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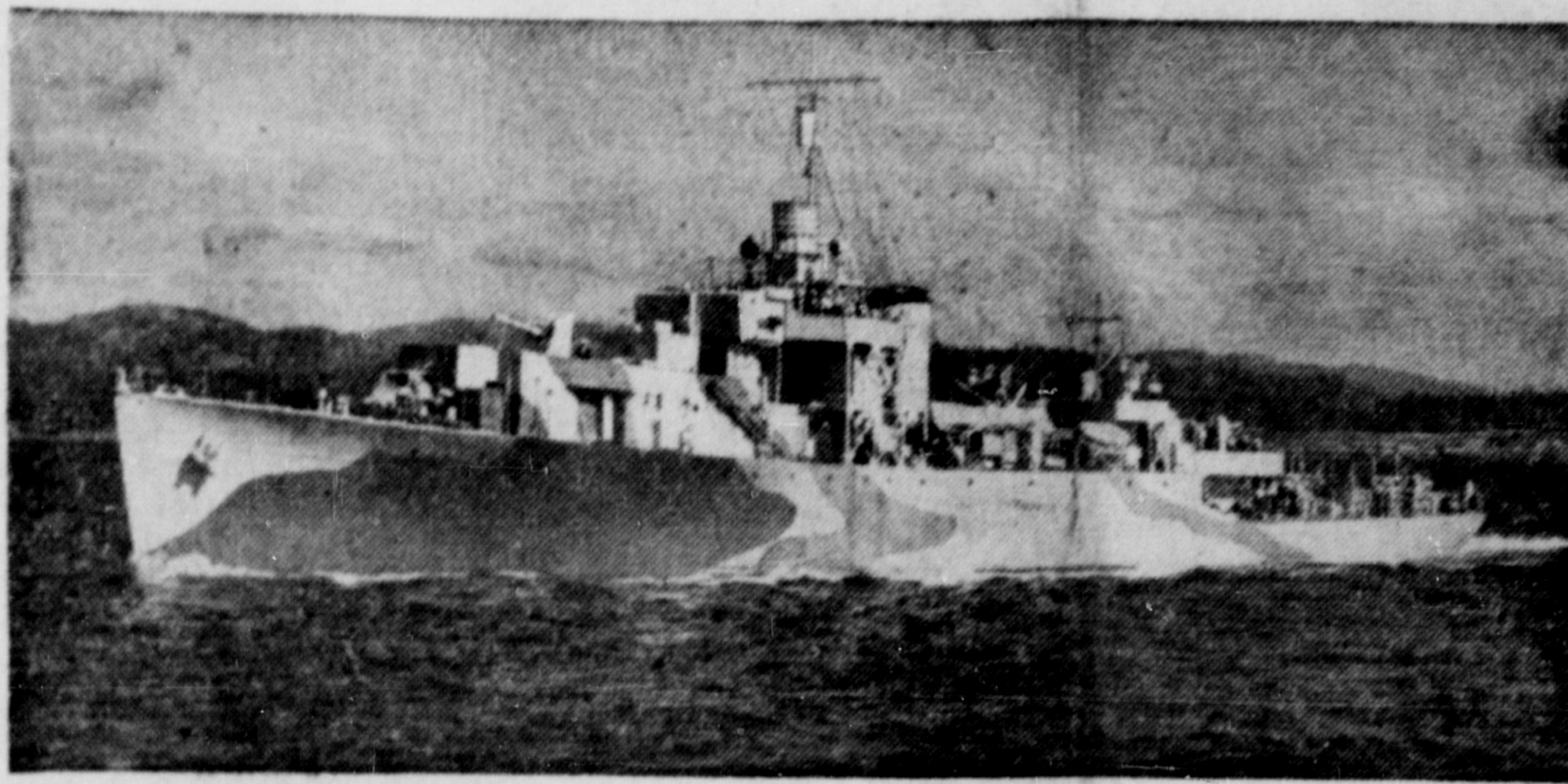
NORTHERN AND CENTRAL BRITISH COLUMBIA'S NEWSPAPER

