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Freezes Prices, Wages w Anti-Inflation Move

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"But any further inducements
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er they take the form of sup-
port prices or subsidies must not
be allowed to increase prices to
consumers. Of course, the ex-
tent to which subsidies and oth-
er payments may be used to help
keep down the cost of living
will depend on Congressional
authorization."
On the wage front, he de-
clared:
"There is to be no further
increase in wage rates or salary
scales beyond the 'Little Steel'
formula except where clearly
necessary to correct substan-
dards of living. Reclassifications
and promotions must not be per-
mitted to affect the general
level of production costs or to
justify price increases or to fore-
stall price reductions."
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DANCE

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Bomb, Strafe 12 Jap Barges

**ALLIED HEADQUARTERS
IN AUSTRALIA, April 9.—(AP)**—The bombing and strafing
of a dozen Japanese barges off
Kukenua, Dutch New Guinea,
for an hour by an Allied plane
was reported today in the high
command's noon communique.
"Fires were started on the
armed escort vessel and on three
barges, the remainder were
severely damaged," it added.
Off the Aros Islands, 500
miles north of Darwin, Australia,
a medium bomber strafed
seven Japanese coastal vessels.
**OTTAWA EXTENDS
DUE B.C. LOAN**
OTTAWA, April 9.—(CP)—
A loan of \$1,938,881 due to
the Dominion government
from the Province of British
Columbia at April 30, 1943,
has been extended for one
year under authority of an
order-in-council tabled Thurs-
day in the House of Commons
by Finance Minister Hsley.

three years ago and in the midst
of a controversy over shipments
of German goods and soldiers
through Sweden between Ger-
many, Norway and Finland.
Swedish customs and military
officials discovered the maps
when inspected goods were be-
ing transferred from one car to
another at Haparanda in north-
ern Sweden.
What steps Swedish au-
thorities will take will de-
pend on the results of a full
inquiry, the foreign office re-
ported.
The confiscated maps, it was
announced, had rail, telephone
and communication lines all
marked.
Discovery of the maps re-
called the protests made when
a German plane, forced down
in Sweden early in March,
was found to be carrying dis-
mounted machineguns.
Under a transit agreement be-
tween Germany and Sweden,
certain planes across Sweden to
the occupied countries may not
be of a military nature, must
have civilian crews and must be
unarmed.
The agreement also grants
German troops permission to
cross Sweden if going on or
returning from leave.

City Stabbing Victim Dies

Melbourne Christian Soren-
son, stabbed over the heart in
a Hamilton St. rooming house
brawl Wednesday night died in
Vancouver General Hospital late
Thursday.
Police are holding a woman
for investigation in connec-
tion with the stabbing.
Coroner Dr. J. C. Whitbread
has ordered an inquest on the
body of the dead man be held
Monday.
Police called to the house by
other roomers found Sorenson
bleeding from a large knife
wound over the heart.
A razor sharp, blood-stained
bread knife, which police allege
was used in the stabbing and
an empty gin bottle are being
held as evidence.
Other roomers in the house
when questioned by the police
told officers they heard nothing
unusual during the evening.

List Six B.C. Sawmills, Tracts Sold By Enemy Property Office

OTTAWA, April 9.—(CP)—
Timber licences, tracts and saw-
mills of six British Columbia
companies have been sold by
the custodian of enemy prop-
erty, it was reported in a re-
turn tabled Thursday in the
House of Commons for Howard
Green (Prog. Con., Vancouver
South).
The companies, with the
names of the purchasers and
prices, are:
Royston Lumber Co. Ltd.,
Arthur Skeil, Vancouver, \$202-
090.
Cameron Lake Logging Co.
Ltd., C. W. Logging Co. Ltd.,
Parkville, B. C., \$48,000.
Trans-Pacific Lumber Co.
Ltd., T. G. McMillan, Vancou-
ver, \$10,974.
Queen Charlotte Timber
Holding Co. Ltd., Ryan Hiber-
son Ltd., Vancouver, \$32,280 for
one lot.
Cartwright Lumber Co. Ltd.,

DESIGNED TO BEAT RATIONING—This combination of boiler, pipes, hose, coils
and barrel, artistically photographed perhaps, is a still designed to beat liquor store
line-ups. Royal Canadian Mounted Police found it in the basement of a North Lons-
dale house and it's now in the possession of Provincial Police at North Vancouver.
Thomas Nolan, 136 Balmoral, pleaded guilty to its possession and was fined \$350 by
Magistrate R. A. Sargent, with an alternative of six months' imprisonment. With
the still were seized more than 300 pounds of mash and five gallons of corn liquor.

