

"SIBERIA'S arctic ports are nearer the United States than those of Iran and The illustration shows trucks and machinery for pushing on the great Alaskan highway at the Dawson Creek railhead

(Continued from previous page) to Vladivostok and back in the one sea- creating in Central Siberia. son, while more than a hundred have landed half a million tons of cargo this year already at Dickson Island. Dickson Island is off the Taimyr Peninsula, the most northerly tip of Siberia, and only five thousand miles distant from the United States both by Atlantic and Pacific routes. Thence it is 377 miles by river steamer, in summer, to Igarka, a small but entirely modern Soviet-built years, the U.S.S.R. may have to rely arctic town up the Yenesei. The Yenesei on its own resources through 1943. is one of the dozen great rivers of the world. Barges can ascend by it right to Krasnoyarsk, the industrial heart of the

Second Russia that Moscow has been

Russia can be kept supplied by this route, therefore, provided two difficulties can be overcome: Provided that the Russians can find a way to keep the Yenesei open in winter as they have nearly succeeded in keeping open the Arctic Ocean. And provided that the United Nations can supply the ships. Since both are likely to be impossible tasks for some Can it?

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## KEEPING THEIR SPIRITS UP

Work Of The Kiwi Concert Party



MAX ROLAND

LMOST anywhere in the Middle East you may see Army trucks halt and set down, not a nest of guns, nor a store of ammunition, but a concert stage, a set of instruments, to hospitals and dugouts. Now that he is and a whole band of travelling players. For that is how New Zealand's Kiwi Concert Party travels about in the battle areas with its message of music and mirth for the troops. One member of the party who has just been invalided back to New Zealand after nearly two warded to the Middle East.

years away is Max Roland, well known as a member of the Roland Family Sextette. He has already been heard with his violin at 3ZB, and will be on the air again at 7.15 p.m. this Sunday, September 27. He brings back news of the service that the Kiwi Concert Party is doing in keeping up the spirits of the troops at the battlefront.

The National Patriotic Fund Board has sponsored the concert party and provided its instruments. There are 35 men in the unit, including some who were well known back here in New Zealand. Their officer-in-charge and producer is Lieutenant Fred McCallum, who was active in the repertory theatre movement in Auckland, and was for a time manager of the Regent Theatre, Wellington. Another artist is Terry Vaughan, of Christchurch.

The men are trained as a fighting unit, and may be sent into action at any time, but their chief occupation is the entertainment of the troops. They have appeared before large audiences at times, and Max Roland also spent a large part of his leave taking his violin back, Max will continue his musical work. He is also making an appeal for copies of short plays, sketches and musical scores for the use of the Kiwi Concert Party. These may be sent to 3ZB, from where they will be for-

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