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FRANCE:

ALLIED TROOPS ON THE ISLAND OF WALCHEREN HAVE TAKEN THE TOWNS OF MIDDELBURG AND VEERE. MIDDELBURG IS IN THE CENTER OF THE ISLAND AND BOATS AND AMPHIBIOUS VEHICLES WERE NEEDED TO COMPLETE THE CAPTURE OF THE FLOODED TOWN. THE TOWN OF VEERE IS ON THE EASTERN COAST OF THE ISLAND. THE LAST POCKET OF GERMANS LEFT IN THE NORTH-WESTERN CORNER OF THE BIG ISLAND IS BEING MOPPED UP. FIELD MARSHALL MONTGOMERY'S TROOPS IN WESTERN HOLLAND NOW CONTROL MOST OF THE SOUTHERN BANK OF THE MAAS RIVER. THERE ARE TWO POCKETS OF GERMANS LEFT ON THE SOUTH BANK OF THE MAAS AND THEY ARE BEING ELIMINATED. THE GERMANS BLEW UP THE ROAD AND RAIL BRIDGES OVER THE MAAS LEAVING THEIR TROOPS ON THE SOUTH BANK OF THE RIVER TO GET AWAY BY BOAT. THE TOWN OF WILLEMSTAD BY THE SEA HAS BEEN STORMED. BRITISH FIGHTERS AND FIGHTER BOMBERS GAVE CLOSE SUPPORT TO THE BRITISH SECOND ARMY YESTERDAY AND LAST NIGHT TACTICAL AIR FORCE MOSQUITOS WERE OUT OVER HOLLAND AND WESTERN GERMANY SHOOTING UP TRANSPORT. HEAVY FIGHTING IS STILL GOING ON AT THE EASTERN FLANK OF THE NIJMEGEN SALIENT. GERMAN CASUALTIES IN THE SOUTHWESTERN NETHERLANDS IN THE LAST TWO WEEKS TOTAL 40,000.

THE AMERICAN FIRST ARMY IS MEETING VERY STRONG RESISTANCE IN GERMANY. YESTERDAY THE GERMANS LAUNCHED SEVERAL COUNTERATTACKS AGAINST FIRST ARMY TROOPS BUT THEY WERE BEATEN BACK. HEAVY FIGHTING CONTINUES AROUND THE SMALL GERMAN TOWN OF SCHMIDT. BOTH THE FRENCH FIRST ARMY AND THE AMERICAN SEVENTH ARMY HAVE MADE GOOD GAINS IN EASTERN FRANCE.

DURING DAYLIGHT YESTERDAY, MORE THAN 2000 ALLIED HEAVY BOMBERS WERE OVER WESTERN GERMANY POUNDING OIL REFINERIES AND INDUSTRIAL PLANTS IN THE RUHR. LAST NIGHT, RAF HEAVY BOMBERS GAVE COBLENZ A 10 MINUTE SATURATION RAID. GELSENKIRCHEN IN THE RUHR, ATTACKED BY BRITISH HEAVIES DURING DAYLIGHT YESTERDAY WAS AGAIN BOMBED BY MOSQUITOS LAST NIGHT. FIRES WERE STILL BURNING IN THE CITY FROM THE DAYLIGHT RAID WHEN THE MOSQUITOS STARTED THEIR BOMBING RUNS. BRITISH NIGHT FIGHTERS ESCORTED THE HEAVIES LAST NIGHT AND THEY SHOT UP GERMAN AIRFIELDS.

RUSSIA:

ACCORDING TO THE GERMANS, MARSHALL MALINOVSKY IS REGROUPING HIS FORCES BEFORE BUDAPEST BEFORE ATTEMPTING TO TAKE THE CITY BY STORM. THE GERMANS SAY THAT THE RUSSIANS HAVE WON TWO MORE BRIDGEHEADS OVER THE TISZA RIVER TO THE EAST OF THE HUNGARIAN CAPITAL. IN EAST PRUSSIA, THE GERMANS HAVE SLACKENED THEIR COUNTERATTACKS IN THE GOLDAP AREA DUE TO THE TERRIFIC POUNDING THEY HAVE TAKEN FROM GENERAL CHERNYAKOVSKY'S FORCES IN THE PAST FEW DAYS.

