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GANGSTERS OPERATING GAS RACKET

Province-Wide Sale of Stolen Coupons Alleged

Operations of a "black market" in stolen gasoline ration books, with ramifications which may extend "Irom Windsor to Montreal," are under investigation by Royal Canadian Mounted, Ontario Provincial, Toronto and other municipal police; and the Oil Controller's office, it was learned yesterday.

Believing "gangland" is making a extra care in the storing of them.

who face penalties running as high as a fine of \$5,000 or two years in jail. The same penalties apply to gasoline vendors who accept loose coupons from the stolen books. Police officials, reluctant to dis-

cuss any phase of their investigation, do admit the possibility an organized gang of underworld characters may have switched from bootlegging and other offenses to the

been at Toronto, where 3,500 were much American exchange. stolen from an Ontario Motor; League sub-office on Bay Street, tion with an announcement by Secsome weeks ago. F. Ferlito was con- retary of the Treasury Morgenthau victed Wednesday of having nine that a Canadian delegation would books and is at present awaiting be the first to arrive in Washington its discussion of the White Plan sentence. The books are known to to discuss the United States posthave been stolen, but since the war currency stabilization plan. covers were torn off, police have The two questions of present and been unable definitely to identify the location from which they were Canada and the United States are stolen. In Windsor, the haul was nearly 700 books, while about 150; were stolen at Brantford recently. Already under arrest on "coupon charges" sie one man in Toronto, three who were picked up in Kingston for Windsor police. Another

made his escape from Windsor authorities. Few of the 3,500 books stolen in Toronto have been recovered, it is understood. In fact, no more than 20 have been picked up despite thus fact a squad of the city's best dehas been offered for the return of Have Cut Imports.

the books. in Toronto are now in circulation," inormally so large as to make her one veteran police official said. "It the second best and sometimes the seems people who live by their wits best customer of this country-down find an easy market for the books. to an absolute minimum. As a re-The main drive in the Province now sult, instead of the normal import seems to be for ration books. The surplus she is accumulating an exthieves are very difficult to trace port surplus and with it she is until they start trying to sell the building up growing reserves of stolen goeds.

that people who call themselves re- circles here that the 10 per cent putable citizens demean themselves discount on the Canadian dollar by buying the books. There are two should be discontinued. The official groups to blame most-one, the discount rate on Canadian funds in group which buys, and the other the station operators who accept loose per cent. geroline coupons."

A survey of a large number of Toronto garages indicated the oper- ada and the United States-now that ators were wary of the "black mar- they are tied up with price regulaket" operations. None could be found who would admit even being

POLICE SEEK-Page 2.

Russian Railways Under Martial Law

London, April 16 (Friday) (CP).-The Moscow radio said today that in Russia "a small undisciplined minority is disorganizing the railway transport so vital in wartime," and that as a result the Supreme Soviet has ordered all railways to operate under military law.

The broadcast, heard by the Soviet Monitor, said that the order mobilizes all raliway workers for the duration of the war and makes them responsible for "all misdeeds."

British Army Taken as Model For Training Italian Troops

Berne, April 13 (AP).-The British Army now is a model for Italian troops who once looked upon German military discipline and ability as unsurpassed, a Rome despatch to the Tribune de Geneve said today. (A Rome broadcast heard in

London Wednesday night called the British 8th Army "the finest fighting force in the world today" and said "it represents the most modern and most powerful fighting unit to be found anywhere.")

The despatch, apparently trying to tell more than censors would permit, also reported that authority which has been taken away from Italian officers and entrusted to Nazi superiors now has been returned as part of an effort to reorganize the

spirit of sacrifice of the British troops in Africa are above all praise," said the despatch. "Their splendid physical conditions, combative spirit, the ability of their commanders and the collaboration of the k.A.F. could serve as an example to the finest armics in the world." The despatch quoted the Itallans as saying that recognition of the qualities of the for "is necessary because underestima-

tion already has prove too

Canada Is Building Up

Leading to Suggestion Hyde Park Agreement May Be Changed: Discount Rate Questioned

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highly lucrative traffic in ration has been shipping so much war mabooks. In one case, it is understood terial to the United States and so that a Windsor youth received \$1,- severely curtailing her purchases of planned to reselt them at still high- have to water down the Hyde Park Agreement or take other means to Major theirs of the books have prevent the accumulation of 100

postwar currency relations between not directly related, and the former. will not be a subject of discussion when the Canadian delegates arrive within the next few weeks. But it will have to be considered soon, it was learned.