PRINCE RUPERT, B.C. WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 1944

## Local Tides

Thursday, April 6  
High ..... 0:11 19.0 feet  
              12:21 19.1 feet  
Low ..... 6:26 6.7 feet  
              18:36 4.9 feet

# Jap Air Base Is Wiped Out



**LOCAL BOYS HELP BAG U-BOAT**—While defending a valuable convoy in the North Atlantic recently, the frigate H.M.C.S. Wakesiu, commanded by Lieut.-Commander J. P. F. Fraser, R.C.N.R. of Halifax, N.S., attacked and destroyed a U-boat. The U-boat was first encountered after midnight. H.M.C.S. Wakesiu carried out a series of attacks with depth charges which apparently mortally damaged the U-boat, and forced it to the surface. The frigate illuminated the enemy with starshell and, in company with H.M.S. Nene (Commander J. D. Birch, R.D., R.N.R.) opened fire on the U-boat. Hits scored by the frigate prevented the crew of the U-boat from manning its guns and a few minutes later the enemy sank stern first. Nineteen survivors were picked up by H.M. ships and made prisoner-of-war. Acting Petty Officer Terry Fortune and Ordinary Seaman Fred Lewis are members of the personnel of H.M.C.S. Wakesiu.

## ARSON CASE PROCEEDING

**Preliminary Hearing Brilliant Station Agent — Companion Tells of Parcel Incident.**

NELSON, April 5 — Oscar Patton testified on Monday at the preliminary hearing on arson charged against A. J. Cleeton, station agent at Brilliant, that he accompanied Cleeton to Brilliant school house on the night of March 17 when it was damaged by fire and saw Cleeton take a parcel to the bottom of the basement stairs. Patton said he saw a flash of light through the basement window as Cleeton was starting to come upstairs. Cleeton did not have the parcel when he returned, Patton said.

The school was damaged by fire at the height of a disturbance by fanatic Sons of Freedom Doukhobors. The hearing is continuing.

## Hollandia In Southwest Pacific Is Destroyed In One Big Bombing Raid

**ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, April 5 (CP)** — The entire Japanese air force at Hollandia on the Dutch New Guinea north coast has been wiped out by Allied bombers, headquarters announced today. Of 288 Japanese planes which were at Hollandia on March 30 all have been demolished or irreparably damaged. Four hundred tons of bombs were dropped. Rabaul and Truk have also been again attacked by Allied bombers.

Hollandia constituted a whole important section of Japanese air strength in the southwest Pacific area and was of much importance to the enemy as a base. First anti-aircraft positions were knocked out and attention was then paid with good effect to the main air-dromes and supply dumps.

## TROTSKYISTS ARE RAIDED

**Scotland Yard Endeavouring to Catch up With Saboteurs of Second Front Production.**

LONDON, April 5 — Scotland Yard detectives today raided the offices of the British section of the Fourth International in a move reported to be connected with promise of drastic action against strikes interfering with second front production. The offices were the meeting place of British Trotskyists.

## COLOGNE IS HAMMERED

**British Mosquitoes Also Find Other Objectives in Ruhr Valley Tuesday Night.**

LONDON, April 5 — Royal Air Force Mosquitoes hammered Cologne and other objectives in the Ruhr Valley, resuming the night aerial offensive after three-day lull. All planes returned safely.

## Advance Is Unchecked

**Red Armies Find Going Good on Plains of Rumania.**

MOSCOW, April 5 — Red armies are continuing without let-up their advance along a 450 mile front which extends at the northern end near the Polish city of Lwow to Odessa on the Black Sea. They are marching across the Rumanian plains and into the Carpathian mountains toward Hungary. The terrain the plains is very favorable movement of tanks and mechanized equipment and full advantage is being taken of it. Despite German efforts to rally their forces do not stop the Russian advance.

## Formerly Listed As Missing, Is Prisoner of War

Ewart Hetherington, former provincial welfare officer here who had been listed as missing in action with the Royal Canadian Air Force overseas, is now reported to be a prisoner of war in Germany. Local friends have been advised to this effect by his mother who is in Vancouver.

