AMERICAN FIRST AND NINTH ARMY TROOPS SPEARHEADED BY TANKS HAVE FANNED OUT ON TO
THE PLAIN OF COLOGNE AND HAVE CONTINUED THEIR GOOD ADVANCES. NINTH ARMY TANKS
AT THE NORTHERN END OF THE 35 MILE FRONT WERE LAST REPORTED WITHIN 5 MILES OF THE
BIG TOWN OF MUNCHEN GLADBACH. TANK SPEARHEADS OF THE NINTH ARMY HAVE DRIVEN 6
MILES SINCE THIS MORNING AND HAVE NOT RUN INTO ANY SERIOUS GERMAN OPPOSITION.
THE TOWN OF EXSELHEM WAS TAKEN IN YESTERDAY'S FIGHTING. OTHER NINTH ARMY TROOPS
ARE REPORTED TO HAVE TAKEN A VILLAGE 2 MILES FROM THE EAST CANAL AND ARE REPORTED
TO BE FIGHTING IN ELSHEM. TROOPS OF THE AMERICAN FIRST ARMY ARE FANNING OUT
NORTH AND SOUTH OF THE MOTOR ROAD TO COLOGNE AND THE AMERICANS HAVE DRIVEN ON
ANOTHER 4 MILES. CORRESPONDENTS SAY THAT FIRST ARMY TROOPS ARE JUST UNDER 10
MILES FROM COLOGNE. GERMAN RESISTANCE TO BOTH THE FIRST AND NINTH ARMIES IS
COMING MAINLY FROM SCATTERED BATTLE GROUPS. SINCE THE NEW OFFENSIVE WAS STARTED
ACROSS THE RHIN, TROOPS OF BOTH AMERICAN ARMIES HAVE TAKEN OVER 6000 PRISONERS.
AMERICAN THIRD ARMY TROOPS HAVE CROSSED THE RIVER NUNS IN GERMANY AND HAD
LAST REPORTED WITHIN A MILE OF HUTBURG. GENERAL PATTON'S FORCES HAVE CLOSED UP
TO THE RIVER PRUM ON A 35 MILE STRETCH AND HAVE PUSHED AHEAD IN THE SARABURQ AREA.
THE CANADIAN FIRST ARMY GAINEO UP TO 5 MILES IN ITS NEW ATTACK YESTERDAY AND
SWEPT THROUGH THE TOWN OF UDEM AND IS NOW FIGHTING AT THE APPROACHES TO THE LAST
STRENGTHED DEFENSES BETWEEN THE MAAS AND THE RHINE. OVER 2000 GERMAN PRISONERS
WERE TAKEN ON THIS SECTOR YESTERDAY.

DURING THE LAST 24 HOURS ALLIED BOMBERS HAVE KEPT UP THEIR DAY AND NIGHT BOMBING
OF THE REICH. TODAY A FORCE OF 1100 AMERICAN HEAVIES PLASTERED TARGETS IN
THE LEIPSIG AREA AND IN SOUTHERN GERMANY. RA F MOSQUITOS RAIDED BAVARIA FOR THE
SEVENTH NIGHT KILLING LAST NIGHT. THEY FOUND FIRES STILL BURNING IN THE CITY
FROM THE GREAT AMERICAN DAYLIGHT ATTACK ON THE GERMAN CAPITAL. THE FIRST BOMBERS
ALSO ATTACKED NURNBERG IN BAVARIA DURING THE NIGHT. IN THE RECORD ATTACK ON BER-
LIN YESTERDAY OVER 1200 YANK HEAVIES UNLOADED 3000 TONS OF HIGH EXPLOSIVE AND IN-
CENDIARY BOMBS ON THREE MAIN RAILWAY STATIONS.

THE GERMAN RADIO TODAY REPORTED A FLAREUP IN THE FIGHTING ALONG THE LOWER ODER
EAST OF BRESLAW. THE GERMANS ALSO CLAIM THAT MARSHALL KONEV'S TROOPS HAVE FORCED
2 BRIDGEHEADS OVER THE NEISS RIVER NEAR THE CITY OF FORST AND SAY A GREAT TANK
BATTLE IS BEING FOUGHT BETWEEN BRESLAW AND DRESDEN.

THERE IS VERY HEAVY FIGHTING GOING ON AT BOTH SIDES OF KORINSKHAG. IN THE PEN-
ISULA NORTHWEST OF KORINSKHAG THE REDS HAVE BEATEN OFF MORE GERMAN ATTACKS.
SOUTHWEST OF THE EAST PRUSSIAN CAPITAL THE SOVIETS HAVE TAKEN SEVERAL MORE PLACES.
IN BRESLAW THE RUSSIANS TOOK 15 CITY BLOCKS YESTERDAY.

BRITISH TROOPS OF THE 14TH ARMY HAVE ESTABLISHED A NEW BRIDGEHEAD OVER THE
IRRAWADDY RIVER AT PAGAN, 92 MILES SOUTHWEST OF MANDALAY. THE NEW BRIDGEHEAD IS
4 MILES DEEP AND 2 1/2 MILES WIDE. FIERCE JAP COUNTERATTACKS HAVE BEEN SMASHED WITH
HIGH LOSSES INFLECTED ON THE YELLOW MEN.

AMERICAN MARINES ON IWO JIMA HAVE TAKEN MOST OF THE CENTRAL AIRFIELD BUT ARE
MEETING HEAVY JAP MORTAR AND ARTILLERY FIRE. AMERICAN TROOPS HAVE LANDED ON
VERDE ISLAND BETWEEN LUZON AND MINDORO. GENERAL MACARTHUR HAS TURNED OVER THE
CIVIL GOVERNMENT OF THE PHILIPPINES TO PRESIDENT OSMENA.

ENGLAND:

MR CHURCHILL HAS OPENED A THREE DAY DEBATE IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS ON THE
CRIMEAN CONFERENCE.