Canada has been supplying this man wanted by Windsor was arcountry, under the agreement made rested by Toronto police, but later by President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Mackenzie King at Hyde; Park, with large quantities of nickel, aluminum, copper and other metals, with power, and even with such finished war material as ships. All told, she is manufacturing a billion dollars' worth of war material and case for weeks and a \$500 reward equipment for the United States.

At the same time she has cut her "I believe most of the 3,500 stolen imports from the United States-United States dollars. This has led "Our chief trouble lies in the fact to the suggestion in some banking New York today is quoted as 9 13-16

plicate trade relations between Cantions-that some other method of adjusting the balance will be sought. It may take the form of shifting a portion of Canada's exports of raw materials from the United States stead of continuing to export finish-

and operate them herself. struction of 300 10,000-ton freighters. She emerged from the last war with a large merchant marine and might bulld up another. She is already said to be doing the major work of convoying across the North Atlantic. the Canadian financial authorities

stabilization plan in London. The delegation which will be sent from Ottawa shortly will come principally to learn the details of the American plan. The so-called "White Plan" of the Treasury, it is said, reads more like a constitution

Delinquents will be judged by military tribunals, Moscow sald.

issuers in the Province have been notified by Provincial Police to take Balance in U.S. Dollars The stolen books, it is widely rumored in Toronto, have been sold for between \$5 and \$8 to motorists Through War Shipments Dominion Also Curtails Purchases in U.S.,

Washington, April 15. - Canada tion, therefore, will come rather to Russian planes returned to have it explained than to make any base.

This, it is learned, would so comto Great Britain. Or Canada, in-

ed ships to this country, may keep Her program calls for the con-As regards postwar stabilization, have aiready discussed the British

for a world stabilization body than

Ilsley Proposes \$1-a-Year Men Pay Income Tax on Allowances

By KENNETH C. CRAGG

ment of Finance, through special Income tax legislation, reached out the war," said Mr. Ilsley, "was that tonight to garner in levies on living if a person was here, away from allowances of dollar-n-year men in home, and working here for what he Government services and all others said his expenses were while away employed by private corporations from home, he could charge his exwho are granted per diem or living penses and submit his vouchers, and allowances payments.

stressed that the Budget resolution Mr. Ilsley said, as a wartime which he placed before the House necessity, the department wanted of Commons provided for the taxing them to go on actual expenses, not of allowances back as far as 1940. on the per diem allowances, "be-The taxing provision applies also to cause these allowances may very marriage or dependents' allowances. easily grow into a great abuse. Travelling expenses are exempt.

sense of security to dollar-a-year tion, so we say that if they want to men, which was raised Tuesday by go on per diem allowance it must a judgment of Mr. Justice J. T. be treated as salary." Thorson in Exchequer Court. His | Most employees in private busi-Lordship ruled that Maurice Sameon | ness were on actual expenses; most of Quebec, former Prices Board sid- of them were obliged to submit their ministrator, was not taxable on his accounts. "That is all right," said allowance of \$20 a day payable dur- Mr. Ilsley. "That is not taxable.

ing his absence from home. It was submitted by the Finance and get a flat per diem allowances, Minister that persons who acrved we say that is salary and taxable." the Government from 1940 to the The resolution, he emphasized, present time and who were able to exempted members of the ermed prove that it was their clear under- | forces who, while travelling for standing they were not to be taxed matter of conveniece, are allowed a on the allowances, "will receive per diem allowance.

treatment in accordance with this Ottawa, April 15 .- The Depart- clear understanding."

"The rule we laid down early in then he was not taxable. He was Finance Minister Ilsley, moreover, on a basis of actual expenses."

