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PACIFIC:

MORE THAN 1500 AMERICAN CARRIER-BORNE DIVE BOMBERS, TORPEDO BOMBERS AND FIGHTERS OPERATING FROM THE GREATEST TASK FORCE EVER ASSEMBLED TODAY PULVERIZED AIRFIELDS AND MILITARY TARGETS IN AND AROUND TOKIO BEGINNING AT DAWN AND EXTENDING INTO THE AFTERNOON. THE TOKIO RADIO SAID THAT THE AMERICAN PLANES HAD ATTACKED THE JAPANESE CAPITOL FOR 9 HOURS AND THE JAPS SAID THAT THE AMERICAN TASK FORCE WAS STILL OPERATING IN THE WATERS OFF JAPAN AND THAT "MORE IS STILL TO COME."

THIS MASSIVE AMERICAN TASK FORCE COMMANDED BY THE FAMOUS VICE ADMIRAL MARK MITSCHER OF "TASK FORCE 58" FAME IS COMPOSED OF A NUMBER OF THE NEWEST AMERICAN BATTLESHIPS AND THE GREATEST NUMBER OF AMERICAN CARRIERS EVER TO BE USED IN A TASK FORCE. THE COLUMN OF AMERICAN SHIPS WAS OPERATING ABOUT 300 MILES OFF TOKIO AND THE COLUMN EXTENDED OVER 200 MILES OF WATER. THE PLANES AND WARSHIPS ALSO ARE ATTACKING THE VOLCANO AND IWO JIMA ISLANDS OFF JAPAN. THE JAPS SAY THAT ABOUT 30 WARSHIPS ARE BOMBARDING IWO JIMA.

THIS GREAT ATTACK ON THE CAPITOL OF JAPAN HAS BEEN LONG PLANNED AND IT HAS BEEN REPORTED THAT THE ATTACKS MAY COVER LANDINGS BY ALLIED TROOPS WITHIN THE INNER CIRCLE OF JAP ISLANDS. THE ATTACKS ARE ALSO THE MOST SERIOUS CHALLENGE SO FAR TO THE JAP FLEET TO COME OUT AND FIGHT. AMERICAN SUPER FORTRESSES FLYING FROM THE MARIANAS YESTERDAY ATTACKED A BIG AIRCRAFT PLANT AT NAGOYA, THE THIRD CITY OF JAPAN.

RUSSIA:

MARSHALL IVAN KONEV'S FIRST UKRAINIAN ARMY IS BATTERING ITS WAY DOWN SIX MAIN MOTOR ROADS AND SEVERAL SECONDARY ROADS TOWARDS BERLIN FROM A SOUTHEASTERN DIRECTION. THE GERMANS SAY THAT KONEV'S ARMOR IS BETWEEN 60 AND 70 MILES OF THE GERMAN CAPITOL AND THAT HIS FORCES ARE CLOSELY THREATENING THE BIG TOWNS OF COTTBUS, FORST AND GUBEN. ONLY YESTERDAY, AMERICAN HEAVY BOMBERS PESTERED THE TOWN OF COTTBUS. KONEV'S MIGHTY ARMY HAS NOW ENTERED THE PROVINCE OF BRANDENBURG AND IS SWEEPING TOWARDS THE FLANK OF THE GERMANS FACING MARSHALL ZHUKOV ON THE ODER. THE GERMAN RADIO TODAY SAID THAT THE SITUATION SOUTH OF FRANKFURT WAS "CRITICAL" AND THEY HINTED OF A LINKUP OF THE TWO ARMIES OF KONEV AND ZHUKOV. THE GERMANS ALSO SAID THAT THE RED ARMY WAS USING A NEW TANK MORE POWERFUL THAN THE 63 TON "JOSEF STALIN" TANK. MOSCOW ANNOUNCED THAT KONEV IS BRINGING UP MORE AND MORE INFANTRY, TANKS AND ARTILLERY, INCLUDING THE LARGEST TYPE FIELD GUNS DRAWN BY TRACTORS. THE MOSCOW PAPER SAID THAT KONEV'S FORCES WERE CONSOLIDATING THEIR LIGHTNING GAINS WESTWARD THROUGH THE PROVINCE OF SAXONY.

MARSHALL ZHUKOV'S FIRST WHITE RUSSIAN ARMY IS OFFICIALLY REPORTED BY MOSCOW TO BE OPERATING ON THE BERLIN SIDE OF THE ODER. MARSHALL KOKOSHOVSKY'S SECOND WHITE RUSSIAN ARMY HAS FURTHER UP THE FORMER POLISH CORRIDOR AND HAS TAKEN THE TRAFFIC CENTER OF CHOJNICE.

BELGIUM:

UNITED KINGDOM AND CANADIAN TROOPS OF THE FIRST CANADIAN ARMY ARE MEETING FIERCE GERMAN RESISTANCE AT SEVERAL POINTS ALONG THE LINE EAST AND SOUTHEAST OF CIEVE. DESPITE THE HEAVY RESISTANCE, THE ALLIED TROOPS HAVE IMPROVED THEIR POSITIONS ALL ALONG THE LINE. SCOTTISH TROOPS HAVE RUN INTO VERY HEAVY ARTILLERY AND MORTAR FIRE ABOUT THREE MILES FROM THE STRONGHOLD TOWN OF GOCH. CANADIAN TROOPS NOW DOMINATE THE GERMAN FERRY CROSSING AT EMMERICH AND ARE NEARING THE RHINE UPSTREAM FROM EMMERICH AFTER AN AMPHIBIOUS ADVANCE ACROSS THE FLOODED LOWLANDS. THERE ARE SIGNS THAT THE GERMANS INTEND TO MAKE A REAL STAND ALONG THE LINE THAT THEY NOW HOLD FOR THEY HAVE BROUGHT UP RESERVES.

AMERICAN THIRD ARMY TROOPS HAVE MADE LOCAL GAINS ACROSS FROM THEIR BRIDGEHEADS OVER THE SURE AND OUR RIVERS. GENERAL PATTON'S TROOPS HAVE ENTERED A TOWN ABOUT A DOZEN MILES FROM TRIER.

BELGIUM CONTINUED

A NEW ATTACK BY THE AMERICAN SEVENTH ARMY HAS GAINED 1 MILE ON A 5 MILE FRONT EAST OF SARGUEMINES.

THE GERMAN RADIO TODAY REPORTED ALLIED BOMBER FORMATIONS OVER NORTHWEST GERMANY CZECHOSLOVAKIA, BAVARIA AND AUSTRIA.

ITALY:

ALLIED PLANES FROM ITALY YESTERDAY FLEW SOME 1600 SORTIES INCLUDING ATTACKS ON THE VIENNA AREA BY AMERICAN HEAVIES, AND ATTACKS ON AN OIL PLANT NEAR FIUME.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

THE WHITE HOUSE TODAY ANNOUNCED THAT THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR HAS DECIDED TO WITHDRAW FROM THE PUBLIC LANDS IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA A TRACT OF 100,000 ACRES OF LAND WHICH WAS SET ASIDE FOR THE USE OF THE ARIZONA CATTLE RANGERS ASSOCIATION.

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