

A SPECTACLE OF MUSIC ON THE RIVER



AMERICAN WIND SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

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Tuesday 4 July, off the Festival Gardens, Battersea Park
Friday 7 July, Thamesfield, Henley-on-Thames
Sunday 9 July, Caversham Gardens, Reading
Tuesday 11 July, Christ Church Meadow, Oxford
Thursday 13 July, Abingdon
Saturday 15 July, Marlow Bridge
Sunday 16 July, Ray Island Gardens, Maidenhead
Monday 17 July, The Brocas, Eton
Friday 21 July, Island Gardens, North Bank, Greenwich
Saturday 22 July, Twickenham Ferry, Richmond
Sunday 23 July, South Bank Promenade, London

A RIVER BANK
PROMENADE CONCERT

8.30 p.m. ADMISSION FREE

Boudreau conducted while London burned!

TWO THAMES BOATS SWEEP BY FIRE

Outbreak After 200 Disembark

DAILY TELEGRAPH REPORTER

THE Abercorn and Queen Elizabeth, Thames pleasure boats, well known to thousands of Londoners, were badly damaged by fire at their moorings off Westminster Pier last night.

The fire started in the Abercorn and spread to the Queen Elizabeth. Only 30 minutes earlier the Abercorn had landed 200 passengers at the pier after a trip to Richmond.

Flames leapt 40ft into the air from the stern of the Abercorn as she broke from her moorings and drifted downstream. Another pleasure boat eased the Abercorn off the pier for firemen to fight the flames.

Mr. John Gibbs, skipper of the Abercorn, had just left his vessel when someone gave the alarm. He and the engineer, Albert Preville, a West Indian, rowed back.

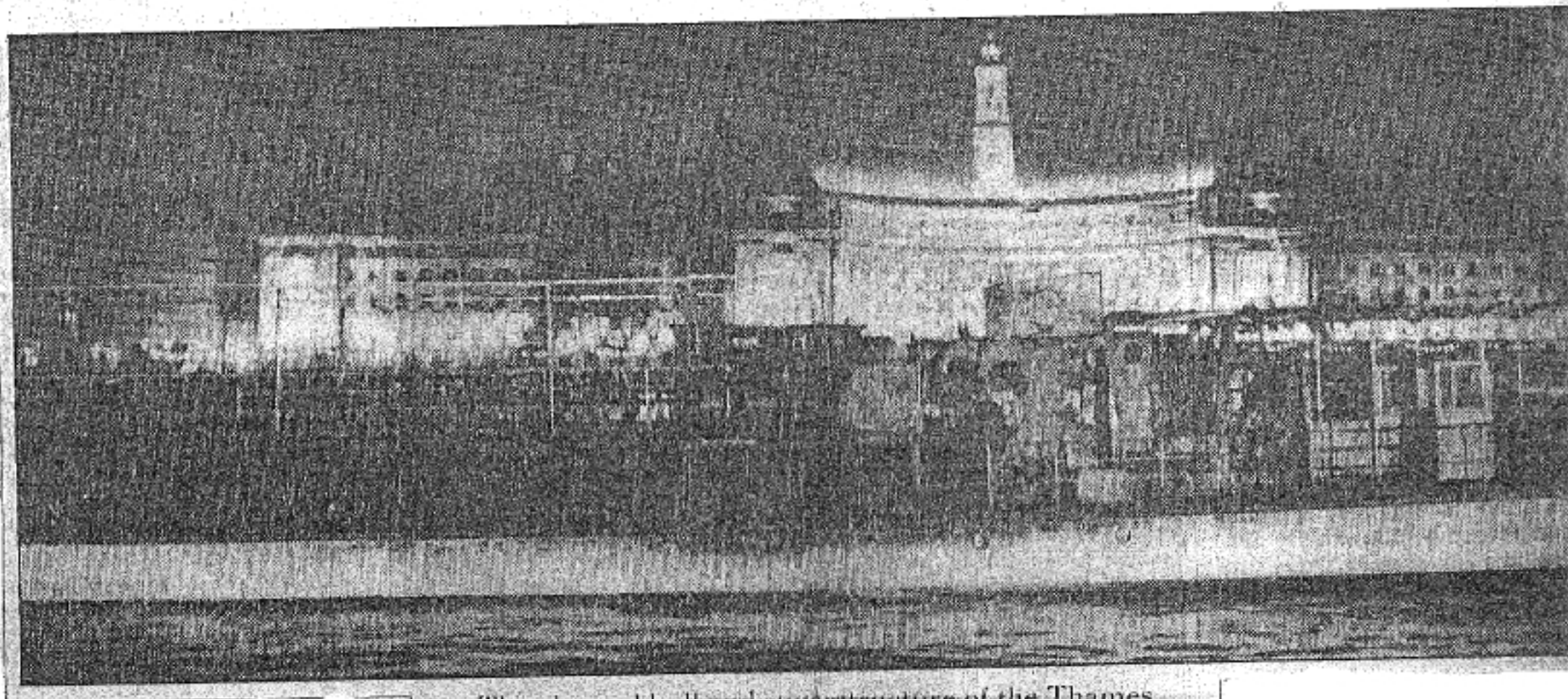
WALL OF FLAME

In the saloon they were met by a wall of flame. "I went to the engine room to connect up the hoses," said Mr. Preville. "There was too much smoke and I could not do it."

Another pleasure boat, the Royal Princess, was landing 200 square dancers at the pier from Hampton Court. The part-owner, Mr. Alfred Crouch, tried to push the Abercorn away from the Queen Elizabeth with his own boat.

"The flames were too fierce and it was too dangerous to stay near her so we took off the skipper and the engineer and backed away. We still had a dozen passengers aboard."

Both damaged boats are owned by Thames Launches, of Eel Pie Island, Twickenham, and can carry 250 passengers each. Both are valued at around £40,000. Hundreds of sightseers on the Embankment who had been watching a fireworks display from the South Bank saw the fire.



The charred hull and superstructure of the Thames pleasure boat, Queen Elizabeth, one of two badly damaged by fire on the Thames off Westminster Pier last night. The other damaged boat was the Abercorn.

Below: Flames and smoke billowing from one of the craft.