They can be made a way of getting The legislation ends a two-days' a great deal of salary without taxa-

But if they go into the other realm

battered Italian Army. The courage, discipline and

Konigsberg.

gait where smoke was left billowing

all squadrons of the Canadian bon.b.

er group formed Jan. 1 participated.

England supplied an idea of the

Crews told of great explosions and

Sgt. Pilot David Crockatt of Van-

Canadian aircraft.

bloom outward."

by each other's slipstreams.

big armament plants.

those who went in later.

War Summary

ALL CANADIAN-Page 2.

made on the Japanese base-

one more than the total for all

February. A suggestion has

been put forward that the in-

creased bombing activity may

not have as its objective the

smashing of the air base, but

rather that it is intended to

soften up the enemy for an at-

Australia is growing more

worried every day about the

likelihood of a new Japanese of-

fensive. It will be remembered

that Navy Secretary Frank

Knox, earlier this week, said

that nothing could be done

without an immense naval force,

and that there was no sign of

one at present. Yesterday a

spokesman for Gen. MacArthur

declared that just such a fleet

was being assembled at Truk,

Japan's main naval base in the

Pacific, only three days' sail

from New Guinea. He added

that 250,000 tons of merchant

shipping had been maintained

in and around Rabaul for

months. Not only that: On

Wednesday Premier Curtin

warned that Japanese air

strength was being built up be-

cause the enemy realized that

the decision to beat Hitler first

gave him an advantage in the

Every bomber squadron of

the R.C.A.F. was out with the

R.A.F. Wednesday night in a

raid that must have left Stutt-

gart useless as a war produc-

tion centre for months at least.

Ten Canadian and 13 British

planes were lost in the attack.

but the loss was considered

small in view of the tremendous

damage to the city's aircraft.

tank and U-boat engine plants.

Huge fires were burning when

the raiders started for home and

their smoke was billowing

14.000 feet into the air. The

Air Ministry described the raid

as "very heavy," an indication

that the attacking force may

have numbered from 500 to 700

planes.' Some indication of the

size of the armada came from

residents of the southeast coast.

who said that it took an hour

and a half to pass overhead.

Pacific.

tempt to capture the island.

anti-aircraft fire was intense and

rick Phillips, who is already in the that the attack was "very heavy

At least three German night fight-;

a description of how it would work Konigsberg in the vicinity of the in practice. The Canadian delega- harbor and freight sheds. All the

decision whether to support it. As the second best customer of the loss of 23 raiders, of which 10 700 for a number of books pur- all but essential civilian products the United States. Canada's view is were Canadian, during the 400-mile chased by an alleged "pusher," who here that she will soon probably important, but the Canadian dollar trip across hostile territory to Stutthas long balanced between the American dollar and the pound and 14,000 feet in the air. The R.C.A F. it is believed to be Canada's inten- said the raid was the first in which . tion to let the American and British This was learned today in connec- : experts agree upon a plan rather than put her own views forward. not know whether Great Britain in ers were shot down, two of them by would be represented by Sir Fred- An Air Ministry communique said

> said that so far Russia has neither; on the city of 410,000 since the night presented a plan of its own nor said of March 11. Residents of coastal whether she has one. Asked whether it was practical to size of the bombing force when they discuss stabilization plans before said it took an hour and a half for Congress gave some indication the armada to pass. whether or not it would renew the "General Inferno." President's power to fix tariffs, the Secretary said that the State Department had agreed that stabiliza- fires caused by two-ton "block-bus-

tion was a useful advance measure. [ter" bombs and incendiaries. No arrangements had been made, he sald, in reply to another question, couver described the target area as to bring any representative of Gen. , a "general inferno," and declared: Henri Giraud's regime in North "If we had been a few feet further Africa to participate in the stabiliza- down we could have roasted hot tion conferences, nor would the re- dogs-if we had any. cent much-debated elevation of the value of the French franc as against the dollar be discussed during them.

