

Aug 16th. '55.

from ^{various} many Nations

France-- Soon after dawn, twelve men and four women ~~franklin~~ ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ prepared, at Cap Gris Nez, for the annual mass Channel Swim, after several postponements due to unfavourable conditions. (3)

~~and~~ Covered in pounds of grease, they scrambled into the water, to ~~begin~~ begin the world's toughest race- the long 21 miles to Dover, and the struggle with the tides.

Soon the swimmers were well under way, with American Laurie Park as pacesetter, closely followed by Abdel ~~Abu~~ Heif of Egypt. It was almost a neck-and-neck fight between them for the last four miles.

Flying over the Channel in a helicopter ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~

5.11y Butlin wanted to see for himself who was winning his International Channel Swim, as they battled steadily nearer the English Coast.

The White Cliffs of Dover in sight, at last, and an exuberant ~~well~~ well-wisher joined the leader- ~~the Egyptian~~ Heif, who already holds the record for crossing from England to France.

And it's victory for the 27 year-old Egyptian, as he clambered ashore at St Margaret's Bay.

Only three out of 16 finished the race, and Heif (who was 11 hours, 44 minutes in the water) was given a great reception ashore.

Billy Butlin, ~~the~~ made the presentation of the 1000 Guinea Silver Cup and £500 to Heif. ~~xxxxxxxx~~ ^{He} shared the limelight with Laurie Park, who landed 17½ minutes later.

From THE WHITE CLIFFS ~~to~~ the White City ~~where~~ where, despite a rain-soaked track, Brian Hewson won a brilliant half-mile in the first International Match between ~~England~~ Britain and Hungary, sponsored by the "News of the World".

On this star-studded afternoon, Derek Ibbotson (Britain's second string) and Chris Chataway were leading in the last lap of the 3 Miles. Suddenly Hungary's ~~xxxxxxxx~~ Tabori (British All-Comer's record holder) flashed ~~xxxxxxxx~~ between them. ~~xxxxxxxx~~ Chataway went after him at a terrific pace and took a two yard lead. (2)

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But Tabori, full of running, was able to maintain his burst and so forced Chataway into second place.

X A ^{dramatic} ~~signal~~ victory for Tabori- and a temporary eclipse for Chris ~~Chataway~~ Chataway- who will, no doubt, fully recover his form when he visits France and Russia. ~~only a few months~~