

TANKS... LORD BEAVERBROOK

At Glasgow, the Minister of Supply, talks to shop stewards representing the Tank builders of the Clyde.

SPEECH

I'm asked why I'm not satisfied with the output from the Clyde. The answer is very simple, and quite direct... Because our necessities are so very great, that we must have more, for the means of holding our island home secure, for the necessities for our battle front in the Libyan Desert, for the supply and sustenance of the Navy, the security of the Merchant Service, and of course something for what I have a direct responsibility - the promises which you permitted me to make on your behalf, a short time ago to supply in large quantities, in very large quantities, for the defence of Russia.

And yesterday morning I received a telegram from Stalin and it reads - BEAVERBROOKE. Let me express my gratitude for the sending of airplanes and tanks. Some of these British made aeroplanes and tanks are already in action in the front line. There are reports from our Commanders that the British made tanks are favourable.