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RUSSIA:

THE MASSIVE SOVIET WINTER OFFENSIVE IS A WEEK OLD TODAY AND MARSHALL STALIN HAS ANNOUNCED THAT A FOURTH RUSSIAN ARMY HAS JOINED IN THE GREAT WESTWARD SWEEP TOWARDS GERMANY. A WEEK AGO TODAY MARSHALL KONEV'S ARMY IN SOUTHERN POLAND JUMPED OFF FROM ITS BRIDGEHEAD ACROSS THE VISTULA RIVER IN SOUTHERN POLAND. ON SUNDAY THE ARMIES OF MARSHALL ZHUKOV AND MARSHALL ROKOSSOVOSKY JOINED THE GREAT OFFENSIVE AND ON MONDAY GENERAL IVAN PETROFF'S FOURTH UKRAINIAN ARMY LAUNCHED ITS OFFENSIVE. THIS NEW RUSSIAN OFFENSIVE LAUNCHED IN THE CARPATHIAN FOOTHILLS IN SOUTHERN POLAND HAS GONE FORWARD 50 MILES ON A 40 MILE FRONT.

THE FIRST UKRAINIAN ARMY UNDER ITS ABLE MARSHALL KONEV HAS AGAIN RACED FORWARD TOWARDS GERMAN SILESIA. KONEV'S MEN MADE BIG GAINS AGAIN YESTERDAY IN A NORTHWEST DIRECTION WHERE THE REDS CAPTURED THE BIG TOWN OF PIOTRKOW. AT THE TIP OF HIS GREAT SALIENT KONEV'S SPEARHEADS HAVE NOT BEEN OFFICIALLY REPORTED BEYOND THE CITY OF CZESTOCHOWA BUT UNCONFIRMED REPORTS SAY THAT FIGHTING IS GOING ON AT THE BORDERS OF GERMAN SILESIA. THE GERMANS CLAIM THAT THEY HAVE CALLED OUT THE SILESIA HOME GUARD. ON MARSHALL KONEV'S LEFT WING RUSSIAN FORCES ARE OFFICIALLY REPORTED TO BE ENGAGED IN FIGHTING IN THE OUTSKIRTS OF CRAGOW. THE GERMANS REALIZING CRAGOW'S IMPORTANCE TO THEIR DEFENSE PLANS FOR SOUTHERN POLAND AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA, HAVE BROUGHT UP RESERVES TO FIGHT FOR THE CITY. KONEV'S RIGHT WING WAS REPORTED LESS THAN 20 MILES FROM LODZ, THE SECOND CITY OF POLAND AND POLAND'S LARGEST INDUSTRIAL CITY. IT WAS REPORTED EARLY THIS EVENING THAT BITTER STREET FIGHTING WAS NOW GOING ON IN LODZ. AT ONE POINT KONEV'S MEN WERE ONLY 100 MILES FROM THE BIG GERMAN CITY OF BRESLAU.

THE SECOND WHITE RUSSIAN ARMY UNDER MARSHALL ZHUKOV HAS MAINTAINED ITS RAPID ADVANCE THROUGH CENTRAL POLAND. ZHUKOV'S VANGUARDS WERE REPORTED CLOSING IN ON LODZ FROM THE EAST AND NORTHEAST. WEST OF WARSAW, ZHUKOV'S FORCES WERE LAST REPORTED CUTTING A WIDE SWATH THROUGH GERMAN POSITIONS ON THE MAIN ROAD AND RAIL LINE TO BERLIN. ZHUKOV'S SPEARHEADS WERE SAID TO BE 60 MILES DUE WEST OF WARSAW AND GOING HARD.

IN NORTHERN POLAND, MARSHALL ROKOSSOVOSKY'S MEN ARE MEETING TOUGH GERMAN RESISTANCE BUT THEY HAVE GAINED STEADILY. AT ONE POINT THE "ROCK'S" MEN ARE WITHIN SIGHT OF THE SOUTHERN BORDER OF EAST PRUSSIA. THE GERMANS ATTEMPTED TO MAKE A STAND AT THE FORTRESS TOWN OF MOLLIN BUT THE RUSSIANS BURST THROUGH THEM AND WERE LAST REPORTED FAR BEYOND THIS TOWN. ONE PRONG OF ROKOSSOVOSKY'S ATTACK IS HEADING DOWN THE WARSAW-DANZIG RAILROAD.

