PACIFIC:

American Marines and infantrymen have again ground out gains at the southern end of Okinawa. At the eastern end of the line, infantry have taken a town and have reached the top of the long escarpment sloping up towards the sea. Marines are battling for key ridges on one of the main Japanese positions on the escarpment. Once more Japanese suicide planes have struck at American shipping in the waters off Okinawa and they managed to damage one light naval unit. Ten of the Jap planes were shot down. American carrier planes have attacked airfields in the Sakishima Islands southwest of Okinawa and land based planes have attacked the island of Kozu south of Tokyo Bay. Tokyo says heavy bombers yesterday bombed Hong Kong and the Indo-China port of Saigon. The Nips also claim that Allied warships have shelled an island in the Kurile Group north of Japan.

The Australians on northwest Borneo have driven 2 miles closer to Brunei town and on the island of Labuan they have pushed 2 miles north from the captured airfield. The Japs are offering strong resistance from dug in positions on Labuan. Casualties so far on Borneo have been described as "very light". The Japs seem to be prepared to make a stand inland. On northern Luzon the American 37th Division has reached the broad plains that lead to the northern port of Aparri. In Bumha the Japs are speeding up their retreat along the northern escape route toSlam. In the south they have set up strong positions on the escape road 20 miles beyond Tungoo.

The Japanese Premier, Admiral Suzuki, told the Jap Parliament today that the total strength of Japan would be mobilized immediately at this, the emergency stage of the war. The Japanese home guard will now be formed. This home guard may possibly include all men up to 65 years of age and all women up to 45 years of age. They will fight a guerrilla warfare if Japan is invaded.

EUROPE:

The Soviet Foreign Commissar, Vyacheslav Molotov, and the American and British ambassadors to Russia have invited Polish leaders to a conference in Moscow next Friday. They are to discuss the recognition of the provisional Polish Government on a broad, democratic basis. A dispatch from Moscow says that this conference may lead to the solution of the Polish problem before the meeting of Marshall Stalin, President Truman and Mr. Churchill. Diplomatic correspondents are hoping that a full settlement of the Polish problem will be reached.

Marshall Stalin sent a greeting to President Truman yesterday on the third anniversary of the mutual assistance pact between the United States and USSR. In London the King has restored the order of merit on General Eisenhower.

UNITED STATES:

In Washington President Truman is meeting with Envoys Davies and Hopkins concerning their respective missions to London and Moscow. The President has recommended a salary increase of 25% for Congressmen.

At San Francisco an amendment by the Australian Delegation for the modification of the veto power of the "Big Four" has been defeated. Hearings are being held on the plan of a committee headed by General Smuts of South Africa for economic and social control.