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PACIFIC:

MORE THAN 450 AMERICAN SUPER FORTRESSES FROM THE MARIANAS YESTERDAY RAINED SOME 3000 TONS OF FIRE BOMBS ON FOUR OF JAPAN'S SMALLER INDUSTRIAL CENTERS. IT IS CONSIDERED THAT JAPAN'S MAJOR INDUSTRIAL CITIES ARE "OUT OF ACTION" FOR THE TIME BEING. ON OKINAWA THE LAST 3 JAP HILL POSITIONS ON THE ISLAND HAVE BEEN TAKEN AND THE ENEMY NOW HOLDS AN AREA OF LESS THAN 8 SQUARE MILES. INCREASING NUMBERS OF THE JAPANESE TROOPS ARE COMMITTING SUICIDE. MARINES ARE CLOSING ON THE JAPS AT THE SOUTHERN TIP OF THE ISLAND AND THEY HAVE TAKEN ANOTHER TOWN. IN THE CLEANING UP ON OKUKU PENINSULA (CAPTURED BY MARINES) A DEAD JAPANESE ADMIRAL WAS FOUND IN A CAVE.

AUSTRALIAN FORCES ON NORTHWEST BORNEO CONTINUE TO MAKE GOOD PROGRESS AGAINST LIGHT RESISTANCE. THE JAPS HAVE SET FIRE TO THE GREAT SERIA OIL FIELDS IN AN ATTEMPT TO DESTROY THEM BEFORE THE AUSSIES ARRIVE. THE AUSTRALIANS WERE LAST REPORTED LESS THAN 40 MILES FROM THE OIL FIELDS. ON LUZON THE AMERICANS HAVE PUSHED ANOTHER 5 MILES DOWN THE BROAD CAGAYAN VALLEY. FILIPINO GUERRILLAS HAVE BEEN ACTIVE IN THE AREA OF APARRI, THE BIG PORT ON THE NORTH SIDE OF LUZON. IN BURMA THE BRITISH HAVE TAKEN ANOTHER STRONGPOINT ON THE WAY TO SIAM. IN SOUTH CHINA, CHINESE TROOPS HAVE PRESSED ON 10 MILES PAST CAPTURED ISHAN. THE JAPANESE SAY THAT ALLIED WARSHIPS HAVE AGAIN SHELLED THE ISLAND OF MATSUMA IN THE KURIIE ISLANDS. A CARRIER TASK FORCE OF THE BRITISH PACIFIC FLEET HAS MADE A 2 DAY RAID ON THE JAP NAVAL BASE OF TRUK IN THE CAROLINES.

AMERICAN FORCES IN THE INDIA-BURMA THEATRE ARE UNDER A NEW LEADER, GENERAL RAY WHEELER. GENERAL SULTAN, THE FORMER LEADER, IS RETURNING TO WASHINGTON TO TAKE A NEW APPOINTMENT.

EUROPE:

IN ROME, THE PATRIOT LEADER FROM NORTHERN ITALY, PROFESSOR PARI, HAS AGREED TO FORM A NEW GOVERNMENT. THE FORMER POLISH PRIME MINISTER, MR. MIKOLAJCZK, HAS HAD A MEETING WITH OTHER POLES IN MOSCOW. THE TRIAL OF THE 16 POLISH POLITICAL MEN ARRESTED BY THE RUSSIANS WILL BEGIN, IN PUBLIC, IN MOSCOW TODAY. THE THREE GROUPS OF POLISH LEADERS HAVE BEGUN THEIR NEGOTIATIONS AT MOSCOW FOR THE SETTING UP OF A GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY. FOREIGN COMMISSAR, MOLOTOV, AND THE BRITISH AND AMERICAN AMBASSADORS ARE TAKING PART IN THESE DISCUSSIONS.

MR. GANDHI HAS SENT LORD WAVELL, VICEROY OF INDIA, A LONG LETTER ASKING FOR CLARIFICATION OF BRITAIN'S PROGRAM FOR INDIA. THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONGRESS PARTY HAS CALLED AN EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE PARTY COUNCIL FOR NEXT THURSDAY.

IN LONDON, WILLIAM JOYCE (LORD HAW HAW) WAS CHARGED WITH HIGH TREASON TODAY. THOUSANDS OF BRITISH SOLDIERS ARE BEING RELEASED TODAY. MOST OF THE SOLDIERS BEING RELEASED ARE OVER 48 AND VETERANS OF THE LAST WAR.

IN BELGIUM THERE IS A THREAT OF A GENERAL STRIKE IF KING LEOPOLD RETURNS. ONE REPORT SAYS THAT THE SOCIALISTS HAVE DECLARED THAT THE KING MUST ABDICATE IN THE INTERESTS OF THE COUNTRY. A FEW MINES IN BELGIUM HAVE STOPPED WORK.

UNITED STATES:

GENERAL EISENHOWER IS DUE TO ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON TODAY WHERE HE WILL BE THE GUEST OF PRESIDENT TRUMAN IN THE WHITE HOUSE. THE 86TH INFANTRY DIVISION, THE FIRST FULL DIVISION TO RETURN, RECEIVED A GREAT WELCOME WHEN IT LANDED IN NEW YORK YESTERDAY.

ALL AMERICAN SOLDIERS NOW IN THE ETO, EXCEPT THOSE SLATED FOR OCCUPATIONAL DUTIES, WILL BE REDEPLOYED WITHIN ONE YEAR OF V-E DAY.

NBC SAYS THAT THE SAN FRANCISCO CONFERENCE IS WELL ON THE WAY TO ADJOURNING. SOME IMPORTANT ISSUES STILL REMAIN TO BE SETTLED.