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FRANCE:

THE GERMANS NOW HAVE ONLY ONE POCKET OF RESISTANCE LEFT ON THE SOUTH BANK OF THE RIVER MAAS AND THIS IS A GROUP OF 300 DIE HARD NAZIS WHO ARE HOLDING OUT IN THE LITTLE TOWN OF MOERDIJK. POLISH TROOPS BEGAN AN ASSAULT ON THIS SMALL GARRISON THIS MORNING. UNITED KINGDOM TROOPS HAVE TAKEN THE MAAS ESTUARY TOWN OF WILLEMSTAD. THE GERMAN FIFTEENTH ARMY FALLING BACK IN WESTERN HOLLAND HAS BLOWN ALL OF THE BRIDGES OVER THE RIVERS MAAS, WAAL AND RHINE AND THE GERMANS ARE NOW FRANTICALLY DIGGING NEW DEFENSES. A CROSSING OF ANY OF THESE RIVERS AT THIS TIME OF THE YEAR WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT AND THERE IS LIKELY TO BE A STALEMATE ON THIS FRONT AFTER THE APPROACHES TO ANTWERP ARE ENTIRELY CLEARED. THERE ARE STILL A FEW GERMANS HOLDING OUT ON THE NORTHERN TIP OF WALCHEREN ISLAND. ACCORDING TO THE GERMANS ALLIED TROOPS HAVE LANDED ON ANOTHER BIG ISLAND NORTH OF WALCHEREN.

INSIDE GERMANY THE GERMANS ARE CONTINUING THEIR COUNTERATTACKS EAST OF AACHEN AND THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE CHANGE IN THE BITTER FIGHTING IN THE HUTGEN FOREST WHERE THE AMERICANS ARE AIMING AT THE CITY OF COLOGNE. THE AMERICAN THIRD ARMY TODAY GAINED UP TO A MILE AT SEVERAL PLACES BETWEEN NANCY AND METZ. THE AMERICAN SEVENTH ARMY IS STEADILY PUSHING AHEAD EAST OF BACCARAT IN EASTERN FRANCE. FRENCH FIRST ARMY TROOPS ARE THREATENING THREE OF THE MAIN PASSES IN THE VOSGES MOUNTAINS AND FRENCH SKI TROOPS ARE OUT AHEAD OF THE MAIN FORCES ON PATROL.

MORE THAN 350 AMERICAN HEAVY BOMBERS TODAY BOMBED THE LEUNA OIL PLANT IN GERMANY. THE BOMBERS WERE ESCORTED BY 800 FIGHTERS. RAF LANCASTERS TODAY ATTACKED A SYNTHETIC OIL PLANT AT HOMBERG IN GERMANY. BRITISH BOMBERS HAVE AGAIN HIT THE WALLS OF THE DORTMUND-EMS CANAL IN GERMANY CAUSING THE WATER TO DRAIN OFF THE CANAL.

TODAY IS THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE MUNICH PUTSCH AND ADOLPH HITLER USUALLY MAKES A SPEECH ON THIS ANNIVERSARY BUT THE GERMAN RADIO HAS NOT SAID ANYTHING ABOUT THE FUHRER MAKING A SPEECH TODAY. TWO YEARS AGO TODAY, AMERICAN TROOPS LANDED IN NORTH AFRICA.

RUSSIA:

THE STAGE IS BEING SET FOR THE WINTER CAMPAIGN ON THE EASTERN FRONT. ON MANY SECTORS OF THE EASTERN FRONT THE FIRST HEAVY SNOWFALL HAS OCCURRED. THE GERMANS SAY THAT MARSHALL MALINOVSKY IS DEVELOPING AN ENCIRCLING MOVEMENT ON BUDAPEST AND ADMIT THAT THE RUSSIANS ARE MASSING THEIR TANK FORCES IN THE SOUTHERN OUTSKIRTS OF THE HUNGARIAN CAPITAL. IT IS REPORTED THAT THE REDS HAVE OPENED A NEW DRIVE TO LIQUIDATE THE 30 GERMAN DIVISIONS TRAPPED IN WESTERN LATVIA. IN EAST PRUSSIA, BOTH THE RUSSIANS AND THE GERMANS ARE BUILDING UP THEIR FORCES FOR THE NEXT ROUND OF THE EAST PRUSSIAN FIGHT.

SOFIA RADIO SAID TODAY THAT BULGARIA HAD BROKEN OFF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH JAPAN.

ITALY:

THERE ARE SIGNS THAT THE WEATHER IS TURNING BAD IN ITALY AGAIN. THE GERMANS ARE GRIMLY HOLDING ON TO THE RUINS OF THE FORLI AIRFIELD. HEAVY BOMBERS FROM ITALY YESTERDAY ATTACKED THE VIENNA AREA FOR THE SIXTH DAY RUNNING.

PACIFIC:

OVER THE WEEKEND AMERICAN CARRIER PLANES DEALT ANOTHER SMASHING BLOW AT JAPANESE AIR POWER IN THE PHILIPPINES. THE U. S. NAVY PLANES DID HEAVY DAMAGE TO JAP INSTALLATIONS AT MANILA AND DESTROYED 440 JAP PLANES. AMERICAN TROOPS ARE WITHIN 15 MILES OF ORMOG, THE LAST JAPANESE STRONGPOINT ON LEYTE ISLAND. THE JAPS HAVE BROUGHT UP REINFORCEMENTS AND TANKS TO DEFEND ORMOG AND ARE DIGGING IN. AMERICAN BIG GUNS ARE SHELLING THE JAP POSITIONS BEFORE THE PORT.

UNITED STATES:

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT HAS BEEN REELECTED FOR A FOURTH TERM. THE FINAL RESULTS OF THE VOTING HAVE NOT COME IN YET BUT MR. ROOSEVELT WAS LEADING IN 35 STATES WITH AN ELECTORAL VOTE OF 412. MR. DEWEY WAS LEADING IN 13 STATES WITH AN ELECTORAL VOTE OF 119. THE PRESIDENT CARRIED THE IMPORTANT ELECTORAL STATES OF NEW YORK, PENNSYLVANIA, ILLINOIS, CALIFORNIA AND NEW JERSEY. MR. DEWEY WAS WELL AHEAD IN THE STATES OF OHIO, OREGON, MICHIGAN, INDIANA AND WISCONSIN. A FINAL VOTE OF 50,000,000 IS EXPECTED. THE DEMOCRATS WILL MAINTAIN OR INCREASE THEIR MAJORITY IN THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

