

average citizen can buy "if he is in the know."

**NO STRANGERS**  
Black Market retailers will not sell direct to strangers. They are plenty careful. Police have little chance to nab them red-handed.  
"Stool pigeons" might be the answer, but the Black Market operators are suspicious of everyone, and act accordingly.  
Commodities sold on the Black Market come from many and varied sources. Much of it, of course, is stolen, but it is hinted, strongly that some restaurants are not averse to making a little extra profit out of extra butter, sugar, tea or coffee.  
Private auto owners have held out extra tires which proved to turn them in or declare them.

**CHISELERS, TOO**  
Most Black Market operations are well organized and on a big scale, but there are those who operate independently, cheaply—on a "chiseling" scale.  
They are those who sell extra tires instead of declaring them; who sell or give away gasoline ration coupons from commercial category books an unsuspecting government official allowed them.  
They are those who sell two or three pounds of butter when they think they can "get away with it," or sugar, tea and coffee—all in minute quantities.  
People who buy these illegal "bargains" are no better than those who sell them. If there were no buyers, there'd be no Black Market.  
The organized, "big-time" Black Market ring—or rings—give police their big headache.  
The police force is short-handed. Besides, this Black Market problem is an extra for police to deal with. There was no Black Market in peacetime, and there was a full-staffed force to deal with peacetime crime.

**BUSY POLICE**  
Now there's more crime and fewer police.  
Here are a few of the "new" crimes already listed on the police records:  
Last month, 292 partly-used gasoline ration coupon books were stolen from a local shipyard. They represented 1200 gallons of gas which Black Market operators can sell at 50 cents a gallon.  
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100	26.18	18.65	11.12	9.44	7.88
125	32.73	23.31	13.86	11.91	10.00
150	39.24	27.97	16.60	14.18	11.87
200	52.32	37.30	22.14	18.91	15.81
250	65.40	46.62	27.68	23.64	19.75
300	78.48	55.94	33.22	28.37	23.69
350	91.56	65.26	38.76	33.10	27.63

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**Kramer's midgets appearing at the Beacon Theatre this week tried out their abilities at running a radio station at CUOR today and found the normal sound equipment quite a problem. However, they solved it as one of them shows here, by means of standing on a box to put over a broadcast.**

**Gas for Farm Work Volunteers**

OTTAWA, April 8.—(CP)—Munitions Minister Hon. C. W. Howe said Wednesday in Commons study is being given to allowing special gasoline rations for groups of industrial workers pledged to assist farmers in spring work in their spare time.

Is still sold in exchange for loose 1943 coupons, although it is not supposed to be.

Hundreds of pounds of tea and coffee have been stolen and sold.

Actual theft of gasoline has been reported by at least one station.

Fourteen hundred pounds of butter was the loot of thieves who robbed the Northern Alberta Dairy Pool warehouse recently. Police did some good work on this case. Already a part of the butter is reported, by police, to have been found. A Chinese faces a "retaining" charge.

One hundred and thirty-three liquor permits were found in a West End apartment on April 5. Burglars got 68 brand new auto tires, worth \$1500, and an unknown number of inner tubes in a "job" in Vancouver last month. Other tire thefts are reported from time to time.

**NEW LIQUOR RACKET**

All those tires go to the Black Market, but unfortunately for thieves and their "fences" the demand for "hot" tires has fallen off lately.

The actual thieves—the men who steal the tires, butter, sugar, tea and coffee—never appear in the Black Market transactions dealing with the final customer, the consumer.

All these goods trickle out from time to time. You might find them in any premises. Someone might bring them to your back door.

Black Market liquor dealers are still going strong, though things are a bit tougher for them. They have found a new remover for indelible ink, The Sun Investigator was told. A bootlegger had a chemist invent it after government claims that the new indelible stamp could not be removed.

Then there is the new dodge which entails use of a counterfeit stamp like that used in liquor stores to stamp permits and registration cards.

**GIGANTIC TASTE**

Police and the Wartime Prices and Trade Board are doing their best to curb the Black Market and are succeeding to some extent. But it carries on.