U.S. Army Bomber Sinks U-Boat

Washington, April 15 (AP) .-A United States Army heavy bomber caught a German submarine on the surface in the Caribbean Sea several months: ago, the Navy Department reported today, and destroyed it

with depth charges. A member of the submarine crew who survived the attacks was picked up 10 days later by a United States destroyer and taken into port. He had survived through the aid of a life raft and vest dropped him from the bomber.

For the moment Gen. Mont-

gomery seems to be sitting

down before Rommel's Enfida-

ville line, bringing up all of his

forces to smash through at the

coastal end. In this he is follow-

ing the tactics that made a suc-

cess of his epic drive from El

Alamcin. In the meantime the

1st Army is hammering forward

from the west with Tunis and

the severance of the Axis

armies as its goal. Yesterday it

stormed Djebel Ang, a mountain

only 30 miles west of the capi-

tal, routing strongly entrenched

German and Austrian troops.

Advances were also made by

French Moroccan troops who

seized Diebel Selsoul, capturing

400 Italians and wiping out a

German force that decided to

shoot it out. Alifed air forces

maintained their non-stop at-

tacks on Axis bases and shot

down 21 enemy planes at a cost

counter-attacked near the Novo-

ressisk sector and their futile

effort cost them 600 killed and

13 wrecked tanks. Moscow an-

nounced that prisoners were

taken and some war material

captured in the engagement.

The luli continued on the re-

mainder of the front and though

sharp skirmishes were reported

on a number of sectors from

Leningrad to the Donets, there

were no changes of any moment

in the situation. Air fighting is

being stepped up everywhere

along the front and Moscow re-

ported that raids had been car-

ried out on Danzig and Konigs-

The United States War De-

partment is taking the situation

in Kiska very seriously. The

enemy is struggling to build an

air base for bombers which

would be in range of the west

coast of North America. De-

termined at all costs to pre-

vent this, U.S. Army bombers

have lately stepped up their at-

tacks on the island. The heavi-

est of these was delivered on

Tuesday, when, from dawn to

dusk, ten separate raids were

German troops in the Caucasus

of eight.

Russians Hit Konigsberg And Danzig London, April 15 (CP). - Giant bombers of the Royal Air Force, the Royal Canadian Air Force and the Russian Air Force struck devastat-ing blows last night against the Nazi Industrial was machine with almost simultaneous raids on the industrial city of Stuttgart and the Battle supply ports of Danzig and The Britons and Canadians left huge fires blazing in the wreckage of Stuttgart's airplane, tank and Russians reported in a broadcast re-corded in London by the Soviet Monitor that "particularly theree fires and explosions broke out in the vicinity" of a Danzig oil reservoir. Red filers also saw huge fires in All Courses State States The R.A.F. and R.C.A.F. suffered

In Sca-Air Battle

Along the northern convoy route to Russia, a German plane swoops low to attack United Nations ship. Picture is from an official Soviet documentary film, "69th Parallel."

country, or by Lord Keynes, who and that the target was "clearly UL disfled the British alternative. He 'identified." It was the first attack STARVING AREA

Threatens Action to End Strikes-Orders Conference

Price Brothers & Company, Limbombs fell in the centre of a tremendous fire and when they exploded the whole thing seemed to John district, Premier Godbout tonight issued an ultimatum to the British pilots said the planes flew firm to meet the Government toso thickly they were bounced around morrow to reach a settlement in a strike in three of the company's: The airmen generally agreed that newsprint mills in that area.

Otherwise, he said in a dramatic! many reported encounters with statement from the floor of the night fighters that were up in Legislative Assembly, the Governforce to try to protect Stuttgart's ment would introduce legislation to settle the dispute, arising from i The Air Ministry's news service union troubles,

plainly even before it was illuminate waved in his hand a copy of legislaed by the glare of the first explo- tion which he said he would ask main enemy haval base outside the sions which lighted the way for the Legislature to pass if the com- Japanese homeland, and stands Coming home the bombers flew invitation.

President C. H. Jones of Price Brothers refused to comment on asked on the telephone for a com- tions, the spokesman added:

company newsprint mills at Kenog- proximately 250,000 tons has been. The War Secretary spoke in direct. North of New Britsin a four-150 miles north of Quebec

the repeated delays of the company stralia. working against one union or force the enemy."

pany, he added, told the Govern- maintain superiority over the Japa- "near Australia." ment that it was difficult to recog-inese.

