



DON'T FRATERNIZE! DON'T TRUST A GERMAN
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PACIFIC:

THE JAPANESE RADIO HAS PAINTED A GRIM PICTURE OF THE DEVASTATION WREAKED ON TOKIO YESTERDAY BY 500 AMERICAN SUPER FORTRESSES. IN THIS THE SECOND MAJOR FIRE BOMB BLITZ ON THE JAP CAPITOL IN 48 HOURS OVER 4000 TONS OF INCENDIARIES SHOWERED ON THE CITY. THE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF FIRE BOMBS THAT BLANKETED THE CITY QUICKLY KINDLED GREAT FIRES. A 70 MILE AN HOUR GALE FANNED THE FIRES AND BEFORE LONG THE FLAMES SWEEP UNCHECKED ACROSS THE CITY. THE BUSINESS AREA, NOT PREVIOUSLY BOMBED, IS REPORTED BY THE JAPANESE TO BE COMPLETELY BURNED OUT. THE JAPS SAY THAT THE FIRES RENDERED A MAJOR PART OF THE CITY INTO "SMOKING RUINS". THE IMPERIAL PALACE IS SAID TO HAVE BEEN RAZED BUT THE EMPEROR, HIRO-HITO, GOT AWAY WITHOUT INJURY. RETURNING PILOTS SAY THAT THEY SAW FIRES START BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH OF THE PALACE GROUNDS. SUPER FORT BOMBARDIERS HAD TO DROP THEIR BOMBS BY INSTRUMENT IN THE LATTER PART OF THE ATTACK DUE TO THE THICK CLOUDS OF SMOKE THAT BILLOWED UP FROM THE STRICKEN CITY. THE JAPANESE CABINET HELD TWO EMERGENCY MEETINGS TODAY IN ORDER TO TAKE MEASURES TO DEAL WITH THE DAMAGE DONE TO TOKIO. ADMIRAL SUZUKI, JAP PREMIER, SAID THAT HE SAW THE IMPERIAL PALACE SET ON FIRE. HE CALLED FOR A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE JAP PARLIAMENT.

FAST MUSTANG FIGHTERS MAKING A ROUND TRIP FLIGHT OF 1500 MILES FROM THEIR IWO JIMA BASES YESTERDAY BATTERED 2 AIRFIELDS NORTH OF TOKIO. THE MUSTANGS CAME IN IN LOW LEVEL ATTACKS FIRING ROCKETS. MORE THAN 60 JAP PLANES WERE DESTROYED OR DAMAGED ON THE GROUND AND GROUND INSTALLATIONS WERE HEAVILY HIT. THE JAPS YESTERDAY CONTINUED THEIR DESPERATE ATTACKS ON AMERICAN NAVAL UNITS OFF OKINAWA AND AGAINST AIRFIELDS ON OKINAWA AND IJISLANDS. SWARMS OF JAP PLANES ATTACKED AMERICAN WARSHIPS IN THE WATERS OFF OKINAWA AND THEY MANAGED TO DAMAGE 11 LIGHT NAVAL UNITS. OTHER PLANES DESTROYED 7 PLANES ON AMERICAN AIRFIELDS. IN ALL 111 JAP PLANES WERE SHOT OUT OF THE SKY DURING THESE ATTACKS. SOME NIP PLANES ATTEMPTED TO LAND ON OKINAWA AND IJISLANDS TO DISGORGE TRAINED JAP TROOPS WHO PLANNED TO WRECK AMERICAN GROUND INSTALLATIONS. FIVE JAP PLANES ATTEMPTED TO LAND ON ONE FIELD ON OKINAWA. FOUR OF THE PLANES WERE SHOT DOWN BY ACK ACK GUNNERS. THE FIFTH SUCCEEDED IN LANDING BUT THE JAP TROOPS WERE SHOT BEFORE THEY COULD DO ANY DAMAGE. IN THE LAND FIGHTING ON OKINAWA MARINES HAVE BROUGHT MORE REINFORCEMENTS OVER THE BRIDGES OVER THE ASCOTA RIVER INTO NAHA. AMERICAN CARRIER BASED PLANES HAVE MADE A 5 DAY SERIES OF ATTACKS ON THE AMAMI ISLANDS IN THE NORTHERN RYUKYUS AND ON KYUSHU.

EUROPE:

MR. CHURCHILL HAS ANNOUNCED HIS NEW GOVERNMENT. HE SAID THAT THE COMING GENERAL ELECTION MUST NOT INTERFERE WITH THE COMING MEETING OF THE "BIG THREE". MR. JOSEPH DAVIS HAS ARRIVED IN LONDON FOR TALKS WITH THE PRIME MINISTER AND MR. HARRY HOPKINS HAS ARRIVED IN MOSCOW.

BRITAIN AND RUSSIA HAVE CELEBRATED THE THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF THE ANGLO-RUSSIAN ALLIANCE. THE ALLIANCE IS TO LAST FOR 20 YEARS.

THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT IS STILL PRESSING HARD FOR FRANCO TO RELEASE LAVAL. FIELD MARSHALL MONTGOMERY WAS YESTERDAY INVESTED WITH THE GRAND CROSS OF THE LEGION OF HONOR BY GENERAL DE GAULLE IN PARIS.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL SCORES:

<u>AMERICAN</u>		<u>NATIONAL</u>	
NEW YORK: 5	... CHICAGO: 4	CHICAGO: 4	... PHILADELPHIA: 3
ST LOUIS: 5	... BOSTON: 0	PITTSBURGH: 5	... BOSTON: 3
DETROIT: 2	... PHILADELPHIA: 1	NEW YORK: 5	... CINCINNATI: 2
CLEVELAND: 3	... WASHINGTON: 0	ST LOUIS: 9	... BROOKLYN: 7