Prices Board investigators "snoop" on their own, and they have uncovered more than a few cases of Black Market activities, but they can't get them all with the limited staff at their disposal.

The police are handicapped, too, so there's only one answer: DON'T BUY IN THE BLACK MARKET.

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"Destruction of the trade union movement in France," he told the inquiry, "was injurious to the trade union movement in Canada."

**OPPOSED U.S. IN WAR**

Locke, summarizing views of the IWA in August, 1940, stated that it was opposed to the United States going into the war, of giving any help to England or Canada and expressing opposition to the United States raising an army by the draft.

"That would summarize the situation," the witness agreed, "but not our proposals to meet the situation."

**Labor Council to Meet in Royal City**

The Vancouver, New Westminster and District Trades and Labor Council will hold its semi-monthly meeting April 20 in the Royal City, first time in the history of the 54-year-old organization its delegates have met outside Vancouver.

President Elrt Showler proposed the move as a gesture to the New Westminster delegates who have attended meetings here since formation of the council in 1885.

It was heartily endorsed by all delegates and arrangements for a meeting hall in the Royal City and transportation for members are under consideration.

**War in Africa**

Allied heavy bombers blasted the battered Italian port of Naples and the Sicilian ferry terminus at Messina, Tuesday night, a Middle East air communiqué said today.

Fires were again started in the harbor, which has been the objective of a series of devastating blows by Allied bombers. All planes returned safely.

In the attack on Messina, bomb bursts were seen north of the harbor.

**"MILITARY CROSSOUT"**

Gen. Sir Bernard Montgomery's 8th Army and the United States 2nd Corps collaborated like two woodsmen at the ends of a crosscut saw to rip Rommel's rearwards from their positions.

A communique disclosed that the 8th Army, after smashing the Wadi el Akarit position 20 miles north of Gabes at dawn, Tuesday, repulsed determined enemy counter-attacks in heavy fighting that afternoon.

Marshal Rommel apparently then abandoned all hope of holding out in that area and, realizing that his big armored formations in front of the Americans along the Gafsa-Gabes road were in an untenable position, began a withdrawal under the cover of darkness Tuesday night.

Gen. Patton's Americans immediately pushed ahead, clearing up pockets of resistance which Rommel had left behind and clashing at times with the withdrawing armor itself to attain a point 25 to 30 miles east of El Guetar.

It was at this point that the Americans encountered advanced patrols of the 8th Army yesterday afternoon.

Enemy columns retreating toward the port of Sfax, and tanks, transports and troops, were hammered by Allied air forces, sometimes within sight of their own ground forces.

Fourteen enemy aircraft were shot down in air combat for a loss of one Allied plane, and Allied anti-aircraft batteries in the northern sector destroyed three more.

Six times as many Italians as Germans were among the Axis prisoners taken, as Rommel was still leaving Italians behind to cover the withdrawal, but the proportion of Germans ran much higher among the prisoners captured by the Americans.

sunk in a brush with a British light coast craft on the Mayu River Tuesday night.

**Japanese Begin Movement East**

Movement of British Columbia Japanese to farm jobs in Ontario and Manitoba has begun, it was reported today by George Collins, general supervisor of the B. C. Security Commission, who has just returned from a trip to the Interior.

"There is no mass movement," Mr. Collins said. "The Japanese are going as individuals and the movement up to now has been small. Some Japanese women probably will take positions as domestics in the East."

While in the Interior, Mr. Collins supervised the removal to New Denver of the last trainload of Japanese to be settled in that area.

**Number Applying For Sugar Secret**

The number of individual applications for canning sugar is a closely guarded secret, the Prices Board information service said today.

Applications will be received until April 15. Between that date and June 1 the local boards expect to review the amounts requested in each case. Some time later, the authorized extra coupons will be validated.

**Austin in Army**

LOS ANGELES, April 8.—(BUP)—Henry W. "Bunny" Austin, former English Davis Cup star and moral rearmament worker, was inducted into the army Wednesday for keeps, after 24 hours of indecision caused by doctors who reconsidered his case.

