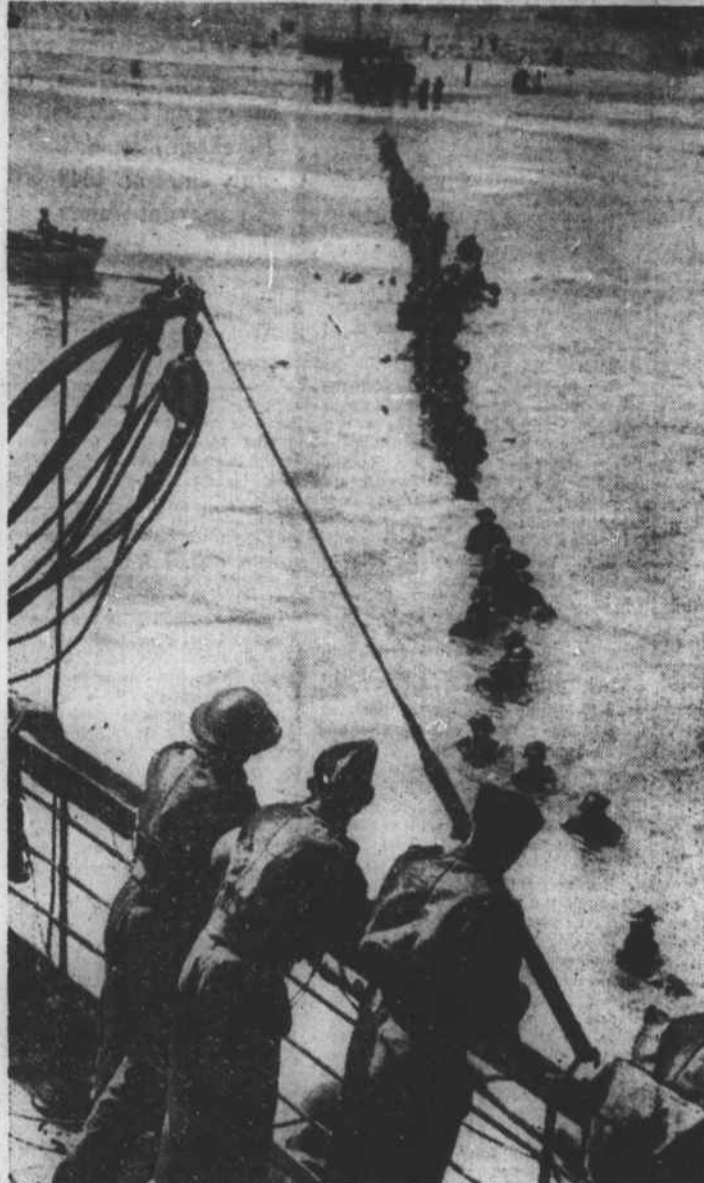


IT BEGAN TEN YEARS AGO

Ten years ago it started — the most devastating, costly, earth-shaking war in human history. At dawn on September 1, 1939, Germany's high-riding Fuehrer, Adolf Hitler, sent his crack mechanized troops racing into Poland. Soon Great Britain and France came into the fight, and before long the flames of war crackled over the entire European continent and Asia and Africa as well. Hitler's War has been over four years now, but Europe is still in turmoil because of it. The destruction, revolution and political upheavals it has caused may leave their mark for centuries. Here are highlights of the European struggle which overturned the world.



FIRST ACT. Motorized Nazis slice into Poland against weak resistance.



DESPERATE DAYS. British troops escape to a rescue ship at Dunkerque.



DER FUEHRER'S FUN. Hitler dances a jig as France falls.



TEARS FOR FRANCE, by a Frenchman, as the Nazis take over.



BRITAIN IS BLITZED. Bombs fall at historic St. Paul's.



CLOSE CALL. A bomb almost hits an Allied truck on the Egyptian front.



ON THE SKY TRAIL. U.S. bombers fly out to blast enemy territory.



SEIGE OF STALINGRAD. The Nazis failure here marked the war's turning point.



D-DAY. The Allies invaded Normandy with awe-inspiring might.



YANK PRISONER, a victim of Nazi starvation treatment.



VICTORY'S PREVIEW. As Allies retook Paris, Yanks marched through en route to Berlin.