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PACIFIC:

There are great fires blazing in the factory district of Osaka, second city of Japan, following this morning's attack by over 500 Super Forts. The giant bombers sprinkled more than 3000 tons of bombs on the biggest industrial city in the Orient in an hour long attack. The Japs say that both incendiaries and high explosive bombs were used. General Arnold, Chief of the Army Air Forces, who announced the attack said that "it was necessary to destroy the five key cities of Japan". The general said that Japanese suicide planes were so easy to make that they could be put out in any one of a thousand small factories. American heavy bombers have bombed shipping at Hong Kong while planes from Okinawa airfields have attacked Japanese airfields in Kyushu for the sixth consecutive day.

American troops on the southern end of Okinawa have taken the highest point on the southern plateau. Marines captured more than 100 Japs in mopping up the Okinu Peninsula on Okinawa. This is an unusually high number of Japs to give themselves up in any one small area. Admiral Suzuki, Jap Premier, has written off Okinawa as lost. Tokyo reports 7 attacks by British carrier planes on the powerful naval and supply base of Truk in the Carolines.

The Australians who landed in northwest Borneo on Sunday have taken the town of Brunei, capital of the rich oil province of Brunei. Brunei town has an excellent port within reach of the bastion of Singapore. So far the Australians have not run into heavy Jap opposition on Borneo.

Chungking Radio reports that Chinese troops have recaptured the town of Ishan in the province of Kwangs. This big Jap base has changed hands three times within the past week.

EUROPE:

Hitler's foreign minister, Ribbentrop, has been arrested in a boarding house in Hamburg by British troops. When captured he was found naked, in bed, and had a small container of poison strapped to his body. Letters addressed to Field Marshal Montgomery, Mr. Churchill and Mr. Eden were found in his clothes. His capture marks the end of a great manhunt that has gone on since the surrender of Germany. He is on the British Government's list of major war criminals. Ribbentrop has already been spirited away by plane from British Second Army headquarters at Luneburg to an undisclosed place.

Important new plans have been made to help India towards dominion status. All the detained members of the Indian congress working party are to be freed at once and Mr. Nehru and Mr. Patel are already free. Lord Wavell, Viceroy of India, has invited Indian political leaders to a conference at Simla next Monday. Mr. Gandhi and Mr. Jinnah are among the 21 expected to attend.

Mr. Churchill says that he will meet President Truman and Marshall Stalin before the results of the general election are known in Britain but does not say when or where. He has invited Mr. Attlee, Labor Party candidate, to go to the "Big Three" meeting. Parliament met for the last time today to hear the King's speech dissolving it for the general election. The present Parliament was the fourth longest in history.

The Netherlands prime minister at the time of the invasion, 82 year old Jonk Heer de Geer, has been arrested. Moscow radio says that the 16 Polish political leaders arrested in March will probably be tried in a few day's time.
UNITED STATES:

PRESIDENT TRUMAN SAYS THAT THE LONDON POLISH WILL NOT BE RECOGNIZED BY THE
U.S. AFTER THE NEW POLISH GOVERNMENT IS FORMULATED.

THE FRENCH PROPOSAL THAT A NATION THREATENED BY AGGRESSION MAY ACT AT ONCE
WHILE WAITING FOR THE SECURITY COUNCIL HAS BEEN ACCEPTED BY THE CONFERENCE AT
SAN FRANCISCO.

SENATOR GEORGE OF GEORGIA SAYS THAT PRESIDENT TRUMAN HOPES FOR SENATE RATI-
FICATION OF THE SAN FRANCISCO CHARTER BEFORE THE "BIG THREE" MEETING.