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**Japanese carry the fight to the courts of law.**

**ARE THEY RIGHT?**

Independent legal opinion canvassed by The Vancouver Sun indicates that the Japs might win on a constitutional point.

Authorities said that the Custodian presumes to exercise jurisdiction conferred by the Dominion Parliament but that the British North America Act reserves the control of property and civil rights for exclusive handling by provincial legislatures.

Ottawa has named two advisory committees in connection with the proposed sale. The civic committee is headed by Mr. Justice Sidney Smith and the rural committee by Judge David White.

**WAITING FOR OTTAWA**

F. G. Shears, an official of the Custodian's Vancouver branch, told The Sun that no dealings have been held yet with the Evacuee Committee.

He had heard of the organizing idea "is one of civil rights." "So far," said Mr. Shears, "we have not disposed of any Japanese property without the consent of the owner and we are not proposing to do so immediately. I imagine that, if the sale goes into effect, the Japanese will challenge it. I suppose it is a purely legal question."

Asked why the non-voluntary sales have not been started and when they are likely to be, Mr. Shears could not say more than that "we are awaiting further advice from Ottawa."

It could not be learned whether the delay means that the legal position taken by Japs is under further review.  
G. W. McPherson, executive assistant to the Secretary of State, was in Vancouver last week in connection with the matter and has now gone back to Ottawa.

the 1700 strikers at the meeting, indicated agreement with the proposal.

**RUSHED BACK TO JOBS**

Approximately 800 left almost immediately to catch the night trains which operate regularly between here and the plant but the others remained in the market-place, undecided what to do.

Union officials said that the walkout, which they declared resulted from fearfulness of the Quebec Regional War Labor Board in reaching a decision on demands for increases of three to seven cents an hour, was "unauthorized."

**Workers in Three Paper Mills Quit**

CHICOUTIMI, Que., April 8.—Three newspaper and paper mills in the Lake St. John district remained strike-bound today as officials of Price Brothers and Company Limited and representative of 1275 striking workers awaited arrival of a federal mediator.

The strikes, which broke out Tuesday night and early yesterday, followed a request by the workmen that the company cancel a collective bargaining contract signed in 1940 with the International Brotherhood of Pulp and Paper Makers (A.F. of L.) and that the union itself no longer be considered as representing them.

The men, seeking recognition of the National Catholic Syndicate as their union, walked out.

**Girl Hit by Truck Still Unconscious**

NORTH VANCOUVER, April 8.—Condition of June Miller, nine-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Miller, 1629 Williams Avenue, who has been unconscious in North Vancouver General Hospital, since late Monday afternoon, following an accident when she was hit by a truck, remains unchanged, hospital authorities stated today.

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in the Canadian Performing Right Society's sixth annual scholarship and prize competition, it is announced from Toronto, today.

Robert J. B. Fleming, Saskatoon, carried off the major scholarship, \$750 from the Toronto Conservatory of Music for the second consecutive year. He is now only 21 and is studying at the Toronto Conservatory.

**Northwest Passage Feat in Films**

The last showing of the RCMP exploration of the Northwest Passage in the St. Roch will be given on Friday at 8 p.m. in St. John's United Church.

Cpl. F. S. Farrar of the Mounted Police will conduct the audience through the famous "passage" on the 10,000-mile trip which took 24 months to complete. No charge will be made for admission.