GODBOUT SAYS-Page 2.

Alberta Government Is Ready to Co-operate

Edmonton, April 15 (CP). - Hon. Government is prepared to cooperate fully in any oil-sand development program in the Prov-

ince's north country. Mr. Tanner's statement followed announcement in the House of Commons at Ottawa yesterday by Muni- French National Committee met armistice, and the repudiation of Air fighting was at a freing temtions Minister How that the Fed- for the third and last time today the laws of Vichy in favor of the po. from the Caucasus up to the eral Government has arranged to to consider the Giraud memoran- laws of the old Republic in North Karelian front with Finland. The take title to Abasand Oils, Limited. To consider the Olfado memorans Africa. However, the de Gaullists Russians, well aware that the without compensation to the com- dum containing his formula for here are not ready to accept the Nazis would turn to mass bombing pany, and expend \$500,000 on plant fusion. The upshot of long consid- Giraud formula for the creation of at the beginning of the thaw. improvements. Mr. Howe told the eration was a decision to send Gen. a council of colonial governors nor apparently had heavily gunned House an effort would be made to Georges Catroux back to Algiers his proposal that Metropolitan many front areas with anti-aircraft ascertain this summer whether or immediately to account the Algiers france after liberation should be betteries and had thrown up a not oil could be produced in quan- immediately to argue the urgency administered by a military authority, strong fighter arm of Russian Yak. tity from Alberta tar sands. J. L. Irvin, statistician of the Al- between Gen. Charles de Gaulle which Gen. Catroux will bear from berta Department of Lands and and Gen, Henri Giraud on the London to Africa can be described Library Attendant - You must Mines, in an early report on the theory that the two men meeting as constructive in that it notes the make less notes, you're disturbing progress of the Abasand plant said across a table would iron out some acceptance of many of Gen. Giraud's the other readers. that on the basis of 250 tons of oil of the differences which continue ideas, and proposes personal dir. | Seeker of Knowledge-I'm just sand processed, more than 175 bar- to divide them despite the progress cussion as the method for resolving applicating the sentiments of this rels of oil are recoverable.

Montgomery Masses Guns, Tanks to Repeat Tactics That Broke the Mareth Line

By FRANK L. KLUCKHOHN New York Times Special to

First Army Drives Closer to Tunis;

All Canadian Bombers Hit Stuttgart

The Globe and Mall, Copyright This bill, a mass looking like the 400 cowed German prisoners.

green New England mountains, has been in German hands since midbeen in German hands since midDecember. Its capture permits the since the start-of the March offenBritish to shell the top of a hill sive by the British, Americans and from which the Germans for months french is 30,000, of which 23,000 are independent of the merchantmen being hit British blood was previously unsuccessfully spilled. Important Success.

and foot by foot fighting seems less to the air. Keeping in tight formadramatic than the capture of town tion, the Fortresses, with their .50 after town in the 8th Army's calibre machine-guns shattering the lengthy advances, yet the success enemy planes driving in, kept regalwhich crowned the very hard and ly on over the target. They covered and Selamana directly by thip, have tricky mountain fighting is importift with (ragmentation bombs, set-

have taken from the air, yesterday the was over five Messerschmitts, threw larger numbers of his fight- one Focke-Wulf and four RE 2001's ers into the skles, but Flying had been destroyed. Fortiesses bombing Elmas and Monserrate airfields in Sardinia as well mentation bombs rained down on as El Aoina airfield near Tunis shot hangars and planes, an equal numdown 19 of them without loss. In a ber of fighters were encountered that the enemy has a concentration flashing aerial combat along the and two attackers were sent hurtfront the store was 21 enemy air- ling to the earth.

