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#### BELGIUM:

THE AMERICAN FIRST ARMY HAS LAUNCHED A NEW ATTACK IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NORTHERN FLANK OF THE GERMAN SALIENT IN BELGIUM. THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE OFFICIAL NEWS OF THE PROGRESS OF THE ATTACK BUT IT IS KNOWN THAT THE YANKS HAVE GAINED SOME GROUND AGAINST TOUGH OPPOSITION. THE WEATHER HAS BEEN BAD AND ALLIED PLANES HAVE NOT BEEN UP IN BIG NUMBERS TO SUPPORT THE ATTACK. AN AMERICAN CORRESPONDENT SAYS THAT THE GERMANS ARE WEARING WHITE UNIFORMS AND HAVE PAINTED THE TOPS OF THEIR TANKS WHITE TO BLEND WITH THE SNOW COVERING THE BATTLEFRONT. AT THE FAR WESTERN TIP OF THE GERMAN SALIENT THE NAZIS HAVE BEEN BEATEN BACK ANOTHER MILE AND A HALF. THE AMERICAN THIRD ARMY HAS CONTINUED ITS ATTACK AGAINST THE SOUTHERN FLANK OF RUNDSTEDT'S SALIENT AND AMERICAN FORCES WERE LAST REPORTED ABOUT SIX MILES FROM THE IMPORTANT CENTER OF HOUFFALIZE. RUNDSTEDT HAS CONCENTRATED AN ESTIMATED 5 INFANTRY AND 5 ARMORED DIVISIONS AROUND THE BASTOGNE BULGE. THE GERMANS ARE COUNTER-ATTACKING HEAVILY ON THIS SECTOR. ONE GERMAN COLUMN SPEARHEADED BY TANKS WAS LET THROUGH THE AMERICAN LINES BY AIRBORNE TROOPS. AS SOON AS THE TANKS WENT THROUGH THE AIRBORNE FIGHTERS CLOSED OFF THE GERMAN INFANTRY ATTEMPTING TO FOLLOW THE TANKS. MEANWHILE THE TANKS WERE BEING HUNTED DOWN.

AMERICAN SEVENTH ARMY TROOPS INSIDE GERMANY ON A 20 MILE FRONT HAVE BEEN WITHDRAWN. THE GERMANS HAVE MADE A PENETRATION OF 7 MILES BETWEEN SAARGUEMINES AND BITCHE. FRENCH FIRST ARMY FORCES HAVE BEATEN BACK GERMAN ATTACKS AIMED AT MULHOUSE.

THERE HAVE BEEN NO REPORTS OF ALLIED PLANES BEING OVER GERMANY TODAY BUT THE GREAT AERIAL OFFENSIVE WAS CARRIED ON YESTERDAY AND LAST NIGHT. IN DAYLIGHT YESTERDAY MORE THAN 1100 YANK HEAVIES PLASTERED GERMAN COMMUNICATIONS AT MORE THAN A DOZEN PLACES. A STRONG FORCE OF RAF LANCASTERS ESCORTED BY MOSQUITOS BOMBED TWO BENZOL PLANTS NEAR DORTMUND YESTERDAY. THE TOWNS OF HOUFFALIZE AND ST VITHE IN THE GERMAN SALIENT WERE BOMBED YESTERDAY. HOUFFALIZE WAS HIT AGAIN LAST NIGHT. RAF MOSQUITOS OUT LAST NIGHT WENT FOR TARGETS IN WESTERN GERMANY.

BRITISH OFFICERS OF THE 21ST ARMY GROUP HAVE MADE UP A REPORT OF GERMAN ATROCITIES IN BELGIUM. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT 1000 PEOPLE WERE SHOT IN BRUSSELS AND 500 DIED IN THE BREENDONCK CONCENTRATION CAMP.

#### RUSSIA:

THE GERMANS HAVE LAUNCHED A STRONG ATTACK IN WESTERN HUNGARY IN AN EFFORT TO BREAK THROUGH TO THE TRAPPED DEFENDERS OF BUDAPEST. THEY HAVE SUCCEEDED IN TAKING SOME GROUND BUT AT A TERRIBLE COST. MASSED RUSSIAN GUNS BEAT BACK 9 SUCCESSIVE ONSLAUGHTS YESTERDAY. IN BUDAPEST ITSELF, THE GERMANS POSITION IS GETTING WORSE BY THE HOUR AS THE RUSSIANS STEADILY REDUCE THE SIZE OF THE GARRISON.

#### ITALY:

CANADIAN TROOPS OF THE EIGHTH ARMY HAVE CONTINUED TO GAIN GROUND NORTHWEST OF RAVENNA. BRITISH TANKS ARE NOW ABLE TO OPERATE ACROSS THE SNOW COVERED GROUND OF ITALY.

#### GREECE:

GENERAL PLASTIRAS HAS FORMED A NEW GREEK GOVERNMENT AND HAS RENEWED THE ASSURANCE THAT ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD AS SOON AS ORDER IS RESTORED.

