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### MASS ATTACK ON CHANNEL

Last year's winners Abd el Rohin and Eileen Fenton of Dewsbury grease up at Gap Gris Nez with Jenny James of Pentypridd and 17 others for the "Daily Mail" cross-channel race to England. It's been postponed twice but today it's on. The 20 swimmers are ready ... it's just about time ... there goes the signal ... but where's the rush? That's van Hemsbergen of Holland, but the cameramen are doing best so far.

Third last year, Mareh Hassan means business this year.

At last they're all under way. Second last year, Roger le Mervan is fated to fill that place again. El Rohin, who beat him then, is doing well; and Yorkshire's hopes soared high too - Eileen Fenton was going like the little champion she is, till a blackout forced her to give up when in sight of Dover.

Though nearly 40, Garpic of Peru is swimming strongly; They're past half-way now ... and just ahead of Mareh Hassan are the cliffs of Dover. Two stone heavier than last year, Mareh Hassan is tiring but news that a few miles away the Frenchman can beat him, spurs him to a final effort, as the tide carries him towards Shakespeare cliff.

Finishing fourth, Brenda Fisher of Grimsby wins the women's thousand-pound prize. Meantime, the crowd on the beach surges forward to welcome the first swimmer across, Mareh Hassan Hamad of Egypt. "I have done this for my King," said the Egyptian soldier. "He ordered us to retain the title."

Exhausted Mareh Hassan makes for a boat bound for Dover. So Egypt has won the race again. But if our men can't win the race, our girls can ... Eileen Fenton last year, and this year, Brenda Fisher of Grimsby.