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RUSSIA:

MARSHALL IVAN KONEV'S FORCES SWEEPING FORWARD ON A 40 MILE FRONT IN THE GERMAN PROVINCE OF SAXONY ARE REPORTED TO HAVE DRIVEN THROUGH FOREST COUNTRY BEYOND THE RIVER BOBER AND TO HAVE REACHED THE BANKS OF ANOTHER RIVER WELL UNDER 70 MILES FROM DRESDEN, THE CAPITOL OF SAXONY. THE GERMANS SAY THAT KONEV'S MEN ARE STARTING TO BRIDGE THIS RIVER. KONEV'S TANKS ADVANCING DOWN THE MAIN Breslau-BERLIN RAIL LINE ARE REPORTED BY THE GERMANS TO BE FIGHTING IN THE TOWN OF SORAU, LESS THAN 90 MILES SOUTHEAST OF THE GERMAN CAPITOL. THERE ARE REPORTS THAT THE CITIES OF Breslau AND GLOGAU ARE BOTH ENCIROLED BY KONEV'S MEN AND THAT THERE IS FIERCE FIGHTING RAGING AROUND THEM. KONEV'S TROOPS HAVE CAPTURED 345 GERMAN PLANES ON AIRFIELDS THAT THEY HAVE OVERRUN.

MOSCOW HAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE RUSSIANS TOOK BUDAPEST BY STORM YESTERDAY. THE REDS FOUND A MESSAGE FROM HITLER IN THE CITY SAYING THAT HE WOULD DIRECT OPERATIONS IN THE HUNGARIAN CAPITOL. THE RUSSIANS KILLED 49,000 GERMANS AND TOOK 110,000 PRISONERS IN BUDAPEST DURING THE SIX WEEK BATTLE. THE GERMAN COMMANDER AND HIS STAFF WERE CAPTURED IN A SEWER YESTERDAY. BOOTY INCLUDED 269 TANKS.

MARSHALL ZHUKOV'S TROOPS ARE REPORTED TO BE FIGHTING IN TWO SMALL TOWNS ON THE WEST BANK OF THE ODER DUE EAST OF BERLIN. THE RUSSIANS HAVE MADE FRESH PROGRESS WHERE THE POLISH CORRIDOR JOINS GERMAN POMERANIA. MARSHALL MALINOVSKY'S SECOND UKRAINIAN ARMY AFTER TAKING BUDAPEST IS PRESSING ON TO THE WEST TOWARDS VIENNA.

BELGIUM:

MORE THAN 3600 AMERICAN AND BRITISH BOMBERS HAVE POUNDED GERMANY IN THE LAST 24 HOURS. LAST NIGHT MORE THAN 1400 RAF BOMBERS WERE OVER THE REICH. THE RAIL AND INDUSTRIAL CENTER OF DRESDEN, IN THE PATH OF MARSHALL KONEV'S ADVANCE, WAS TWICE RIPPED BY SOME 800 BRITISH BOMBERS. THE RAF ALSO PASTED AN OIL PLANT NEAR LEIPSIG, AND TARGETS IN DORTMUND AND BONN. TODAY MORE THAN 2250 AMERICAN BOMBERS INCLUDING 1350 HEAVIES FLEW TO GERMANY TO HIT A VARIETY OF TARGETS. DRESDEN CAME IN FOR ANOTHER POUNDING AND MAGDEBURG, KEMNITZ AND A BRIDGE OVER THE RHINE WERE ALSO ATTACKED.

THE CANADIAN FIRST ARMY HAS CLEARED THE REICHSWALD FOREST AND ALLIED TROOPS ARE PUSHING DOWN THE MAIN HIGHWAY TO GOCH, IN THE NEXT BELT IN THE SIEGFRIED DEFENSE SYSTEM. SPEARHEADS ARE REPORTED TO BE WITHIN 3 MILES OF GOCH.

AMERICAN THIRD ARMY TROOPS OPERATING BEYOND THEIR ECHELNACH BRIDGEHEAD ARE NOW IN THE THICK OF THE SIEGFRIED DEFENSES AND HAVE TAKEN THE TOWN OF FERSCHWILLER. ALLIED TACTICAL PLANES FLEW SOME 1200 SORTIES YESTERDAY AND DESTROYED OR DAMAGED 91 LOCOMOTIVES.

ITALY:

ALLIED PLANES FROM ITALY FLEW MORE THAN 2400 SORTIES YESTERDAY INCLUDING ATTACKS AROUND THE VIENNA AREA AND IN YUGOSLAVIA. THE GERMAN RADIO TODAY REPORTED ALLIED BOMBERS APPROACHING AUSTRIA. THE GERMANS HAVE ATTACKED ACROSS THE SENIO RIVER BUT HAVE BEEN BEATEN BACK BY EIGHTH ARMY TROOPS.

PACIFIC:

EAST AFRICAN TROOPS HAVE REACHED THE IRRAWADDY RIVER OPPOSITE THE OIL TOWN OF CHAUK IN CENTRAL BURMA. CHINESE TROOPS ARE WITHIN 55 MILES OF LASHIO.

AMERICAN TROOPS ON LUZON HAVE TAKEN THE CAVITE NAVAL BASE AND NICHOLS AIRFIELD. THE JAPS LEFT IN MANILA ARE FIGHTING IN THE ANCIENT FORTRESS CITY AND IN THE DOCK AREA. JAP CASUALTIES IN 5 WEEKS OF FIGHTING ON LUZON HAVE BEEN 68,000. AMERICAN LOSSES ARE JUST UNDER 10,000. AMERICAN HEAVY BOMBERS HAVE AGAIN ATTACKED CORREGIDOR.