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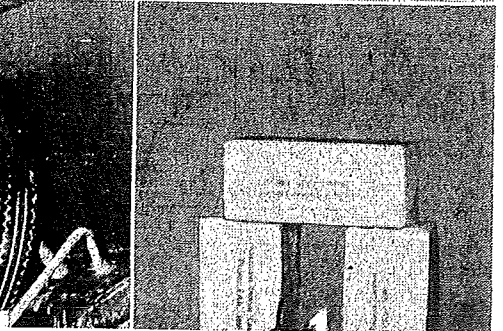
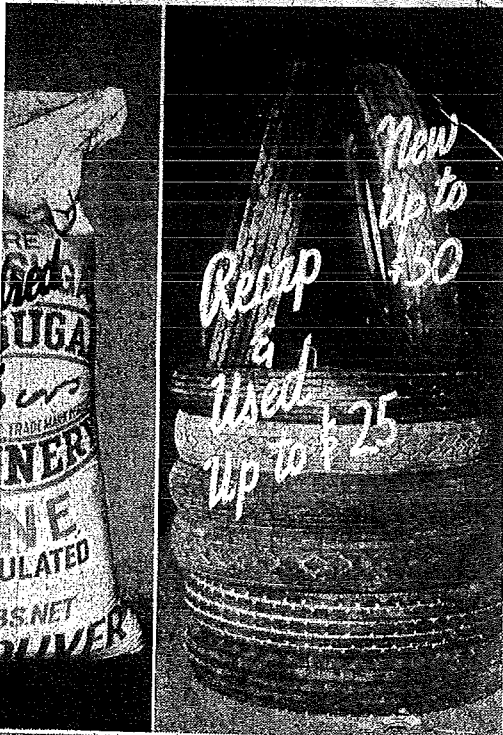
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# EVER BLACK MARKET EXPOSED

## Is the Evidence

goods offered to The Sun investigator in the Vancouver Black Market for them.  
 known brands of reputable firms are entangled in the accumbant operations, it should be pointed out that the manufacturer involved in this nefarious business. In fact, it is obvious that ates with greatest ease and security, when he acquires, by ground channel, the goods of established brands and of well-houses. (See Editorial Page 4.)



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## Japs Fight To Retain Property

### Evacuees Organize To Resist Forced Sale by Gov't

By CLIFF MACKAY  
 Evacuated Japs are banding together for a court fight to defend their real estate against forced sale by the Custodian of Alien Enemy Property.

They announce that they will apply for an injunction to restrain the Custodian and are prepared to carry the case to the B.C. Court of Appeal or the Supreme Court of Canada if necessary.

To this end a temporary committee of an organization to be known as the Amalgamated Evacuee Property-Owners' Association has been established with headquarters at Kaslo.

"It is foreseen that the litigation is likely to be long, involved and costly," the announcement states but the Japs are undeterred.

### PICTURE CHANGED

Their move threatens the hope of many Vancouver citizens and Fraser Valley farmers that Nipponese will be "sold out" of the city and district and never permitted to return.

"The New Canadian," Jap newspaper published at Kaslo, headlines a legal opinion in its current issue. Owners have been advised that "the intention of the federal government to proceed with this arbitrary liquidation . . . is beyond the legal powers of the government, even as a war measure."  
 "Numbers of former residents of the coastal districts in the Slocan, New Denver and Kaslo projects," the paper continues, "have voiced their wish . . . to

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## 50-Gallon Still Found on North Shore

NORTH VANCOUVER, April 8.—First evidence that the shortage of liquor in B. C. had caused stills to be set up for the manufacture of illicit alcohol was shown here today with the confiscation of a still and the arrest and sentencing of its operator.

Tom Nolan, 136 West Balmoral, pleaded guilty to operating the still.

He was fined \$350 with alternative of serving six months in jail with hard labor.

Nolan was arrested by Provincial and Royal Canadian Mounted Police after the still was discovered in the North Lonsdale district.

The still was made out of a 50-

## Italian General Boss in Tunisia

By Canadian Press  
 NEW YORK, April 8.—A London broadcast said today that General Giovanni Messe, an Italian, was the new commander-in-chief in Tunisia.  
 "A Berlin military spokesman says that Rommel and Von Arnim are now both under General Messe's command," it quoted the broadcast as saying.  
 General Messe was in command of the first Italian expeditionary force sent to the Russian front.

## \$24 Million Steel Plant For Everett

By Associated Press  
 WASHINGTON, April 8.—Everett, Wash., has been selected as the site of a \$24,000,000 steel plant, subject to approval of the development by the United States War Production Board.

George E. Murphy, Portland, Ore., industrialist, told reporters he hoped that WPB would approve the undertaking.

Murphy said his plans call for a completely integrated plant which would produce each year 170,000 tons of pig iron, 200,000 tons of steel ingots, 75,000 tons of structural steel and plates and 60,000 tons of merchant bar steel and other needed by products.

