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GERMANY:

THE GERMAN RADIO ANNOUNCED THIS MORNING THAT ALLIED BOMBERS WERE APPROACHING SOUTHWESTERN GERMANY.

FRANCE:

AMERICAN FORCES STRIKING NORTHWARD FROM LE MANS ARE THREATENING SOME 20 GERMAN DIVISIONS WITH ENCIRCLEMENT. THE GERMANS SAID THAT THE AMERICANS WERE 30 MILES NORTH OF LE MANS. THIS IS ABOUT HALFWAY TO FALAISE. CANADIANS ARE DRIVING FOR FALAISE. IF THE AMERICANS AND THE CANADIAN FORCES LINK UP, THE GERMANS WILL BE ENCIRCLED. THE BRITISH HAVE SUCCEEDED IN MAKING MORE GAINS SOUTH OF CAEN. UNITED KINGDOM TROOPS ARE EXERTING GREAT PRESSURE BETWEEN THE TOWNS OF FALAISE AND VIRE. YANKS HAVE CROSSED THE LOIRE RIVER AT NANTES ABOUT 30 MILES FROM THE RIVER'S MOUTH AND WERE LAST REPORTED 10 MILES SOUTH OF THE CITY. IN A RAID EARLY THIS MORNING, RAF LANCASTERS BLASTED THE SUBMARINE PENS AT BREST WITH 12,000 POUND BOMBS. DURING THE DAY, BRITISH AND AMERICAN FIGHTER BOMBERS LACED ENEMY TRANSPORTS BEHIND THE BATTLE LINES. IN A MESSAGE TO ALL THE ALLIED ARMIES IN FRANCE, GEN. MONTGOMERY SAID, "COMPLETE VICTORY LAY AHEAD AND WOULD COME QUICKLY SO LONG AS WE DID NOT RELENT."

RUSSIA:

IN ESTONIA THE RUSSIANS HAVE LAUNCHED A NEW OFFENSIVE TO CLEAN UP SOME 30 GERMAN DIVISIONS TRAPPED IN THE BALTIC. THEY SUCCEEDED IN SMASHING INTO THE GERMAN DEFENSES ON A 40 MILE FRONT AND BROKE THROUGH FOR A 15 MILE ADVANCE. THE NAZIS ARE TRYING TO CHECK THIS BREAKTHROUGH BY SWITCHING TROOPS FROM OTHER FRONTS. THERE IS NO NEWS OF THE GREAT TANK BATTLE RAGING BEFORE THE EAST PRUSSIAN BORDER OR OF THE FIGHTING IN THE CITY OF WARSAW. IN A NEW DRIVE FOR EAST PRUSSIA FROM THE SOUTH, THE REDS HAVE ADVANCED TO A POINT ABOUT 17 MILES FROM THE BORDER. THE GERMANS ARE REPORTED TO HAVE DECLARED MARTIAL LAW IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

ENGLAND:

ABOUT 500 HEAVY AMERICAN BOMBERS ESCORTED BY SWARMS OF FIGHTERS BOMBED RAIL YARDS AT METZ IN NORTHERN FRANCE TODAY. AMERICAN MAURADERS BLASTED A BRIDGE OVER THE RIVER SEINE TODAY TOO. FLYING FORTRESSES LANDED IN BRITAIN TODAY FROM ITALY AFTER A WEEK OF SHUTTLE BOMBING RAIDS. RAF AND AMERICAN HEAVIES FLEW 1600 SORTIES YESTERDAY AND LAST NIGHT. BRITISH HEAVIES HIT A RAIL JUNCTION NEAR LYONS LAST NIGHT WHILE OTHER BRITISH HEAVIES ATTACKED BORDEAUX AND ALSO FLYING BOMB LAUNCHING SITES IN NORTHERN FRANCE. MOSQUITOS PAID ANOTHER VISIT TO BERLIN LAST NIGHT. FLYING BOMBS WERE OVER SOUTHERN ENGLAND IN GREAT NUMBERS DURING THE NIGHT.

ITALY:

THE BRITISH HAVE ADMITTED THAT THE GERMANS HAVE WITHDRAWN FROM FLORENCE AND THAT ALLIED MILITARY OFFICIALS ARE NOW IN THE NORTHERN PART OF THE CITY. BAD WEATHER HAS SLOWED DOWN THE FIGHTING IN ITALY BUT POLLS HAVE DRIVEN THE GERMANS ACROSS A RIVER 20 MILES BEYOND ANCONA. MEDITERRANEAN AIRCRAFT FLEW 500 SORTIES YESTERDAY. MR CHURCHILL HAS ARRIVED IN ITALY. A NEW ALLIED COMMANDO UNIT KNOWN AS "LAND FORCES ADRIATIC", HAS PRACTICALLY WIPED OUT A GERMAN GARRISON ON THE ALBANIAN COAST.

UNITED STATES:

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT PAID HIS FIRST VISIT TO THE ALEUTIANS LAST WEEK. HE IS TO BROADCAST FROM THE UNITED STATES TOMORROW NIGHT.

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PACIFIC:

THE LATEST SUPER FORTRESS RAID ON JAPAN HAS JOLTED THAT COUNTRY. THERE HAS BEEN A MEETING OF THE JAPANESE CABINET TO REVISE THE HOMELAND AIR DEFENSE. THE NIPS ARE SPEEDING THE EVACUATION OF CHILDREN FROM CITIES ON THE WESTERN SIDE OF THE ISLAND.

MAJOR LEAGUE BALL SCORES:

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NATIONAL

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