As the 8th Army gathered its

istrength along the short southern mountain line in which the Germans are trying to entrench theme Algiers, April 15.—British infan- long brown and black striped 10bes ity, scaling a 2,000-foot height under and turbans, who prefer bayonets heavy enemy mortar and light arms and knives, together with native fire and employing pack mules to Algerian Tirailleurs, continued to bear their equipment, have retaken advance through the mountains on Dichel and key point near the the west of this line. They took Medjez-el-Bab-Tebourba Road. The Djebel Selsouf, eight and one-half to supply and man their base at German position in this area con- miles ahead of their last an- Wewak, on the north coast of New trolled the shortest road to Tunis, nounced position and rounded up Guinea, now is under attack by Al-

Italians and 7,000 are Germans. This three of the merchantmen being his jez-el-Bab, 33 miles from Tunis on disparity is caused largely by the heavily. the shortest road, German prisoners fact that Rommel sacrificed his An 8,000-ton ship was observed numbering 200 were taken smid san- Italian infantry to get as much of sinking at the stern, another listed guinary fighting and ground where his German infantry out as possible, rapidly, leaving an oil silck and a When Flying Fortresses came in over Sardinia's Elmas alrdrome 25

Superficially, this inch by inch and Italian fighters "scrambled" in-Hitler, perturbed about the pound- burst among ten to fifteen seain; his Tunisian and island bases planes in the harbor. When the bat-

At Monzerrato Field, where fragcraft downed to eight Allied planes. Over El Oauina not only a swarm

1ST ARMY--Page 2.

Japs Gather Big Fleet Quebec, April 15 (CP).-Charging At Truk as Stimson "It was an amazing sight. All our litsed, with attempting to "starve" the combs fell in the centre of a tre-population of Quebec's Lake St. Promises More Planes

Third Warning of Enemy's Intentions Is Given in 3 Days

Melbourne, April 15 (AP). - A Arthur, issuing the third such sailing distance of New Guinea."

Carrying forward the series of Premier Godbout's statements when alarms concerning Japanese inten-

"As regards merchant shipping, a The strike, now 10 days old, affects (Japanese) concentration of ap- theatre."

Cabinet.

strength in the last two months to the MacArthur warning. He com- Moscow announced tonight means powerful attacks can be ex- mented, however, that "vigorous" pected soon on the Commonwealth, public officials in the war areas the Prime Minister said, adding his "would be remiss in their duties" it corded by the Soviet Monitor said confidence that the situation can they failed to press demand for the Germans hurled 46 tanks and be met by "wholesale devotion to adequate means to meet situations strong reinforcements against the

Will Send Enough to Offset Japan's New Air Strength

Washington, April '15 (AP). spokesman for Gen. Douglas Mac- Planes enough to "counter" Japan's stepped-air attack in the Southwest Pacific will be forthcoming, War reported the attack was delivered on The Premier did not say how the warning in three days, declared to- Secretary Henry Stimson assured one of the brightest nights of the Government would settle the disting that a big Japanese fleet is his weekly press conference today. year and that the target loomed pute, but during his statement he massed in the area of Truk, the "We will keep our American and Australian fliers supplied with sufficient planes not only to replace our losses, but to build up our airpany did not heed the Government's ready "within less than three days" craft to counter the increasing enémy air strength," he said.

"The needs of the Southwest Pacific are being kept constantly in mind and there will be a constantly increasing flow of military supplies, particularly aircraft, to that:

ami, Riverbend and Jonquiere, all maintained in or around Rabaul answer to the rising clamor from motored Allied bomber on reconin the Lake St. John district, about alone for the past several months. Australian public officials and naissance duty over Kavieng. New 150 miles north of Quebec "Other Japanese thuses on the others for more help to best off the lighters. The Allied plane shot bout, had made repeated attempts within easy concentration range hard-won Allied air initiative in the three of the enemy out of action to reach a settlement through the of the 2,500-mile battle line which Anstralian-Solomons theatre. Gen. company, "but we are convinced by envelops the upper half of Aus- Douglas MacArthur lent powerful of clouds. support to that ples in his recent! that it wants to starve the popula- "Constant convoys operating be- statement warning of the gravity tion of the Lake St. John area. We wond the range of our air forces of the situation, and his high rank- are convinced that they are not are being pushed forward to rein- ing officers, Australian and Ameri-'can, have followed up.

