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RUSSIA:

IN WESTERN POLAND THE RUSSIANS HAVE ENCIRCLED THE BASTIONS OF POZNAN AND TORUN, ON THE RIVER VISTULA. MOSCOW ADMITS THAT THE RUSSIANS HAVE DRIVEN PAST BOTH OF THESE CITIES TO THE WEST BUT DOES NOT SAY WHERE THE RUSSIAN SPEARHEADS HAVE REACHED. THE GERMANS SAY THAT FIGHTING IS GOING ON IN A TOWN ON THE BORDER OF BRANDENBURG, 100 MILES EAST OF BERLIN. IN UPPER GERMAN SILESIA THE RUSSIANS HAVE TAKEN A TOWN ON THE ODER 15 MILES NORTHWEST OF BRESLAU. MONSTER RUSSIAN FIELD GUNS ARE HEAVILY SHELLING BRESLAU ITSELF. IN POLISH SILESIA, MARSHALL KONEV'S TROOPS ARE THREATENING THE BIG TOWN OF KATOWICE. THE GERMANS SAID TODAY THAT STRONG RUSSIAN FORCES HAD BROKEN INTO THE CITY.

IN EAST PRUSSIA THE REDS HAVE BROKEN THE POWERFUL GERMAN DEFENSES OF THE MASURIAN LAKES REGION AND ARE ADVANCING UP THE MAIN ROAD THAT RUNS INTO KOENIGSBERG FROM THE SOUTH. THESE DEFENSES WERE STAGGERED AND BELIEVED BY THE GERMANS TO BE IMPREGNABLE. GENERAL CHERNYAKHOVSKY'S WHITE RUSSIAN TROOPS COMING IN ON THE EAST PRUSSIAN CAPITOL FROM THE EAST ARE REPORTED TO BE FIGHTING IN THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE CITY. THE NAZIS ARE SAID TO BE BLOWING UP PARTS OF THE CITY. THE GERMANS LEFT IN EAST PRUSSIA ARE CUT OFF FROM THE REICH AND THEY HAVE BEEN FURIOUSLY ATTACKING TO THE WEST IN ATTEMPTS TO CRACK THE SOVIET RING BUT MARSHALL ROKOSSOVOSKY'S TROOPS HAVE THROWN THEM BACK EACH TIME THEY ATTACKED. ROKOSSOVOSKY'S WHITE RUSSIAN FORCES HAVE ALSO DRIVEN CLOSER TO THE GREAT PORT OF DANZIG.

GENERAL PETROFF'S FOURTH UKRAINIAN ARMY HAS ADVANCED ON EITHER FLANK IN THE CARPATHIANS IN SOUTHERN POLAND AND NORTHERN CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND IN THE PAST WEEK HAS ADVANCED OVER 165 MILES IN VERY RUGGED COUNTRY.

BELGIUM:

THERE IS NO GERMAN FORCE OF ANY STRENGTH NOW LEFT WEST OF THE ROER RIVER. BRITISH SECOND ARMY FORCES HAVE TAKEN A TOWN A FEW MILES BELOW ROERMOND. IN THE ARDENNES COUNTRY BOTH THE AMERICAN FIRST AND THIRD ARMIES HAVE PUSHED AHEAD IN DEEP SNOW. THE AMERICANS ARE NOW AT APPROXIMATELY THE SAME PLACES THEY WERE WHEN HUNDSTEDT BEGAN HIS COUNTEROFFENSIVE. THE FIGHTING ON THE SEVENTH ARMY FRONT IN NORTHERN ALSACE HAS BEEN CONFINED TO PATROLLING AND LIGHT ARTILLERY DUELS. IN SOUTHERN ALSACE, FRENCH AND AMERICAN TROOPS HAVE MADE GAINS UP TO 8 MILES.

THE GERMAN RADIO REPORTED ALLIED BOMBERS OVER WESTERN GERMANY TODAY. THE MARSHALLING YARDS IN THE RHINELAND ARE STILL JAMMED WITH MILITARY TRAFFIC HEADING EAST. LAST NIGHT RAF BOMBERS ATTACKED BERLIN WITHOUT LOSS. BRITISH MOSQUITOS LAST NIGHT WENT FOR ROAD AND RAIL TARGETS IN THE RHINELAND. ALLIED FIGHTER BOMBERS YESTERDAY AGAIN ATTACKED MILITARY TRAFFIC MOVING OUT OF THE ARDENNES AND ALSO BOMBED GERMAN TRANSPORT AND RAIL TARGETS IN GERMANY.

PACIFIC:

AMERICAN TROOPS ON LUZON HAVE TAKEN ANGELES ABOUT 40 MILES FROM MANILA. AMERICAN PLANES HAVE HEAVILY BOMBED CORREGIDOR AND GUN POSITIONS ON BATAAN. IN AERIAL COMBAT OVER TOKIO YESTERDAY AMERICAN SUPER FORTS DESTROYED OR DAMAGED 75 JAP PLANES. YANK LOSSES WERE 5 BOMBERS.

ADMIRAL NIMITZ HAS MOVED HIS HEADQUARTERS FROM PEARL HARBOR TO A POINT FURTHER WEST.

IN CENTRAL BURMA BRITISH 14TH ARMY TROOPS HAVE TAKEN A TOWN ABOUT 15 MILES WEST OF MANDALAY.