New RAF Night Raid Hits Ruhr Valley

LONDON, April 9.—(CP)—After a three-day lull in
heavy attacks the R.A.F. returned to the industrial Ruhr
valley of Germany last night in what apparently was a
resumption of the Allies' big-scale bombing of the Axis
arsenals.
The scale of the attack on
the Ruhr, where Essen and Duis-
burg have been especially bat-
tered targets, was not disclosed
immediately, but all R.A.F.
night attacks recently have been
heavy.
The last large-scale raid was
the American blow at Antwerp
by daylight Monday. Sunday
night the R.A.F. pounded Kiel.
Thursday the R.A.F. damaged
a radio station near Ushant at
the top of the Brittany penin-
sula in widespread daylight
fighter sweeps over France and
fighter-bombers pounded a Ger-
man airfield at Triqueville
near Le Havre in an evening
raid.
Typhoons and Spitfires es-
corted the swift bombers on
the late day attacks. Two
fighters were lost in the
operations, the air ministry
announced.
Eighty German planes, in-
cluding many from Reichsmar-
shal Goering's elite yellow-nose
Focke-Wulf fighter squadrons,
were destroyed in running dog-
fights incidental to the Amer-
ican heavy bomber attacks on
the Renault works near Paris
last Sunday and the Erla aero
engine factories at Antwerp on
Monday, an official tally
showed.
Seventy were bagged by
American gunners firing from
the bombers and the other 10
were the victims of the Allied
fighter escorts. Allied losses in
the two big raids were eight
bombers and eight fighters.

Reds Score Local Gains

LONDON, April 9.—(AP)—
Russian troops fighting appar-
ently localized tank and infan-
try battles in the Izyum sector of
the Donets basin scored success-
es both in offence and defence
against the Germans Thursday,
the Soviet midnight communi-
que said Thursday night.
On one unnamed sector of this
front the Russians attacked the
enemy and "occupied a favor-
able defence line," said the com-
munique recorded here by the
Soviet radio monitor. "In fight-
ing for this line," the bulletin
continued, "about a company of
enemy infantry was wiped out."
South of Balakleya, which is
27 miles northwest of Izyum on
the railroad from Kharkov, the
Germans attacked with an in-
fantry battalion supported by a
dozen tanks, but were beaten
back, the Russians said. Three
hundred and fifty German offi-
cers and men were wiped out.
These successes were reported
after Moscow dispatches, quot-
ing the Soviet Army newspaper
Red Star, told of the Russians
routing the enemy from several
advantageous positions in the
Izyum sector after taking a
heavy toll of Nazi casualties in
the last week or 10 days.
Elsewhere the front remained
quiet, the communique noting
that no "significant changes"
occurred anywhere.

FISHMEN STRIKE IN BRITAIN

LONDON, April 9.—(CP)
Cable)—A fish shortage, acute
in some parts of Britain, was
aggravated Thursday by a strike
of fishermen at five ports who
refused to set nets in protest
against a reduction in prices
paid them by the ministry of
food. The names of the ports
and the number of strikers were
not disclosed.
The customer is given no
hint as to the source of supply.
Usually a housewife, the cus-
tomer, deals with a man who
is taking orders for the per-
son who has managed to get
control of a stock of fish. The
current bootleg price is \$1.25
a pound.

RAIDS EXHAUST FIRE-FIGHTERS IN NAZI CAPITAL

STOCKHOLM, April 9.—
(AP)—Persons returning from
Berlin reported that fire-fight-
ers were so exhausted after
the R.A.F. raids on the Ger-
man capital March 27 and 29
that most would have been un-
able to combat incendiaries
had British bombers returned
for a third quick blow.
(An R.A.F. commentator in
London said that fire-fighters
had been called to Berlin from
as far away as Leipzig and
suggested that R.A.F. raids
might be spread to create
"strategic saturations" of de-
fences in whole areas from the
present "tactical saturations"
of single city targets).

175,000 Will Return To Land

OTTAWA, April 9.—(CP)—
Arthur MacNamara, director of
National Selective Service, said
to The Canadian Press Thursday
night that he expected about
175,000 men would return to
the land during the coming crop
year.
In the House of Commons on
Wednesday, Labor Minister
Mitchell said a number of farm-
ers were working on temporary
permits in many Canadian in-
dustries. Managers of employ-
ment and selective service offi-
ces across Canada had been
notified that men at present in
industry were to be reassigned
to farms as soon as farm work
developed.

BLACK MARKET TEA \$1.25 LB. IN CALGARY

CALGARY, April 9.—(CP)
—Tea bootlegging in Calgary
has been reported by the War-
time Prices and Trade Board
Investigation department. The
black market is of unknown
size, but the lawbreakers,
aware of the severe penalty,
have been extremely wary to
date. They are confining their
sales of bootleg tea to people
who are vouchered for by pre-
vious customers.
The customer is given no
hint as to the source of supply.
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tomer, deals with a man who
is taking orders for the per-
son who has managed to get
control of a stock of tea. The
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'Japs Allowed To Consolidate Gains': Curtin

CANBERRA, Australia, April
9.—(CP)—Prime Minister John
Curtin, in a statement on the
eve of the first anniversary of
the fall of Batavia, said Thurs-
day:
"During their advance the
Japanese have been highly vul-
nerable to counter-attack and
golden opportunities have been
missed to deal them some heavy
blows.
"As a consequence they have
been allowed to consolidate
their positions and their defeat
now will be a longer and harder
task."
He added:
"So far as those who border
its shores are concerned the war
will be won or lost in the Pacific.
Let us hope it will not
become the front where we lost
the war."
"As I have said before, Aus-
tralia has shown a ready will
to co-operate in other
theatres at considerable risk to
its own security.
"Others have decreed Ger-
many must be beaten first. We
must, therefore, exert every ef-
fort and receive every assistance
to ensure that the Pacific does
not become the lost front.
"Batavia and Singapore stand
as warnings to the United Na-
tions. They have a symbolism
for the future too significant to
be forgotten."