germans," he said, "even though I know millions of young Germans are training to fight England."

He warned Britain against viewing his appeal to reason as a weakness.

"Churchill may parry my words with the claim that I feel doubt or fear, but in any case I will have the knowledge that I acted rightly according to my conscience," he said.

Hitler praised Mussolini warmly for his participation in the war on Germany's side. He also warned against any hopes for a split between Germany and Russia.

German-Russian relations have

# Today's War Moves

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Count Ciano's arrival in Berlin today for renewal of secret conferences with Hitler coincides with Italian newspaper warnings to Stalin that if the Kremlin accepts British offers of conciliation and co-operation, Russia's fate will be the same as Poland's.

Hitherto, Italian and German journalistic comment on Russia's war time forwardness has been worded cautiously. The open suspicion of Russian treachery now voiced in the Fascist controlled press implies a Slav situation may be developing which Mussolini considers dangerous.

Only a sudden matter of serious importance would seem to justify this second visit of the Italian Foreign Minister to Berlin so soon after his earlier conference this month with Hitler. Italy's suspicions of Russia are more sensitive than Germany's because of Russia's claim to paramount interests in the Balkans and the Mediterranean.

At the same time there can be been thoroughly and decisively established as even British statesmen will also learn.

Hitler also paid grateful tribute to the German soldiers and military leadership as well as to the civil population "whom our enemies thought they could separate from me."

Hitler said that the men in various European countries who wanted "honest peace" had been denounced as "weaklings" or traitors or as "fifth columnists." He denounced "the scribblers" who called such men fifth columnists and charged them with following a "criminal" policy.

The victories of the German army in the west proved that he, Hitler, was right and his enemies wrong the Fuehrer continued.

LAUNDRY PATRIOTIC

MIAMI, Fla., July 19 (U. P.).—A Miami laundry, which originated the slogan "Isn't it great to be an American," used nationally now, advertises that it will clean American flags free.

# DUTCH FACE NAZI REPRISAL THREAT

THE HAGUE, Netherlands, July 19 (U. P.).—German authorities said today that reprisals will be taken against certain distinguished persons in Holland having influence in the Dutch colonies because of refusal of authorities in the Dutch East and West Indies to release Germans from concentration camps.

An official statement said German persons now in Holland "whose names are believed to represent certain ideas in Holland's overseas territories..." These persons, it was said, "will face the consequences."

For several weeks Germany has admitted being disturbed over the attitude of the Dutch. Recently Gen. Henri Winkelmann, commander of Dutch armed forces, was taken to Germany under arrest and threatened with the death penalty because "he was accused of failing to co-operate with the German army of occupation."

# SHOES MEMENTO OF VISIT BY PROWLER

A pair of shoes, owner unidentified, rest side by side in Apartment 4, 660 E. 17th St.

This is largely because the owner last night carefully took them off and placed them side by side there. Then he prowled about the apartment until he noticed he was observed.

He left so hurriedly he had no time to even pick up his shoes.

# CORRECTION

We advertised Nylon stockings in the Indianapolis Star Friday morning, July 19. This advertisement should have stated that these were irregulars of Nylon stockings. Anyone purchasing these stockings and finding them unsatisfactory may return them for full credit.

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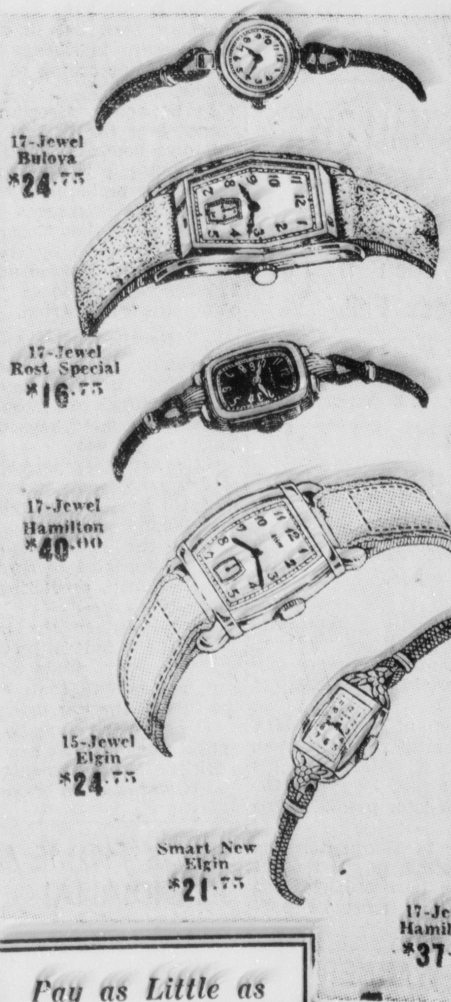
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