

# **This Could Beat Walking Down 5th Avenue**

**BRISTOL, England, July 25 (AP).—CROSSING** the English Channel takes on a new wrinkle Aug. 14 when an optimistic Briton will try to walk across.

The daredevil, **Alexander Wozniak**, has outfitted himself with a pair of water skis shaped like small boats and with two ski poles which he uses like paddles. The poles have cork rings on the end which look like life preservers.

**Wozniak** "walked" four miles yesterday in the Bristol Channel and will take a 21-mile stroll on the River Thames soon as a further prep for his Channel attempt.



Alex Wozniak, 33-year-old Polish-born draughtsman, thought it was a nice way for a stroll . . . down the Thames on his water skis. It was a trial trip for his big "constitutional" on August 14, when he will try to walk across the Channel. Each ski is a miniature boat, complete with keel. His ski-poles are tipped with cork floats.

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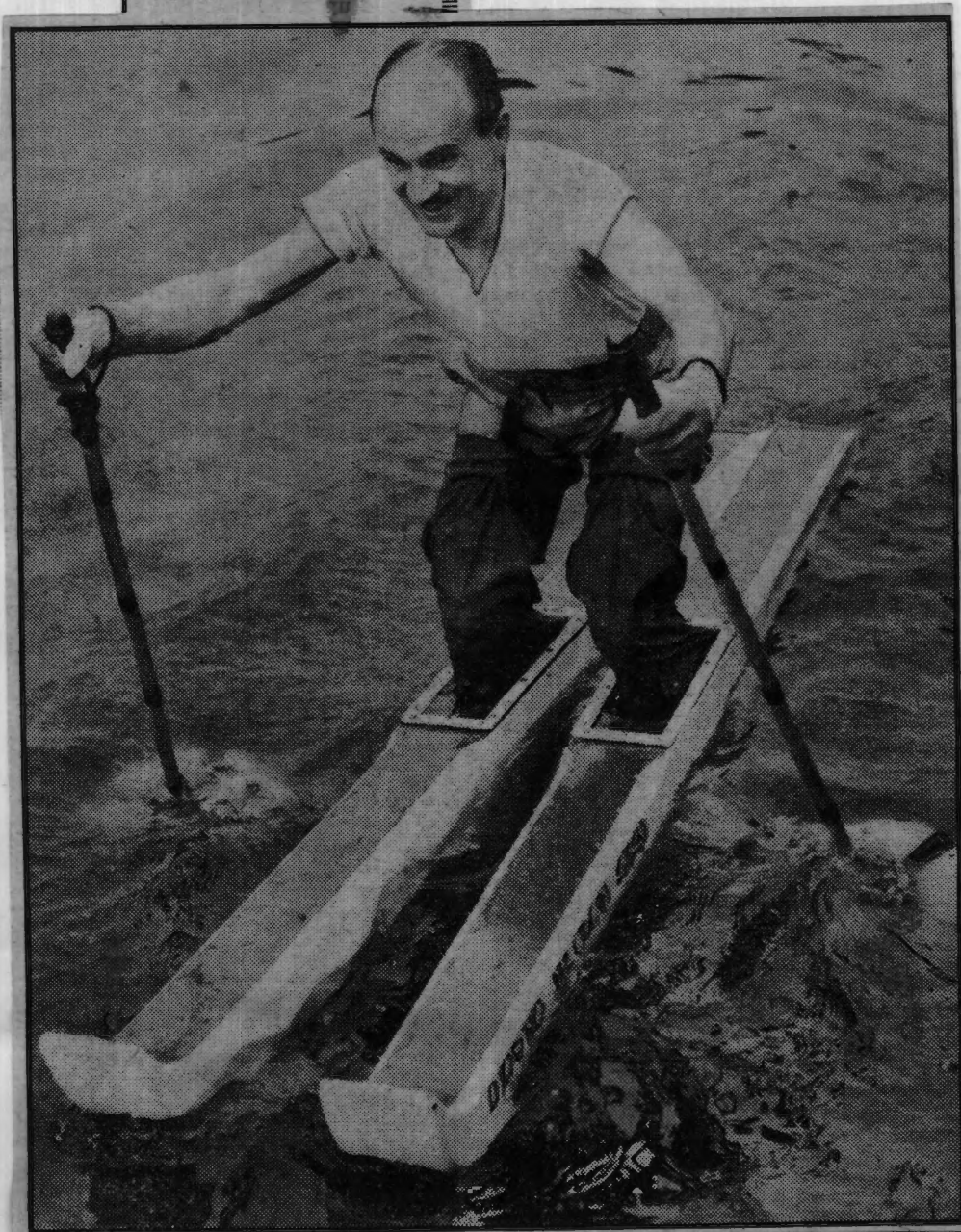
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 (below) is Aleksandra  
 Wozniak, 31-year-old  
 Polish engineer from  
 Nottingham.

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 He's also after the  
 French trip—but first  
 he's trying a warm-up  
 session, from Rich-  
 mond to Tower Bridge.  
 Wozniak's water-skis  
 —his own invention—  
 are eight feet long. He  
 gets along with two  
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# SEA SKIER WALKS ON WAVES

**H**UNDREDS of holiday-makers watched a man walk across the sea between Colwyn Bay and Llandudno yesterday.

The man—31-year-old Alexander Wozniak, a former Polish champion skier—performed the feat with the aid of a pair of water skis which he has invented himself. He calls them floatskis.

When he tried them out on the Thames recently he had to give up because of the tide, but yesterday at Colwyn Bay he succeeded. Next week he will try to cross the Channel from Calais to Dover.

## Sport of future

Wozniak propelled himself with the aid of cork discs on the end of poles, and rode the sometimes choppy sea better than the boat which accompanied him.

"This is the seaside sport of the future," he said after the feat.

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