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THE ADVANCE OF FIVE GREAT RUSSIAN ARMIES ACROSS POLAND AND EAST PRUSSIA SEEMS TO BE ACCELERATING INSTEAD OF SLOWING DOWN. MARSHALL STALIN YESTERDAY GAVE FIVE ORDERS OF THE DAY AND 30,000 ROUNDS WERE FIRED IN MOSCOW'S "VICTORY CANNON." MOSCOW HAS ANNOUNCED THE OPENING OF A NEW RUSSIAN OFFENSIVE IN EAST PRUSSIA. THE RUSSIANS ARE REPORTED TO BE FIGHTING ON GERMAN TERRITORY IN THREE PLACES: ON A WIDE FRONT IN EASTERN EAST PRUSSIA, IN SOUTHERN EAST PRUSSIA AND IN GERMAN SILESIA.

MOSCOW ANNOUNCED LAST NIGHT THAT GENERAL IVAN D. CHERNYAKHOVSKY'S THIRD WHITE RUSSIAN ARMY HAD JOINED IN THE GREAT RUSSIAN WINTER OFFENSIVE ON MONDAY. CHERNYAKHOVSKY'S WARRIORS HAVE BROKEN THROUGH THE GERMAN DEFENSES IN EAST PRUSSIA BETWEEN THE TOWNS OF TILSIT AND GUMBINNEN FOLLOWING AN "IMMENSELY HEAVY" ARTILLERY BOMBARDMENT. SINCE MONDAY THE REDS ON THIS FRONT HAD DESTROYED 300 TANKS AND 600 GUNS. MOSCOW REPORTED THIS EVENING THAT THE FORTRESS CITY OF TILSIT WAS ALMOST ENCIRCLED AND THAT ITS DEFENSES WERE CRUMBLING UNDER RUSSIAN FIRE AND ALSO SAID THAT STREET FIGHTING WAS GOING ON IN GUMBINNEN. ONE RED SPEARHEAD WAS REPORTED WITHIN 15 MILES OF INSTERBURG. BY NOW THE RUSSIANS HOLD DOUBLE THE SIZE OF THE GROUND THAT THEY FORMERLY HELD IN EAST PRUSSIA. FURTHER SOUTH THE FIRST WHITE RUSSIAN ARMY UNDER MARSHALL HOKOSSOVOSKY IS REPORTED TO HAVE CROSSED THE SOUTHERN BORDER OF EAST PRUSSIA ON THE WAY TO ALLENSTEIN. THE GERMANS COUNTERATTACKED ON THIS FRONT WITH 300 TANKS AND SELF-PROPELLED GUNS ON A SIX MILE FRONT YESTERDAY BUT THEY WERE CRUSHED AND FELL BACK IN RETREAT. THE GERMANS HAVE CALLED UP THE "PEOPLES' ARMY". FIRST WHITE RUSSIAN ARMY FORCES ALSO MADE BIG GAINS IN THEIR DRIVE DOWN THE WARSAW-DANZIG RAILWAY. BOTH THE RED AIR FORCE AND THE LUFTWAFFE ARE OUT IN GREAT NUMBERS OVER THE EAST PRUSSIAN FRONT AND BIG AERIAL BATTLES ARE GOING ON.

MARSHALL ZHUKOV'S SECOND WHITE RUSSIAN ARMY WAS LAST REPORTED MORE THAN 80 MILES WEST OF WARSAW MOPPING UP WIDE TRACTS OF LAND BETWEEN CAPTURED LODZ AND THE VISTULA BEND WEST OF WARSAW. ZHUKOV'S FORCES SPEARHEADED BY TANKS, CAVALRY, INFANTRYMEN AND ARTILLERY ARE CHASING THE GERMANS SO FAST THAT THE NAZIS DO NOT HAVE TIME TO RETREAT IN GOOD ORDER.

