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ENGLAND:

IT WAS REPORTED IN LONDON TODAY THAT MR. CHURCHILL, PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT AND MARSHALL STALIN ARE IN CONFERENCE. THE GERMAN RADIO ALSO REPORTED THAT ANOTHER "BIG THREE" MEETING WAS BEING HELD. THE WHEREABOUTS OF THE CONFERENCE IS NOT KNOWN BUT IT IS RUMORED TO BE IN RUMANIA.

RUSSIA:

THE GERMAN RADIO SAID TODAY THAT GERMAN FORCES HAD PULLED OUT OF THE CITY OF STEINAU ON THE WESTERN BANK OF THE RIVER ODER NORTHEAST OF BRESLAU. THE GERMANS SAY THAT THEY HAD BEEN FORCED TO WITHDRAW AFTER 5 DAYS OF FIERCE SOVIET TANK AND INFANTRY ASSAULTS. THE GERMANS ALSO CLAIMED THAT MARSHALL KONEV HAD ENLARGED HIS BRIDGEHEAD TO THE SOUTH OF BRESLAU AND SAID FIERCE FIGHTING WAS GOING ON HERE. BERLIN RADIO REPORTED THAT IN WESTERN POLAND RUSSIAN FORCES HAD BROKEN INTO THE ENCLOSED CITY OF POZNAN AND HOUSE FIGHTING WAS GOING ON IN THE INNER CITY. MOSCOW CONFIRMED NONE OF THESE GERMAN REPORTS BUT DID SAY THAT MARSHALL ZHUKOV'S COLUMNS HAD REACHED THE ODER EAST OF BERLIN ON A BROAD FRONT NEAR KUSTRIN. THE SOVIET SPEARHEADS REACHED THE RIVER BETWEEN KUSTRIN AND FRANKFURT AND CUT GERMAN COMMUNICATIONS ON THE EAST BANK OF THE RIVER. THE GERMANS HAVE BEEN THROWING IN MORE AND MORE RESERVES ON THIS FRONT. IN YESTERDAY'S FIGHTING ZHUKOV'S MEN KILLED ANOTHER 5000 NAZIS. RUSSIAN CORRESPONDENTS SAY THAT THE PERIOD OF DAZZLING RUSSIAN ADVANCES MAY BE OVER FOR A WHILE FOR BOTH MARSHALL ZHUKOV AND MARSHALL KONEV ARE BRINGING UP MORE TANKS, INFANTRY, GUNS AND SUPPLIES FOR A PUSH INTO CENTRAL GERMANY.

BELGIUM:

AMERICAN FIRST ARMY TROOPS ARE FIGHTING SLOWLY THROUGH THE SIEGFRIED DEFENSES EAST OF MONSCHAU IN THE DIRECTION OF THE RHINE CITIES OF COBLENZ AND BONN. FIRST ARMY YANKS HAVE NOW RUN INTO STIFFER DEFENSES AS THEY FIGHT FOR THE CONTROL OF THE DAMS ALONG THE ROER RIVER. THE AMERICANS HAVE REACHED THE ROER RIVER AND HAVE TAKEN TWO BIG DAMS. THEY ARE NOW THREATENING TO OUTFLANK THE BIG TOWN OF SCHLEIDEN. AMERICAN THIRD ARMY FORCES HAVE TAKEN A PLACE NORTH OF THE STRONGHOLD OF PRUM IN THE SIEGFRIED LINE. IN SOUTHERN ALSACE, AN AMERICAN TANK DIVISION HAS DASHED 9 MILES SOUTH OF THE CITY OF COLMAR TO LINK UP WITH TROOPS OF THE FIRST FRENCH ARMY AND CUT OFF SOME 10,000 GERMANS. THE GERMANS ARE STILL FLEEING ACROSS THE RHINE BRIDGES BUT THE AMERICANS HAVE CUT THE ROAD LEADING TO THE BRIDGES. THE YANKS ARE MEETING STIFF RESISTANCE IN THE BREISACH AREA. THE GERMAN RADIO SAID THAT THE ALLIES WILL SOON LAUNCH A BIG SCALE OFFENSIVE BETWEEN DUREN AND JULICH IN GERMANY AND IN THE NIJMEGEN AREA OF HOLLAND. THE GERMANS SAY THAT THE ALLIES HAVE BEEN MASSING IN THESE SECTORS.

MORE THAN 1300 AMERICAN HEAVY BOMBERS ESCORTED BY 850 FIGHTERS TODAY HAMMERED GERMAN INDUSTRIAL AND TRANSPORT TARGETS IN CENTRAL GERMANY. THE CITIES OF MAGDEBURG AND LEIPSIG WERE HEAVILY HIT. RAF MOSQUITOS LAST NIGHT FLEW TO BERLIN AGAIN AND POUNDED THE GERMAN CAPITOL WITH 4000 POUND BOMBS. OTHER MOSQUITOS HIT TARGETS IN WESTERN AND CENTRAL GERMANY DURING THE NIGHT.

IT HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED THAT THE GERMANS SUFFERED 220,000 CASUALTIES ON THE WESTERN FRONT SINCE DECEMBER 16TH. AT LEAST HALF OF THIS NUMBER WERE PRISONERS. THIS GREAT LOSS HAS SEVERELY CUT INTO THE GERMAN "STRATEGIC RESERVE" BEING EMPLOYED AS REINFORCEMENTS FOR THE EASTERN FRONT. SINCE D-DAY THE GERMANS HAVE SUFFERED 1,260,000 CASUALTIES ON THE WESTERN FRONT.

ITALY:

THE WEATHER HAS BEEN IMPROVING IN ITALY. ALLIED PLANES YESTERDAY FLEW MORE THAN 1700 SORTIES. THEY POUNDED OIL TARGETS AT REGENSERG IN SOUTHERN GERMANY, RAIL TARGETS IN AUSTRIA AND COMMUNICATIONS IN NORTHERN ITALY.

PACIFIC:

AMERICAN TROOPS IN MANILA HAVE CUT THE JAP TROOPS THERE INTO TWO MAIN POCKETS. IT IS KNOWN THAT THE AMERICAN FIRST CAVALRY DIVISION, THE 37TH INFANTRY AND THE 11TH AIRBORNE DIVISION ARE FIGHTING IN THE PHILIPPINE CAPITOL. THE JAPS ARE BURNING THEIR MUNITIONS AND FUEL SUPPLIES AND BIG FIRES ARE BURNING IN THE CITY. OTHER AMERICAN FORCES HAVE COMPLETELY SEALED OFF BATAN PENINSULA. GENERAL MACARTHUR HAS ADOPTED THE MOTTO, "ON TO TOKIO." AMERICAN BOMBERS HAVE AGAIN ATTACKED THE NAVAL BASE OF CAVITE AND THE ISLAND FORTRESS OF CORREGIDOR.

ON JANUARY 25TH AND 29TH, VERY POWERFUL FORCES OF BRITISH CARRIER PLANES BOMBED JAPANESE OIL PLANTS ON THE ISLAND OF SUMATRA. IN CENTRAL BURMA, BITTER FIGHTING IS GOING ON AT THE APPROACHES TO MANDALAY. IN WESTERN BURMA IN THE PROVINCE OF ARAKYAN, THE JAPS ARE DESPERATELY TRYING TO REOPEN THE NORTH TO SOUTH ROAD CUT BY THE BRITISH. THIS ROAD IS THE LAST ESCAPE ROAD FOR THE JAPS IN ARAKYAN.

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