RUSSIA:

With Marshall Zhukov's spearheads reported by the Germans at the Oder River, the Germans are reported to be mining the eastern part of Berlin. Russian correspondents say that the German capital already can hear the thunder of Russian artillery.

Marshall Gregory Zhukov's First White Russian Army, reported by Moscow last night as having reached Landsberg, is reported by Berlin today to have reached the Oder river at several points near Frankfurt and at another place about 20 miles downstream from Frankfurt. The Germans also claim that Zhukov's vanguard has reached the eastern outskirts of Kustrin, 45 miles from Berlin. Russian correspondents do admit that Zhukov's tanks have driven on to the nest of Landsberg on a 40 mile front towards the upper Oder. Zhukov's right flank has kept up its drive towards the Baltic port of Stettin and here the Russians have cut the Berlin-Danzig rail line. In Berlin itself, the railway stations are reported to be jammed with troops moving up to the front and with civilians who are evaluating the German capital. Correspondents report that the German populace was not satisfied with Hitler's speech two nights ago. The German people expected to hear reports of German military strength halting the great Russian drive but they were disappointed.

Marshall Ivan Konev's First Ukrainian Army fighting in German Silesia on a broad front is spreading out along the upper Oder. The Germans say that Konev's troops are fighting on either side of Breslau and keep speaking of Russian bridgeheads over the Oder on both sides of Breslau. The Nazis also say that Konev's men have driven 10 miles beyond the Oder to the northwest of Breslau where the Russians are reported to have cut the main road to Berlin.

In East Prussia there is fierce fighting going on in Königsberg. In the fighting in Budapest, the Russians have taken more city blocks and captured another 800 prisoners in the western part of the city.

BELGIUM:

American First Army Infantry and tanks have taken 4 more villages to the northeast of Monschau. The Americans so far have been meeting "sporadic resistance." American Third Army forces have further enlarged their bridgehead across the Our River. To the south of St. Vith, General Patton's troops have made a new crossing of the German frontier. In northern Alsace, troops of the American Seventh Army have taken the town of Gambsheim, the Germans' original bridgehead across the Rhine north of Straßburg, and have removed this threat to the French city. In southern Alsace, Allied troops are massing equipment on the bridgehead across the Colmar Canal. In the past two days' fighting in the Colmar area, Allied forces have killed 5000 Germans and captured 2500.

American Eighth Air Force bombers were over Germany today. Last night, RAF Mosquitoes bombed targets in the Ruhr without loss.

ITALY:

Allied planes from Italy flew some 2000 sorties yesterday including attacks by over 500 heavies on oil and rail targets in Austria. The German radio today reported Allied bombings over Austria.

PACIFIC:

American troops who made a new landing near Batan on Luzon Island have taken an island in Sulu Bay and have captured the Jaf Naval Base at Olong-Po. The Yanks are now selling off Batan Peninsula. Sixth Army troops are about 25 miles from Manila. American heavy bombers have hit Panay Island and Super Forts from India bombed targets in the Singapore area today.