



DON'T FRATERNIZE! DON'T TRUST A GERMAN

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PACIFIC:

EAST OF TOUNGOO IN THE EASTERN PART OF BURMA BRITISH 14TH ARMY TROOPS HAVE RUN INTO JAP COUNTERATTACKS. JAPANESE REAR GUARDS ARE TRYING TO PROTECT THEIR ESCAPE ROUTES TO SIAM AND THEY HAVE BEEN FIGHTING DESPERATELY TO KEEP THEM OPEN. THE BRITISH HAVE NOT LOST ANY GROUND DUE TO THESE JAP COUNTERATTACKS. ON OKINAWA AMERICAN MARINES ARE NOW FIRMLY ENTRENCHED ON "SUGAR LOAF" HILL AFTER BEATING DOWN 11 JAP COUNTERATTACKS. MORE SMALL GAINS HAVE BEEN MADE ON BOTH FLANKS AND IN THE CENTER OF OKINAWA. YANK DOUGHBOYS HAVE TAKEN A TOWN COVERING THE FORTRESS OF SHURI. AMERICAN SUPER FORTS AND OTHER PLANES ARE NOW FLYING IN TO AIRFIELDS ON OKINAWA. THESE AIRFIELDS ARE WITHIN 300 MILES OF JAPAN. TWENTY SIX MORE JAP PLANES HAVE BEEN DESTROYED IN ATTACKS ON AMERICAN SHIPPING OFF OKINAWA. IN CENTRAL MINDANAO THE AMERICANS HAVE ADVANCED 10 MILES AND REACHED A BIG JAP AIRFIELD. AUSTRALIAN AND NETHERLANDS TROOPS ARE WITHIN 3 MILES OF THE NORTH COAST ON TARAKAN ISLAND OFF BORNEO. AMERICAN BOMBERS FROM THE PHILIPPINES HAVE HIT FORMOSA FOR THE SIXTH DAY RUNNING. HEAVIES STRUCK AT COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER BOMBERS HIPPED AIRFIELDS IN LOW-LEVEL ATTACKS. THE JAP NEWS AGENCY SAYS THAT BRITISH CARRIER PLANES YESTERDAY ATTACKED THE SAKISHIMA ISLANDS IN THE SOUTHERN RYUKYUS.

EUROPE:

WASHINGTON HAS ANNOUNCED THAT GENERAL HODGES' FIRST AMERICAN ARMY IS ON THE MOVE FOR THE PACIFIC VIA THE UNITED STATES. THE AMERICAN DIVISIONS WHO WILL SEE ACTION AGAINST THE JAPANESE WITH THE FIRST ARMY WILL NOT NECESSARILY BE THE SAME ONES THAT FOUGHT WITH THE FIRST ARMY AGAINST THE GERMANS BUT SOME BATTLE TESTED DIVISIONS WILL BE USED BY THE FIRST ARMY IN THE PACIFIC. AMERICAN SOLDIERS WILL GET HOME LEAVE BEFORE SHIPPING TO THE PACIFIC FROM THE STATES.

BRITISH PARTY LEADERS HAVE ANSWERED MR. CHURCHILL'S LETTER SUGGESTING THAT THE COALITION GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE CONTINUED UNTIL AFTER THE WAR WITH JAPAN IS OVER. MR. ATLEE, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, TURNED DOWN CHURCHILL'S PROPOSAL FOR A COALITION UNTIL THE DEFEAT OF JAPAN BUT SAID THAT THE LABOR PARTY WOULD CONTINUE TO GIVE FULL SUPPORT TO THE PACIFIC WAR. HE URGED THAT THE ELECTION BE HELD IN THE AUTUMN RATHER THAN JULY. THE LABOR LEADER, SINCLAIR, SAID THAT HIS PARTY WOULD PREFER AN AUTUMN ELECTION BUT HE WAS WILLING TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY OF PRESERVING THE COALITION UNTIL THE END OF THE JAPANESE WAR. POLITICAL CORRESPONDENTS THINK THAT IN VIEW OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS THAT THE GENERAL ELECTION IN BRITAIN WILL BE HELD THIS SUMMER.

SYRIAN MEMBERS OF PARLIMENT HAVE DEMANDED IMMEDIATE ACTION IN THEIR PROTESTS AGAINST THE ARRIVAL OF MORE FRENCH TROOPS IN THE LEVANT. THEY CALL IT AN "INFINGEMENT OF THEIR SOVERIGNITY" AND HAVE ASKED THE HELP OF ARAB TROOPS. THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT SAYS THAT THE INCREASE OF TROOPS IN THE LEVANT IS TO SET UP AN INTERMEDIATE BASE FOR OPERATIONS IN THE FAR EAST. THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT HAS ASKED SYRIA FOR PERMISSION TO SET UP AIRBASES AND FORTS IN SYRIA.

A ROME MESSAGE SAYS THAT FIELD MARSHALL ALEXANDER HAS GONE TO TRIESTE TO REVIEW THE SITUATION THERE.

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