## City Meat Markets

**Will be open ALL day Thursday and closed ALL day Friday.**

**All Orders for Saturday delivery must be in by Thursday.**

(Signed)

**Sterling Market  
Bulky Market  
Jones' Family Market  
P.R. Fishermen's Co-operative**

## Upon Plan For Administration

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 5 — The government of Czechoslovakia in London has agreed with Russia, Great Britain and the United States on a plan for administering its territory.

## Bucharest Battered

**Rumania's Principal City Heavily Hit in First Raid of U.S. Planes.**

NAPLES, April 5 (CP) — United States bombers, in their first attack on Bucharest, caused considerable damage to the railway yards through which German supplies roll to the Russian front and left one-third of the Rumanian capital covered with smoke.

First reports indicated that forty-six enemy planes had been shot down in an hour-long battle. Twelve Allied planes were lost in all operations yesterday in the Mediterranean theatre.

## SHOOTING ADMITTED

**Statement of Indian to Police Admitted in Preliminary Hearing at Prince George.**

PRINCE GEORGE, April 5 — Police testified in police court here yesterday that Alex Prince admitted before several policemen that he shot Eugene Messmer, 33-year-old Finlay Forks trapper.

## U-Boat Bag Is Announced

**Official Announcement at Ottawa in Connection With H.M.C.S. Wakesiu Exploit.**

OTTAWA, April 5 — Nineteen days after leaving her fitting-out berth as the first Canadian-built frigate, H.M.C.S. Wakesiu recently destroyed a German U-boat in the North Atlantic and brought back 19 survivors as evidence, the Department of the Navy officially announced Tuesday night.

## Bulletins

**BALKANS SITUATION**  
LONDON—The News Chronicle correspondent in Cairo says that British, United States and Russian forces may soon be fighting side by side in the Balkans where the Nazi control is rapidly deteriorating. The complete collapse of Rumania is to be expected.

**SOCIAL CREDIT PLAN**  
TORONTO—A Quebec proposal for a national Social Credit movement has been rejected.

**WILLKIE REVERSE**  
MILWAUKEE — Thomas E. Dewey of New York defeated Wendell Willkie in the Wisconsin presidential party.

**STRIKE IN BELFAST**  
LONDON — Twelve thousand aircraft workers and nine thousand shipyard workers in Belfast, North Ireland have joined 70,000 Yorkshire miners on strike. The strike was said to have been precipitated by the arrest of five men charged with illegal striking.

## TELLS OF AUSTRALIA

### AVIATION OFFICIAL VISITOR

WINNIPEG, April 5 — Looking to a big development in commercial aviation after the war, Australia is keenly interested in TransCanada Air Lines policy of rehabilitating returned airmen, according to Roy Badenach, chief electrical engineer, Department of Civil Aviation, Melbourne, interviewed here today.

On his way back to Australia after attending the Commonwealth and Empire Conference in England on the application of modern radio technique to civil aviation, Mr. Badenach is studying Canadian procedure conferring with government officials and T.C.A. executives and will report to Daniel McVey, director of civil aviation in Australia. With ten air lines and a large manufacturing industry, including engines as well as aircraft, Australia was very air-minded, Mr. Badenach said, and expected to absorb in civil operations many of its men now in the Royal Australian Air Force.

Trans-Canada policy of engaging R.C.A.F. men who have completed operational tours on duty overseas, five of whom are now undergoing air line training, was particularly interesting to Australia, Mr. Badenach said. He was impressed with T.C.A.'s maintenance methods and with the central reservations control system which has been adopted by other air lines.

"If it had not been for the United States forces, it is doubtful if we should have been able to hold the Japs back," Mr. Badenach said in discussing the war. Feeding the United States troops had meant shortages for the Australian people but the Australians realized how much they owed to Americans and were not complaining. On the whole, they were well enough off for food. Greater problems were manpower and clothing shortages. Each person was granted 56 clothing coupons for six months. Out of these had to come everything from handkerchiefs to household linens. A man's suit cost 36 coupons. There were restrictions on the sizes of hat brims and the length of socks.

All unnecessary industry had to be closed, he went on but the manpower shortage was so acute that thousands had to be released from the army for sheepherding. Thousands of other men, most of them military age, had been moved from the south to the north under a compulsory labor scheme of the Allied Works Council. They built roads and air-dromes camps and buildings.

