

# 'Die Is Cast! Hitler Confers On Zero Hour

Berlin, July 24 (Wednesday) (BUP). — Proclaiming angrily that "the die is cast," Germany last night held her war machine poised for an attempt at invasion of the British Isles.

Adolf Hitler was reported conferring with his military leaders to fix the "zero hour" of the first mass assault on the British Isles in nearly 900 years, following the blunt rejection of his "final appeal to reason" by British Foreign Secretary Viscount Halifax.

Lord Halifax's speech, according to Nazi spokesmen, has smashed all prospects of peace and the German armed forces will strike at any hour.

"There is nothing more to discuss—the die is cast," said a Wilhelmstrasse spokesman, and his defy was echoed in boldly splashed headlines across the front pages of all German newspapers.

## House Ignores Hitler.

London, July 23 (CP).—Prime Minister Churchill, his Cabinet and members of Parliament coldly ignored Hitler's "peace ultimatum" today in the first session of Parliament since the Nazi dictator issued his demand Friday for an end to the war on his terms.

Standing on the declaration last night by Foreign Secretary Viscount Halifax that "we shall not stop fighting till freedom is secure," Parliament received the Budget in a calm mood.

Hitler's speech was not discussed during the Budget debate or during other business for the 10 hours that Commons sat.

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