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NEWS IN FLASHES

British and Empire welter champion Eddie Thomas winds up for his fight with Palermo as his mother watches him leave for a training run. Welshman Eddie is a great believer in open-air training in the Welsh mountains.

For his friends, Eddie puts on a training display at Lucy Colliery, Northyr.

When Eddie meets Michele Palermo of Italy at Garmarthen, the European title will be at stake. I want that, too, says Eddie!

WESTMINSTER

Steak of a different kind - or the lack of it - brings Teddington women with their lady-butcher to have a go at Parliament. With placards to express their feelings - not to mention the "Then and Now" decoration on the coach - they want to ask Parliament (as housewives) a few pointed questions about the 8-penny ration.

It's o.k. to see your number but no posters, says the policeman, so their number received a good helping of tongue-pie instead!

BOW STREET

At Bow Street dockers wait as seven men - four from London and three from Liverpool - are accused of conspiring to incite dockers to take part in illegal strikes. They are remanded on bail. Albert Timothy is chairman of the unofficial London port workers' committee, Joe Harrison (wearing a striped scarf) is chairman of the Liverpool committee.

As they are against a new wage increase agreed by union representatives, the strikes are a blow at the authority of the union.