IN SOUTHERN POLAND MARSHALL KONEV'S FIRST UKRAINIAN ARMY TROOPS HAVE SWEEPED 120 MILES WESTWARD SINCE THEY STARTED THEIR OFFENSIVE. SPEARHEADS OF KONEV'S ARMY ARE REPORTED BY THE GERMANS TO HAVE REACHED THE POLISH TOWN OF KEPNO, ABOUT 40 MILES FROM THE GREAT GERMAN CITY OF BRESLAU. THERE ARE UNCONFIRMED REPORTS THAT KONEV'S MEN HAVE CROSSED OVER INTO GERMAN SILESIA NEAR THE TOWN OF WIELUN. THE LEFT WING OF KONEV'S ARMY HAS CAPTURED THE BIG CITY OF CRACOW AFTER THE GERMANS HAD BROUGHT UP 4 INFANTRY DIVISIONS TO DEFEND THE CITY.

A GERMAN COMMENTATOR SAID LAST NIGHT THAT "THE MOST TREMENDOUS AND MOST CONCENTRATED ASSAULT OF THE WAR IS NOW SURGING AGAINST THE REICH." THE GERMAN RADIO SAYS THAT THE GERMANS NOW HAVE THE RESERVES TO CHECK THE RED ADVANCE AND CLAIM THAT THE "GREAT BATTLES OF THE NEXT FEW DAYS WILL DECIDE HOW FAR THE RUSSIANS WILL GO IN THEIR WINTER OFFENSIVE."

PACIFIC:

AMERICAN SIXTH ARMY FORCES ON LUZON HAVE GAINED SIX MILES IN THE CENTER OF THEIR LINE AND ARE 12 MILES FROM THE ROAD CENTER OF TARLAC. TWO JAP COUNTERATTACKS A FEW MILES FROM THE EAST COAST OF LINGAYEN GULF WERE REPULSED.

IN CENTRAL BURMA, BRITISH 14TH ARMY TROOPS ARE MEETING FIERCE RESISTANCE NEAR MANDALAY. MORE THAN 150 YANK AND BRITISH BOMBERS YESTERDAY HIT 6 JAP AIRFIELDS ABOUT 70 MILES SOUTH OF MANDALAY.

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BELGIUM:

IN THE ARDENNES AMERICAN FIRST ARMY FORCES ARE FIGHTING WITHIN 4 MILES OF ST VITH. ON THE SOUTHERN FLANK OF THE SALIENT, THIRD ARMY TROOPS HAVE TAKEN THE TOWN OF DIEKIRCH AND HAVE PUSHED BEYOND IT. ALLIED CASUALTIES IN THE ARDENNES SALIENT HAVE BEEN JUST OVER 55,000, INCLUDING PRISONERS. THE GERMANS LOST 120,000.

BRITISH SECOND ARMY TROOPS IN THEIR DRIVE INTO SOUTHEASTERN HOLLAND HAVE TAKEN ANOTHER 6 TOWNS AND VILLAGES. THE BRITISH SPEARHEADED BY WHITE TANKS HAVE PUSHED 2 MILES IN 24 HOURS.

THE GERMANS HAVE STRENGTHENED THEIR BRIDGEHEAD ACROSS THE RHINE NORTH OF STRASBOURG AND HAVE BROUGHT TANKS ACROSS THE RIVER. ATTACKING FROM THE BRIDGEHEAD THE NAZIS HAVE GAINED UP TO SEVERAL MILES AT ONE POINT. AMERICAN SEVENTH ARMY TROOPS HAVE SMASHED MORE GERMAN ATTEMPTS TO BREAK THROUGH IN THE HATTEN AREA IN NORTHERN ALSACE.

MORE THAN 750 AMERICAN HEAVY BOMBERS ESCORTED BY 550 FIGHTERS TODAY HAMMERED TRANSPORT TARGETS IN WESTERN AND SOUTHERN GERMANY.

ITALY:

THE WEATHER HAS BEEN BAD AGAIN IN ITALY AND ACTIVITY HAS BEEN CONFINED TO PATROLLING. HEAVY BOMBERS FROM ITALY YESTERDAY ATTACKED COMMUNICATION TARGETS IN YUGOSLAVIA. THE GERMANS REPORTED ALLIED BOMBERS OVER AUSTRIA TODAY.

