



DON'T FRATEHNIZE! DON'T TRUST A GERMAN

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PACIFIC:

AUSTRALIAN TROOPS HAVE TAKEN THE CENTRAL TOWN AREA OF THE OIL CENTER OF BALIK PAPAN ON BORNEO. THEY ALSO HOLD MOST OF THE WATERFRONT AND DOCK AREA. IN THE NORTHERN PART OF THE TOWN THE AUSSIES AND DUTCH TROOPS ARE STEADILY ENVELOPING THE OIL REFINERIES. THE ADVANCE IS GOING ON EVERYWHERE AND COMMANDOS ARE PRESSING ON INTO THE JUNGLE. THE JAPS HAVE BEEN SHELLING THE BEACH HEAD, NOW EXPANDED TO ABOUT 8 MILES WIDE.

GENERAL MACARTHUR HAS ANNOUNCED THE VIRTUAL END OF THE CAMPAIGN IN THE PHILIPPINES. SINCE THE FIRST AMERICAN LANDINGS THERE, THE JAPS HAVE SUFFERED ABOUT 450,000 CASUALTIES FROM THE 23 DIVISIONS THAT THEY USED. AMERICAN CASUALTIES FOR THE SAME PERIOD WERE ABOUT 55,000 WITH 12,000 KILLED. MACARTHUR SAID THAT THERE ARE STILL SOME JAPS LEFT IN THE ISLANDS AND THAT THEY WOULD RESIST FOR SOME TIME TO COME BUT THEY ARE DISORGANIZED GUERRILLAS. THE PHILIPPINES ARE NOW READY TO BE CONVERTED INTO A VAST LAND, SEA AND AIR BASE FOR THE FINAL PHASE OF THE WAR AGAINST THE JAPANESE.

AMERICAN PLANES FROM BASES ON OKINAWA AND IWO JIMA HAVE KEPT UP THEIR HAMMERING OF TARGETS IN THE JAPANESE HOMELAND. YESTERDAY A FORCE OF 150 ROCKET FIRING MUSTANGS SWEEPED IN TO RAKE 6 BIG AIRFIELDS AROUND TOKIO. THE JAPANESE NEWS AGENCY SAID THAT A FORCE OF MUSTANGS HAD RETURNED TO ATTACK AIRFIELDS IN THE TOKIO AREA AGAIN TODAY.

MR. JOHN CURTIN, WELL KNOWN IN HIS ROLE AS PRIME MINISTER OF AUSTRALIA FOR THE PAST FOUR YEARS, HAS DIED IN CANBERRA. LONDON NEWSPAPERS TODAY PAID HIGH TRIBUTE TO MR. CURTIN WHO TOOK OVER AS PRIME MINISTER WHEN THERE WAS A CONSTANT THREAT OF A JAPANESE INVASION OF AUSTRALIA IN THE EARLY PART OF 1942.

IN BURMA THE JAPANESE HAVE CONTINUED THEIR ATTEMPTS TO FERRY TROOPS ACROSS THE SITTANG RIVER SO THAT THEY CAN ESCAPE TO THE EAST TO SIAM. RAF FIGHTER-BOMBERS HAVE AGAIN STRUCK HARD AT JAP SHIPPING ON THE SITTANG. A NUMBER OF SMALL SCALE JAP ATTACKS ALONG THE SITTANG BETWEEN PEGU AND TOUNGOO HAVE BEEN REPULSED.

EUROPE:

MILLIONS OF PEOPLE ARE CASTING THEIR VOTES IN BRITAIN TODAY IN THE FIRST GENERAL ELECTION IN 10 YEARS. EARLY REPORTS SAID THAT THE VOTING WAS QUIET THIS MORNING. THE POLLS WILL CLOSE AT NINE THIS EVENING. THE POLLING IS EXPECTED TO BE VERY HEAVY WITH MANY OF THE OVERSEAS (SERVICE) VOTES BEING MADE BY PROXY. ALMOST ALL OF THE NAVY VOTES ARE EXPECTED TO BE MADE BY PROXY. IN GERMANY, BRITISH TROOPS WILL VOTE FOR THREE DAYS AND THIS VOTING WILL TERMINATE TOMORROW NIGHT.

LONDON DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES SAY THAT A SIMULTANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE MADE WITHIN A FEW HOURS REGARDING THE RECOGNITION OF THE POLISH PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT BY THE UNITED STATES AND BRITAIN.

IN LONDON LAST NIGHT A GROUP OF 500 CANADIAN SOLDIERS WAITING TO BE SHIPPED BACK TO CANADA HEARD THAT THREE OTHER CANADIAN SOLDIERS WERE IN A NEARBY JAIL. THE 500 MEN SET OUT TO FREE THEIR COMRADES AND FOUND OUT UPON ARRIVAL AT THE JAIL THAT THERE WERE NO CANADIANS THERE. THE BELLIGERENT SOLDIERS MANAGED TO DAMAGE A TOTAL OF 25 SHOPS AND SEVERAL SCORE WINDOWS WERE STOVE IN. A CHECKUP BY BRITISH POLICE THIS MORNING SHOWED THAT NOTHING HAD BEEN LOOTED IN ANY OF THE SHOPS.

THE MAIN BRITISH OCCUPATIONAL FORCE FOR BERLIN HAS ARRIVED THERE TO TAKE UP ITS DUTIES.