PACIFIC:

American tactical planes have stepped up the bombing of the Japanese homeland within the past few days. Yesterday, more than 100 rocket-firing Mustangs from two Jima worked over airfields in the Tokio area. The Japs say that the fighters are back today attacking airfields around Tokio and Osaka. American fighters and bombers from Okinawa yesterday attacked communication targets on Kyushu and the Tokio radio reports 300 American bombers and fighters over Kyushu again today. American carrier-based planes probably operating from carriers in the Inland Sea have carried out the first air blow of the war against Korea on the Asiatic mainland. Two days ago the navy planes struck at power plants and rail communications there. The Allied air blockade of Japan's sea routes in the past six months has accounted for more than 2,000,000 tons of enemy shipping.

General MacArthur has said that American aircraft released from the Philippines campaign are now operating directly against Japan from forward bases. They have been in action against targets on Kyushu Island. The creation of a new all-embracing U. S. Army Strategic Air Force in the Pacific was announced yesterday. This new group under the command of General Spaatz will include the Eighth and 21st Air Forces.

Australian and Dutch troops have cleared out their bridgehead near Balikpapan another 5 miles and it is now 13 miles wide. The Allied troops have taken their second airstrip near the oil town and are nearing the Faro oil refinery. The Japs are pulling back steadily as American carrier borne and land-based planes support the ground forces. In South China, Chinese troops have taken a town 22 miles beyond recaptured Liuchow. The Japs have been counterattacking strongly in Burma between Pegu and Toungoo along the Sittang River and they have managed to push the British back a few miles.

EUROPE:

Britain and the United States have recognized the Polish Provisional Government of National Liberation in Warsaw. This follows an assurance from the new government that it accepts all of the Yalta decisions concerning Poland under which the Provisional Government is pledged to hold free elections as soon as possible. The British government is setting up an interim committee to supervise the winding up of the Polish government in London. It has been announced in London that these three Polish leaders had left London for Warsaw at the invitation of the government of national unity.

About 100 Canadian soldiers have been arrested in England following disturbances in which 25 shops were broken into and scores of windows were broken. The Canadians went on a rampage after finding out that three of their comrades were not in a local jail as had been reported. If found guilty, these men will be court-martialed.

There has been another clash in the Levant between French and Syrian soldiers in a Syrian coastal town. British soldiers intervened and stopped the trouble.

UNITED STATES:

President Truman has announced that the "Big Three" meeting will take place within the next three weeks. The President said that he would not see Mr. Churchill before the meeting took place.