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RUSSIA:

MARSHALL IVAN KONEV'S FIRST UKRANIAN ARMY IS REPORTED TO BE WITHIN 45 MILES OF DRESDEN, CAPITOL OF SAXONY. THE RUSSIAN JUGGERNAUT ROLLED FORWARD MORE THAN 22 MILES IN WIDE, SWEEPING ADVANCES YESTERDAY AND MOSCOW CORRESPONDENTS SAY THAT KONEV'S VANGUARDS ARE PROBING CROSSINGS OF THE NEISSE RIVER ON EITHER SIDE OF THE CITY OF GORLITZ. KONEV IS BRINGING UP MASSES OF TROOPS, TANKS AND GUNS AS HIS COLUMNS DRIVE WESTWARD TOWARDS DRESDEN AND TO THE NORTHWEST TOWARDS BERLIN. THE REDS HAVE OVERRUN WIDE TRACTS OF LAND BEYOND THE RIVERS ODER AND BOBER AND HUGE QUANTITIES OF GERMAN STORES HAVE BEEN TAKEN AND GREAT NUMBERS OF TOWNS ENCIRCLED AND BY-PASSED AS THE RUSSIANS THUNDERED THROUGH TO THE WEST. SEVERAL OF KONEV'S COLUMNS ARE FANNING OUT TO THE NORTHWEST AS THEY DRIVE FOR THE GERMAN CAPITOL. ONE COLUMN PUSHING DOWN THE MOTOR ROAD BETWEEN BRESLAU AND BERLIN TOOK 7 SILESIAN TOWNS IN YESTERDAY'S FIGHTING.

MARSHALL GREGORY ZHUKOV'S FIRST WHITE RUSSIAN ARMY IS BUILDING UP FOR THE ASSAULT FROM THE EAST ON BERLIN ACROSS THE ODER RIVER. ZHUKOV'S TROOPS HAVE TAKEN THE GERMAN TOWN OF SCHNEIDEMUHL. SOVIET TANKS AND INFANTRY ARE REPORTED TO BE AT THE OUTSKIRTS OF A TOWN 60 MILES SOUTHWEST OF DANZIG. THE TOLL OF GERMAN PRISONERS TAKEN IN BUDAPEST HAS RISEN TO NEARLY 123,000.

BELGIUM:

THE ROYAL AIR FORCE AND AMERICAN AIR FORCE HAVE TEAMED UP DURING THE PAST TWO DAYS AND NIGHTS TO DEAL SOME OF THE MOST DEVASTATING ATTACKS OF THE WAR AGAINST GERMANY. IN THE PAST 48 HOURS AMERICAN AND BRITISH PLANES HAVE FLOWN OVER 12,000 SORTIES AGAINST GERMAN TARGETS. THE BOMBERS OPERATED FROM BASES IN THE WEST AND FROM ITALY. TODAY OVER 1100 YANK HEAVIES PLAGSTERED DRESDEN, A SYNTHETIC PLANT NEAR MAGDEBURG AND THE CITY OF COTTBUS, 35 MILES FROM THE RUSSIAN LINES. LAST NIGHT MORE THAN 1300 RAF BOMBERS POUNDED CHEMNITZ IN A DOUBLE ATTACK, BERLIN, A SYNTHETIC OIL PLANT NEAR LEIPSIG AND OTHER TARGETS IN GERMANY. IN DAYLIGHT YESTERDAY, AMERICAN HEAVIES ATTACKED CHEMNITZ, MAGDEBURG AND A RHINE BRIDGE. THE CITIES OF DRESDEN AND CHEMNITZ HAVE SUFFERED SOME OF THE HEAVIEST AND MOST CONCENTRATED BOMBINGS OF THE WAR IN THE PAST FEW DAYS. ALLIED TACTICAL PLANES WERE OUT "IN VERY GREAT STRENGTH" YESTERDAY HAMMERING AT GERMAN COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE NORTHERN NETHERLANDS TO THE SWISS BORDER.

SCOTTISH TROOPS OF THE FIRST CANADIAN ARMY HAVE STRENGTHENED THEIR BRIDGEHEAD OVER THE NIEERS RIVER AND ARE CLOSING ON GOCH THREE MILES AWAY AND GOCH IS NOW IN DANGER OF BEING OUTFLANKED. CANADIAN TROOPS ARE WITHIN 2 MILES OF THE RHINE FERRY CROSSING AT EMMERICH.

AMERICAN THIRD ARMY TROOPS YESTERDAY ADVANCED UP TO A MILE ON A 6 MILE FRONT AND DEEPENED THEIR ECHTERNACH BRIDGEHEAD.

ITALY:

AMERICAN HEAVY BOMBERS FROM ITALY YESTERDAY ATTACKED TARGETS NEAR VIENNA AND IN NORTHERN YUGOSLAVIA. THE GERMAN RADIO TODAY REPORTED ALLIED BOMBERS OVER AUSTRIA. THE U. S. ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF, GENERAL MARSHALL, HAS VISITED THE ITALIAN FRONT.

PACIFIC:

AMERICAN SUPER FORTS FROM THE MARIANAS TODAY BOMBED TARGETS IN JAPAN. ON THE ISLAND OF LUZON, GENERAL MACARTHUR HAS STARTED HIS ATTACK TO CLEAR THE BATAAN PENINSULA. THE ISLAND OF CORREGIDOR HAS BEEN BOMBED AGAIN.

TROOPS OF THE FIRST CHINESE ARMY PUSHING DOWN THE OLD BURMA ROAD ARE WITHIN 48 MILES OF THE RAILHEAD OF LASHIO.