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### FIRE BLASTS DUTCH FOOD STORES

Fire sweeps Amsterdam's harbour front, as two large cold storage warehouses go up in flames. Fanned by a stiff wind, the blaze secures a firm grip on the doomed buildings, and firemen, called from a 30-mile radius, battle to save the dockyard.

Europe's largest refrigerating store, the warehouses held several million tons of food mostly for export - and included 45 million eggs. Some crates are salvaged by rescue teams, but the bulk of the food - sufficient for one week's rations for the whole of Britain - is destroyed. Cause of the blaze is still a mystery.