#### PACIFIC:

AMERICAN FORCES HAVE MADE TWO NEW LANDINGS ON MINDORO ISLAND WITHOUT OPPOSITION. AMERICAN CARRIER PLANES YESTERDAY ATTACKED FORMOSA ISLAND AND ACCORDING TO TOKIO RADIO, THE AMERICAN PLANES ARE BACK IN GREAT NUMBERS ATTACKING THE ISLAND FOR THE SECOND DAY RUNNING. AMERICAN PLANES OPERATING OFF LUZON ISLAND HAVE SUNK OR DAMAGED ANOTHER 25 JAP SHIPS.

BRITISH 14TH ARMY TROOPS ARE MEETING INCREASED JAP RESISTANCE IN THE BURMA TOWN OF YEU.

#### TURKEY:

TURKEY HAS BROKEN OFF RELATIONS WITH JAPAN.

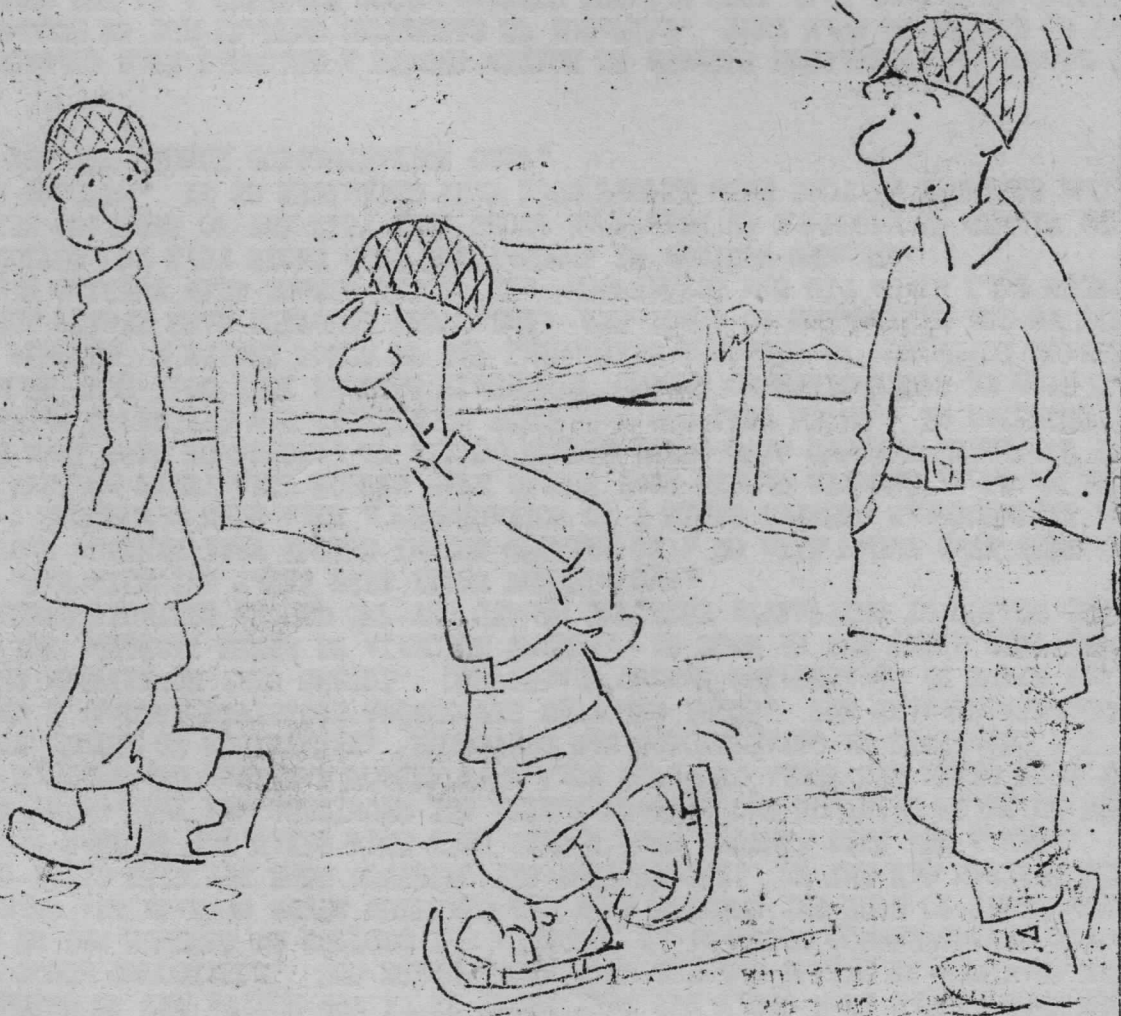
#### UNITED STATES:

THE U. S. IS TO CALL UP 364,000 AGRICULTURAL WORKERS.



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