Australia, Mr. Badenach said, went in heavily for the purchase of government war bonds. A compulsory savings-measure has, however, been defeated.

## TARNOPOL SURROUNDED

### Russians Drive On

**Two Hundred Thousand of Enemy Are Now Pinned Against Black Sea Near Odessa.**

LONDON, April 5 — The Soviet announced last night that the Russians have captured the greater part of surrounded Tarnopol in prewar Poland and smashed to within two miles of the last rail escape route for perhaps two hundred thousand Germans and Rumanians now pinned against the Black Sea near Odessa.

## ANTONESCU FOR PEACE

**Turkish Dispatches Indicate That Armistice to be Asked of United Nations.**

NEW YORK, April 5 (CP) — A broadcast from London quoted Turkish dispatches to the effect that Premier Antonescu of Rumania will seek an armistice from London, Washington and Moscow. There is no Allied confirmation of the report.

## Requiem Mass for Mrs. Hankinson

High requiem mass for the repose of the soul of Ann Bernadette Hankinson, wife of Dr. C. H. Hankinson, who passed away on Sunday was celebrated this morning at 10 o'clock at the church of the Annunciation, Rev. Father W. F. Lantagne was celebrant.

A large congregation of sympathetic friends of the family gathered in the church to attend the solemn rites. There was a full choir in attendance.

Active pallbearers were William Cruikshank, G. P. Tinker, R. G. Hopkins, George Mitchell, Dr. L. W. Kergin, and Dr. R. G. Large.

Honorary pallbearers were W. M. Coates, Norman Watt, C. H. Orme, C. H. Elkins, John Garrett, and C. C. Mills.

Surviving the late Mrs. Hankinson are her husband, and one daughter by a previous marriage, Mrs. J. P. Meadows, in England, three sons, George, Lawrence, and Delray, at home, and two step-sons, Hazen and Elmore Hankinson, on active service.

The remains are being sent to Vancouver where burial will take place on Monday at 11 o'clock in Forest Lawn cemetery. Center and Hannah, undertakers will be in charge of interment.

## ARRESTED IN MURDER CASE

**Albert Barilla Taken Into Custody in Vancouver and Duly Charged.**

VANCOUVER, April 5 — Albert Barilla, aged 25, was arrested and charged with murder in connection with the shooting of Wellington Wallace, aged 37, in a gun and knife battle in a downtown hotel early Sunday.

## Judgment Held Over in Local Housing Case

VANCOUVER, April 5 — Mr. Justice Bird reserved judgement in Supreme Court yesterday in a suit in which Miss Elizabeth McClay is suing Wartime Housing Limited for wrongful expropriation of property at Prince Rupert.

## FORMER LOCAL MAN IS DEAD

**"Tommy" Govenlock Passes Away at Whitecourt in Alberta**

The many friends of Thomas G. Govenlock, more familiarly known as "Tommy," will regret to hear of his passing away on March 26 at Whitecourt, Alberta. He was seized with a stroke of paralysis some time ago and never recovered. His funeral was held in Edmonton on March 29, under the auspices of the Masonic Order of which he was a past worshipful master. Born in Forest, Ontario, Mr. Govenlock was one of the real old veterans of the last war having been an original member of the famous Fifth Western Cavalry. He served with them throughout the entire war. He was very badly wounded at Festubert in May, 1915, and was several months in hospital at Sheffield. He eventually returned to his old regiment in France and was with them in the Army of Occupation.

On his return to Canada he resided for several years in Prince Rupert and while here he married Mrs. Ed. Stillwell who survives him at Whitecourt where his relatives live. The deepest sympathy is felt for his widow, who was one of the old timers of Prince Rupert, and also for his family.

## RECOVER VALUABLE JEWELS

LONDON — A mail plane last summer crashed and burned out in the Sudan. None of the crew knew part of its cargo was a fortune in jewels. Six months later, a representative of a British insurance company organized a search and recovered \$300,000 worth of precious stones.