## Plan May Mean End Of B.C. Project

Special to The Vancouver Sun  
 VICTORIA, April 8.—During the recent session, Deputy Mines Minister Dr. J. F. Walker, told the Legislature's Mining Committee that the United States probably would construct a steel plant in the Puget Sound area and that iron ore for such a plant would doubtless come from British Columbia. "That is why we want to get a steel plant going in B.C. first," said Committee Chairman J. A. Paton.

The committee's report which was received in the House, but not adopted, recommended that a government-controlled steel plant be started immediately on the coast.

Premier Hart said he did not want the committee's report to go abroad as governmental policy. He said he did not favor the government going into the steel business.

In protest against the premier's disapproval of the report, Mr. Paton immediately resigned the chairmanship.

Government circles here, while non-committal about the proposed Everett plant, are of the opinion that if it is built, it will be the end of a steel plant in this province.

They point out it would be extravagant and wasteful to have two such big plants within a few miles of each other.

## Dorothy Lamour Weds Her Captain

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif., April 8 — (AP) — Dorothy

## Yanks Join Montgomery

# British First Army Drives For Bizerte

### All Allied Forces in Tunisia on Move; Rommel Pushed Back 15 Miles From Wadi Akarit Defenses

By Associated Press  
**ALLIED HEADQUARTERS** in North Africa, April 8.—The British 1st Army in Northern Tunisia has plunged forward in an attack co-ordinated with the successful advance of British and American forces in Southern Tunisia and has gained much ground in the region of Medjez-el-Bab, 36 miles southwest of Tunis, an Allied communique said today.

The pursuit of the enemy from his broken defenses at the Wadi el Akarit, 20 miles north of Gabes, is being pressed relentlessly by the British 8th Army, the communique said, and many more prisoners and much abandoned material have been taken. Late reports said an advance of 15 miles was effected.

The British 1st Army, in its advance in the Medjez-el-Bab area has taken many prisoners.  
 The almost general advance followed the special announcement last night that the United States Second Army Corps had joined arms 15 miles east of Gafsa with the British 8th Army.

The communique also announced that the French troops had moved forward on the southern flank of the Americans, capturing a number of prisoners and 20 guns.

The French attack was described as a "successful advance." Thus almost the entire Allied military machine in Tunisia is now on the move.

The 1st Army's advance was made between Medjez-el-Bab and Munchar.

Allied aerial assaults continue. In southern Tunisia light bombers and fighter-bombers carried out "heavy and continuous attacks" on the enemy.

On the northern front, Allied planes attacked enemy transports and started fires among parked vehicles. Nine Junkers-57's were destroyed.

The Sfax-Sousse road was attacked Tuesday night and the same night big bombers attacked the railway yards at Tunis, starting fires. One Allied plane was reported missing.

The communique also disclosed that five additional Axis planes, previously unreported, were shot down Tuesday.

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## How Tommies, Yanks Met In Tunisia

By PHIL AULT  
 Special to The Vancouver Sun  
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**EL GUETTAR**, Tunisia, April 8.—Six American jeeps creeping cautiously along a black macadam road yesterday afternoon met three British Eighth Army armored cars.

The Americans and the British paused for a moment beside a 67-kilometer road marker on the road from Gabes to Gafsa. Then there was a burst of shouts from dust-parched throats and the Allied soldiers who had come from opposite shores of Africa leaped from their vehicles.

Hands scared by the hard sands of Tripolitania clasped hands grimy with the red dirt of the Tunisian hills. Then they grabbed one another, pounded one another on the back and shouted congratulations.

That was the junction of the British Eighth Army, which fought its way from El Alamein, with the Americans in Tunisia.

## Duce Fearing Invasion Plans Talk With Hitler

By ROBERT DOWSON  
 Special to The Vancouver Sun  
 Copyright, 1943, by British United Press  
 LONDON, April 8.—Invasion jitters increased in Axis Europe today with Germany beginning extensive troop manoeuvres along the North Sea coast and an Algerian broadcast reporting that the Italian army has been placed in a State of Alert against an Allied landing.