RUSSIAN BOMBERS HAVE BEEN PLAYING A BIG ROLE IN THE RUSSIAN OFFENSIVE. RED AIR FORCE HEAVIES HAVE POUNDED LODZ AND THE GERMAN CITY OF BRESLAU. MEMBERS OF THE POLISH COMMITTEE FROM LUBLIN ARRIVED IN WARSAW YESTERDAY.

MARSHALL RODION Y. MALINOVSKY'S TROOPS FIGHTING IN BUDAPEST HAVE ALL BUT CLEARED THE GERMANS FROM THE WHOLE OF THE CITY. IN YESTERDAY'S FIGHTING THE RUSSIANS TOOK 20,000 PRISONERS AND CLEARED THE WHOLE EASTERN HALF OF THE CITY. THERE ARE STILL SOME GERMANS LEFT IN THE WESTERN PART OF THE CITY. THE RUSSIANS HAVE ALREADY TAKEN 60,000 PRISONERS IN THE HUNGARIAN CAPITAL.

PACIFIC:

AMERICAN SUPER FORTS FROM THE MARIANAS TODAY BOMBED CENTRAL JAPAN. AMERICAN FORCES ON LUZON WERE LAST REPORTED 37 MILES INLAND. THE YANKS ARE CONVERGING ON THE TOWN OF TARLAC. IN CENTRAL BURMA, THE BRITISH 36TH DIVISION HAS ADVANCED 50 MILES TOWARDS MANDALAY.

BELGIUM:

BRITISH SECOND ARMY TROOPS ARE PUSHING NORTHWARDS FROM SITTARD TO ROERMOND ALONG THE EASTERN BANK OF THE MAAS RIVER IN HOLLAND. NORTHEAST OF SITTARD THE BRITISH HAVE DRIVEN FOUR MILES TO TAKE A SMALL TOWN. AMERICAN HEAVY ARTILLERY IS SUPPORTING THE BRITISH ADVANCE.

IN THE ARDENNES AMERICAN FIRST ARMY FORCES ARE ENGAGED IN BITTER FIGHTING IN A SNOWSTORM 7 MILES NORTH OF ST VITH. THIRD ARMY FORCES HAVE MADE SOME GAINS ALONG THE LATERAL ROAD BETWEEN HOUFFALIZE AND ST VITH. IN LUXEMBOURG, YANKS OF THE THIRD ARMY HAVE CROSSED THE SAUER RIVER AND STREET FIGHTING IS GOING ON IN THE TOWN OF DIEKIRCH. IN ALSACE, AMERICAN SEVENTH ARMY TROOPS ARE LOCKED IN SEE SAW FIGHTING IN THE GERMAN BRIDGEHEAD NORTH OF STRASBOURG. GERMAN PRESSURE NORTH OF THE HAGUE-NAU FOREST HAS EASED OFF.

RAF BOMBERS ATTACKED TARGETS IN WESTERN GERMANY LAST NIGHT WITHOUT LOSS. YANK HEAVIES YESTERDAY BOMBED THE RAIL YARDS AT KAISERSLAUTERN.

ITALY:

ACTIVITY IN ITALY HAS AGAIN BEEN CONFINED TO PATROLLING. ALLIED HEAVY BOMBERS FROM ITALY HAVE BEEN REPORTED OVER AUSTRIA TODAY.

FOUND:

ONE CALIBRE .45 PISTOL WITH HOLSTER AND PISTOL BELT IN OFFICER'S LATRINE. OWNER MAY PICK UP SAME BY CALLING AT 83RD DIV. HEADQUARTERS COMMANDANT'S OFFICE.



HE WANTS TO SEND IN A SHELL REP - WHY DIDN'T WE TINK O'DAT !