## Lists War Casualties

LONDON, April 5 — Prime Minister Winston Churchill told the House of Commons yesterday that British Empire casualties in the first four years of the war totalling 667,000, included 159,000 killed, 78,000 missing, 159,000 wounded and 271,000 prisoners of war.

The Prime Minister said that the total of Canadian casualties was 19,000, of which 9,000 were killed, 3,000 missing and 4,000 prisoners of war.

## Caroline Raids Are Successful

WASHINGTON, April 5 — Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox revealed that, when American bombers raided the Caroline Islands last week and either sank or damaged every ship lying at the islands' three bases, 460 miles from the Philippines, 27 American planes were lost. Mr. Knox said that he was unable to tell exactly how many Japanese ships were destroyed but there were a great many.

## Terrace Tennis Club Organizes

**Court to be Repaired — J. A. Barman Re-elected President.**

TERRACE, April 5 — The Terrace Tennis Club held the annual meeting on Friday evening when the court came in for the principal attention as it has suffered some damage from winter gales which broke down much of the fencing. Mr. Selwyn, representing the local Y.M.C.A., was present and it was arranged that, with his co-operation, the wire fencing will be restored and any other repairs that may be necessary to enable the games to go on will be undertaken. The tennis club offered, in consideration of this help, to grant special privileges to members of the armed forces who are able and willing to use the court for tennis.

J. A. Barman presided over a fairly well attended meeting. Other officers re-elected were, besides Mr. Barman as president, Nigel Sherwood, secretary, Mrs. Dudley Little, Ralf Cory and Mr. Edgley, playing committee.

LONDON — Ralph Moses, 11, of the 61st Shriner's Hospital Pack, Winnipeg, has been awarded the Cornwall badge for fine character, courage and fortitude. He is the first Canadian Wolf Cub to receive this award. Ralph has been six years in hospital.

Miss Violet Mah returned this morning from a business trip to Vancouver.

## Local Temperature

Maximum ..... 53  
Minimum ..... 42

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## Highway IS TOPIC

**Chamber of Commerce is Continuing to Push for Hazelton Route.**

Highway matters remain to the fore Monday at the regular month-long of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce. Occasional taken to reiterate the of the Prince Rupert as favoring the Hazelton for a highway from interior to connect the Alaska Highway. The decided to answer a of the Atlin district highway by way of Takla and Prince George to Vancouver "letting the surveys for themselves."

The local chamber endorsed from Vanderhoof proposes a highway and from Vanderhoof and on north and a rail-line by way of Pine Pass. was a letter from W. J. of Burns Lake, of the Hazelton, Bell-Whitehorse route, tell- easy it would be to the Skeena, River at Kis- Wilson referred to the "attitude of Van-interests and urged the of getting the support of the most western- The Collart referred to "mis- sions" which were be- cause of the Hazelton route. the illness of S. E. Theo Collart has taken the chairmanship of the committee of the

## Committee to Outlet

Peace River-Pacific highway outlet committee appointed by W. J. Chamber of Commerce, Prince Rupert's claims with this mooted The chairman of the is Theo Collart, who taken an active inter- Peace River outlet and other members T. Applewhite and Dybhavn, newer mem- the chamber. At Mon- night's meeting of the Mr. Collart had on some new maps of Peace outlets.

## Local Boys On U-Boat Which Sunk

Mrs. Theo Fortune, 17th Avenue East, and Mr. Victor Lewis, 226 Fifth West, read with much interest the dispatch Daily News yesterday described the sinking of a U-boat in the Atlantic. H.M.C.S. Wakesiu, Terry and Freddie Lewis, sons of Mr. Fortune, are members of the personnel of this Canadian

## CANADIENS TAKE TIE-UP

**Fishing Situation Unsettled Owing to Price Ceiling Action.**

VANCOUVER, April 5 — Delegates in Vancouver indicated that Canadian price ceiling halts may undergo a similar to that which has the United States halts to decide not to leave this week for the fish- representatives of British Columbia Fishing Vessel Owners' Association and the United Fishermen's Union will meet to decide if they will support United States in their stand.

Armstrong, C.N.R. local agent, returned this morning from a trip to Van-