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PACIFIC:

IN THE HEAVIEST AIR BLOW YET STRUCK AT THE JAPANESE MAINLAND AMERICAN SUPER FORTRESSES AND CARRIER PLANES OF THE THIRD FLEET HAVE HAMMERED TARGETS ON HONSHU. AT DAWN THIS MORNING A FORCE OF 1000 CARRIER PLANES HIT MILITARY TARGETS AROUND THE GREAT NAVAL BASE OF KURE ON THE INLAND SEA AT THE SOUTHERN END OF HONSHU. TOKIO RADIO SAYS THE AMERICAN PLANES WENT FOR AIRFIELDS AND WARSHIPS ANCHORED AT KURE. AT NOON TIME JUST WHEN JAP WORKERS WERE LEAVING WAR PLANTS WELL OVER 600 SUPER FORTS, THE LARGEST FORCE EVER SENT OUT, SWEEPED IN OVER THE OSAKA-NAGOYA INDUSTRIAL AREAS AND RAINED MORE THAN 4000 TONS OF BOMBS, INCLUDING TWO TONNERS, ON JAP INDUSTRIAL TARGETS. TOKIO RADIO CLAIMED THAT 2000 CARRIER PLANES AND SUPER FORTS WERE OVER THE JAP HOMELAND TODAY. YESTERDAY, LIGHT AMERICAN NAVAL UNITS SHELLIED THE JAP NAVAL BASE OF PARAMUSHIRO IN THE KURILES NORTH OF JAPAN.

IN SOUTHEASTERN BORNEO, AUSTRALIAN TROOPS HAVE DRIVEN 3 MILES CLOSER TO THE OIL FIELDS AT SAMARINDA. IN SOUTH CHINA, CHINESE TROOPS HAVE TAKEN A TOWN 24 MILES WEST OF KWEILIN, THE BIGGEST AIRBASE IN SOUTH CHINA. ONE CHINESE COLUMN IS LESS THAN 8 MILES FROM KWEILIN. IN BURMA THE JAPS HAVE LOST OVER 1300 MEN IN 2 DAYS IN TRYING TO BREAK OUT OF THE PEGU HILLS TO THE EAST TOWARDS SIAM. ONLY 80 PRISONERS WERE TAKEN.

AMERICAN BOMBERS AND FIGHTERS OF THE FAR EASTERN AIR FORCE HAVE MADE A WIDE SWEEP OF THE SOUTH CHINA SEA AND HAVE SUNK ANOTHER 10 JAP SHIPS AND DAMAGED SEVERAL MORE.

A YEAR AGO TODAY AMERICAN TROOPS LANDED ON THE ISLAND OF TINIAN IN THE MARIANAS. TODAY TINIAN (32 SQUARE MILES) HAS THE TWO BIGGEST SUPER FORTRESS AIRFIELDS IN THE MARIANAS GROUP. GENERAL ARNOLD TOLD CORRESPONDENTS IN MANILA THAT AMERICA AND BRITAIN WILL USE ALL THE AIR POWER THAT THEY CAN LAY THEIR HANDS ON TO SHATTER THE JAPANESE HOMELAND.

EUROPE:

THE TRIAL OF MARSHALL PETAIN BEGAN IN PARIS YESTERDAY. THE MARSHALL, ON TRIAL FOR HIS LIFE, CLAIMED THAT THE COURT DID NOT REPRESENT THE FRENCH PEOPLE AND HE REFUSED TO ANSWER QUESTIONS.

M. PAUL REYNAUD, WHO WAS PREMIER AT THE TIME OF THE COLLAPSE OF FRANCE IN 1940 AND WHO IS ONE OF PETAIN'S CHIEF ACCUSERS, YESTERDAY TOLD THE STORY LEADING UP TO THE COLLAPSE OF FRANCE. REYNAUD SAID THAT HE HAD MADE ONE FUNDAMENTAL ERROR AND THAT WAS BELIEVING IN THE PATRIOTISM OF PETAIN AND GENERAL WEYGAND. THE FORMER PREMIER SAID THAT PETAIN AND WEYGAND WANTED FRANCE TO CAPITULATE WHEREAS REYNAUD WAS IN FAVOR OF CONTINUING THE WAR FROM NORTH AFRICA. REYNAUD WILL CONTINUE WITH HIS STORY TODAY. THERE WERE SEVERAL STORMY SCENES IN THE COURTROOM YESTERDAY AND THE UPROAR WAS SO GREAT AT ONE TIME THAT THE COURT HAD TO BE SUSPENDED FOR 45 MINUTES.

MARSHALL PETAIN APPEARED RESTED AND CALM WHEN HE ENTERED THE COURTROOM IN THE PALAIS DE JUSTICE THIS AFTERNOON.

ABOUT 500,000 AMERICAN SOLDIERS MADE A SHOWDOWN INSPECTION OF GERMAN HOMES IN THE AMERICAN ZONES OF OCCUPATION OVER THE WEEKEND. THEY FOUND NO SIGNS OF UNDERGROUND ACTIVITY BUT THEY DID FIND FIREARMS AND AMERICAN EQUIPMENT IN SOME OF THE HOMES. ABOUT 80,000 GERMANS WERE TAKEN INTO CUSTODY. THE GERMANS HAD NO INKLING THAT THE INSPECTION WAS COMING OFF.

MR. CHURCHILL LAST NIGHT GAVE A DINNER TO PRESIDENT TRUMAN AND GENERAL-ISSIMO STALIN IN POTSDAM. MR. CHURCHILL, MR. EDEN AND MR. ATLEE WILL RETURN TO ENGLAND TOMORROW FOR RESULTS OF THE GENERAL ELECTION IN BRITAIN. THE CONFERENCE WILL CONTINUE WHILE THEY ARE AWAY.