against another union, but against. The spokesman's warning follow- President Manuel L. Quezon, refued a statement by Prime Minister gee President of the Philippines, The Prender said that the walk- John Curtin that the Allies' naval added his voice to the concert durout occurred when the company and land forces "will be subjected; ing the day in a formal statement dismissed 12 employees of the Na- to a test beyond their resources" if expressing serious concern over retional Syndicate Union. The com- the air power is not sufficient to ported Japanese air concentrations

"Japan must not be allowed to nize the syndicate as a bargaining "Ever since the Casablanca con- make further gains," he said. "She agent because it was formerly called | ference manifested the 'Beat Hitler | must not be granted time to devote the "Catholic Syndicate" and it was first' strategy 'the Japanese have all her energies to consolidating and troops killed 600 Germans and realized that time was on their mastering the immense natural re- damaged or burned 13 tanks in a side in the Pacific," Mr. Curtin said sources now available to her-reat a meeting of the Australian War sources greater even than those resumption of furious fighting in available to Hitler."

Japan's building up of her air; Stimson made no direct reference enemy bridgehead at Novorossisk, confronting them.

Send Catroux Back to Algiers declared that all the Nazi counter-N. E. Tanner, Alberta Minister of Lands and Minc., said today the To Speed Meeting of Leaders on the Leningrad front, on the

By RAYMOND DANIELL New York Times Special to

The Globe and Mail, Copyright London, April 15 .- The Fighting that has undoubtedly been made the remaining obstacles to unity. writer.

missions and memoranda.

repudiation of the Franco-German in position. of an immediate personal meeting | However, on the whole, the note Mig and Lagge planes.

3 ENEMY SHIPS IN CONVOY FOR **NEW GUINEA HIT**

Bombs Crash Home as U.S. Plane Makes Low-Level Assault

(AP).-A strong Japanese attempt lied bombers.

Melbourne, April 16 (Friday)

5,000-ton ship was forced ashore and beached. Wewak is some 450 miles northto 30 Messerschmitts, Focke-Wuits west of the Allied base of Port

Moresby. Indications have accumu-

lated recently that the Japanese,

after losing heavily in attempts to

supply their Huon Gulf bases of Lac

turned to Wewak, unloading the ting hangers aftre and seeing hombs supplies there for overland transportation by way of Madang. Other Allied heavy bombers attacked the airdrome at Rabaul, New Britain, some 500 mlies northeast of

Port Mcresby. Rabaul is not only a big airplane but also a large shipping bare of the Japanese. A spokesman for Gen.

of 250,000 tons of shipping in the The Rabaul raiders caused large explosions and fires on the Lakunai airdrome at Rabaul.

The convoy landing attempt at Wewak evidently is part of a general increase of Japanese offensive plans which within the last; few days included great daylight air raids on Port Moresby and Milne Bay in New Guines The Japanese air war was at a

momentary luli Thursday, however. The warships excorting the merchantmen near Wewak were a light cruiser, a destroyer and a gupbost, The attack on New Britain's northern base of Rabaul was complemented by an attack on an airdrome at Gasmata on the southern

side. Some 325 miles south of Wewak. at Lac, direct hits were scored among grounded aircraft at the sir-

At Mubo, 15 miles south of Salamaus in a region where enemy ground troops are menaced by Allied land forces, Allied attack planes made 11 low-level bombing and strafing runs over enemy positions.

In the sector northwest of Australla a medium bomber attacked Japanese installations at Taberfane on Trangan Island of the Aroe group. Coastal shipping was attacked off Jamdena Island in the Tanimbar group. The Village of Ossu on Timor was bombed and

Hu'n Counter-Attacks Near Novorossisk Fail

London, April 15 (CP).-Russian the Western Caucasus north of the

The midnight communique re-Red Army troops menscing their positions in the Kuban Valley, presumphly the Anastatevakaya sector

attacks were smarked. Smolensk sector west of Molcow. toward unity by the exchange of near Sevale, 80 miles south of Brys ansk, and south of Balakieya on the Certain basic points of agreement Donets River line in the Ukrains, have been reached, notably the but there were no essential changes