MARSHALL STALIN TOLD THE SUPREME SOVIET LAST NIGHT THAT THE OPERATIONS OF THE WESTERN POWERS HAD GREATLY HELPED THOSE OF THE RED ARMY. HE DECLARED "THAT THE SPIRIT OF UNITY AMONG THE GREAT POWERS WAS ESSENTIAL TO FUTURE PEACE AND SECURITY". STALIN CALLED BOTH GERMANY AND JAPAN "AGGRESSOR NATIONS" AND CALLED FOR "A NEW WORLD ORGANIZATION WITH POWERFUL ARMED FORCES TO OPPOSE ANY AGGRESSION IN THE FUTURE." THE MARSHALL UTTERED A WARNING THAT GERMANY EVEN NOW PLANNED FOR ANOTHER WAR.

ITALY:

UNITED KINGDOM TROOPS OF THE EIGHTH ARMY HAVE EXTENDED THEIR HOLD ON THE FORLI AIRFIELD AND THE GERMAN POSITIONS IN THAT AREA HAVE BEEN DIVE BOMBED. POLISH TROOPS HAVE TAKEN IMPORTANT HEIGHTS SOUTHWEST OF FORLI. MEDITERRANEAN AIRCRAFT FLEW MORE THAN 2700 SORTIES YESTERDAY AND ATTACKED TARGETS IN AUSTRIA, YUGOSLAVIA AND THE RAILROAD IN THE BRENNER PASS.

ENGLAND:

THE GERMANS AGAIN SENT FLYING BOMBS AGAINST SOUTHERN ENGLAND DURING THE NIGHT.

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PACIFIC:

ON SATURDAY, AMERICAN CARRIER PLANES STAGED A HEAVY ATTACK ON MANILA HARBOR AND HARBOR INSTALLATIONS AND FIVE JAP AIRFIELDS IN THE MANILA AREA. A JAP HEAVY CRUISER WAS LEFT SINKING IN MANILA HARBOR. THE YANK PLANES DESTROYED 91 JAP PLANES IN THE AIR AND 104 ON THE GROUND. ON LEYTE, AMERICAN FORCES HAVE GAINED FOUR MILES TOWARDS THE ENEMY'S LAST PORT, ORMOC.

BRITISH FOURTEENTH ARMY TROOPS HAVE PUSHED ANOTHER 8 MILES DOWN THE TIDDIM-FORT WHITE ROAD AND WERE LAST REPORTED WITHIN 2 MILES OF FORT WHITE. THE JAPANESE RADIO TODAY REPORTED THAT 2 AMERICAN SUPER FORTS HAD FLOWN OVER TOKIO AND EASTERN JAPAN WITHOUT DROPPING ANY BOMBS. ALLIED BOMBERS YESTERDAY RAIDED THE CITY OF BANGKOK IN SIAM.

UNITED STATES:

TODAY IS ELECTION DAY IN THAT WONDERFUL COUNTRY KNOWN AS THE "UNITED STATES." FIRST REPORTS SHOW THAT THE POLLING IS VERY HEAVY ALL OVER THE COUNTRY AND THIS YEAR MAY BE A RECORD VOTE. THE WEATHER MAY HELP DECIDE THE VOTE AS NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND HAD AN EIGHT INCH SNOWFALL. THE REST OF THE COUNTRY HAD PRETTY GOOD WEATHER TODAY. THE SOLDIER VOTE MAY ALSO BE A DECIDING FACTOR IN THE ELECTION. BOTH MR. ROOSEVELT AND MR. DEWEY HAVE HOPED FOR A "GOOD ELECTION."

