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NEWS BULLETIN

.....SUPER-FORTRESS RAID.....

Japanese naval base at Sasebo has been attacked by Super-Fortresses, a Friday communique says, which added that no additional information is available at present. Bombs were also dropped on industrial objectives at Yawata, which was the target of Super-Fortresses on June 15, both cities are on Island of Kyushu.

.....IN RUSSIA.....

Friday's Soviet communique says that offensive operations are proceeding on all sectors of the White Russian front. West of Minsk, the Red Army occupied the towns of Oshryany and Ostrovets, both district centers of Vileyka region and fought their way into more than 250 other inhabited localities. In Baranovich direction, overcoming enemy resistance, the Red troops continued their offensive, capturing Litvia, about 6 km. southeast of Baranovich. Stolin, district center of Pinsk region was also taken. On all fronts yesterday, 34 enemy tanks were destroyed or disabled.

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.....IN ITALY.....

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.....IN THE PACIFIC.....

Following the surprise landing made Sunday on Noemfoor Island, 113 miles west of Biak, American troops have captured Kornasoren airfield, second vital airstrip on the Island. The strip was captured on Tuesday, only 48 hrs after the Americans had stormed ashore and taken Kamiri airfield. The airfields are only 3 miles apart. The fields have been inspected and will soon be ready for use by Allied aircraft. On Biak Island itself, Allied patrols are ceaselessly harassing the enemy on inland trails and on the northern coast. American patrols are within 1 mile of the Jap-held Saver airfield, around the Arni-Maffin Bay area of northern New Guinea.

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...END OF NEWS...

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NEWS BULLETIN

.....IN RUSSIA.....

MOLDECHNO CAPTURED..Moldechno, 40 miles northwest of Minsk is important railway junction at point where Minsk-Vilna railway crosses line from Pothotsk to Lida. It is 70 miles southeast of Vilna. Two main bulges are taking shape in Soviet advance as Red Army continues its lightning speed towards East Prussia and Baltic Sea. First is now directly threatening Vilna, key communications point on railways to Koenigsberg and Tarsav and Drinsk-Daugavpils-Latvian center on Smolensk Riga. Second, further south, is swinging out towards Baranovichi on Minsk-Brest Litovsk railway and Grodno-Vilna-Warsaw line. This second thrust is developing along valley of Nieghn which flows through Grodno and Kaunas into the sea at Tilst. In 11 days, Soviet offensive, fastest of whole Soviet-German War has carried Red Army forward over 170 miles. Huge mass is now rolling along roads to Berlin and latest dispatches from front place most advanced Soviet troops within 130 miles of German frontier, east of Suwalki. German forces west of Minsk are being cut up on all sides and uncounted German units have been trapped between 20 and 50 miles behind main front. Marshal Rokossovsky is moving up to storm Baranovichi in developing flanking thrusting movements from northeast and southeast while smashing fierce resistance that is due east of this railwarks.

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.....IN THE AIR.....

Formations of flying Fortresses and Liberators of 8th Airforce with fighter escort this morning attacked airfields in Holland and Belgium and flying bomb launching platforms and other targets in Pas De Calais, it was announced by U.S. Strategic airforces in Europe. Bombing was done by means of instruments. No aircraft missing.

.....IN THE FAR EAST.....

American, British, and Chinesetroops operating under Lt. Gen. Stilwell in northern Burma have killed 17,700 Japs since the campaign was launched this year. Units of the British 14th Army Tuesday captured the town of Ukruhl, a key Japanese base on the India border front. More successes are reported by the Chinese who have captured a fortified hill some 19 km. west of the Burma road. Further south they have advanced to within 2 km. of Lungling. Americans at Myiktyina, surrounded and annihilated a Jap force trying to recapture the main airfield and Chinese forces repulsed three attacks south and west of the outskirts of the town. In China, Jap troops have been driven to a point about 40 miles southeast of LeiYang, an important city of the Canton-Hankov railway were they are now being engaged by Chinese forces said the Chungking communique.

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.....ODES AND LIDS.....
STOCKHOLM..Correspondent of Swedish Aftonbladt said today, "Civilian populations have been evacuated in good time from Vilna and Drinsk and there is no indication whatsoever in Berlin that the Germans intended to try and hold their own with the Russians".

MADRID..Official note issued here tonight denies all rumors that Spain had manufactured parts of the German flying bomb.

WASHINGTON..Navy Secretary Forrestal said 640 Jap ships have now been sunk by American submarines. He estimated between one third and one half of the original Japanese merchant fleet of seven million tons had been destroyed.

...END OF NEWS...

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7 July 1944

NEWS BULLETIN

.....IN RUSSIA.....

KOVEL CAPTURED: Kovel has been captured says Stalin Order of Day. Thursdays Soviet communique says "During July 6th., west of Petrozavodsk, troops of Karelian front continuing to overcome enemy resistance and obstacles on forest roads and between lakes, occupied number of inhabited localities. North and northwest of Polotsk, our troops carried out offensive operations and occupied over 150 inhabited localities. North and northeast of Minsk our troops developing their offensive occupied town of Avir, district centre of Vileyka region and towns of Zelozhin and Iventes, district centres of Baranovich. They fought their way forward into more than three hundred inhabited localities. Our troops also captured four railway station including Zalesye. Southeast of Minsk, our troops fought their way forward and occupied town of Derzhinsk, district centre of Minsk region and over and over 100 inhabited localities, including several large ones and some railway stations, one of them Mogilev. In course of fighting over 5,000 enemy officers and men were wiped out. 195 out of 738 assault division with its Commander Colonel Oldenberg laid down its arms and surrendered. In middle reaches of River Pripiet, west of Kobryn, our troops captured town and railway station of Zhityovichi, district of Polish region.

.....IN HOLLAND.....

Americans hammering in hard fighting scored 1,500 yard gain southwest of Carontan, which is today's largest advance in offensive along the front. American troops today withdrew from La Haye Du Puit after bitter German resistance and began to bypass town. This was second withdrawal from town within last 24 hours. It was made after German counterattacks with tank support west of La Haye and in face of strong resistance within town. First withdrawal was made late yesterday but Americans later reentered highway and by last night had retaken railway station. American column moving along west flank to bypass La Haye is now about one mile southwest of town. Another spearhead driving from east is in Mont Casire forest. German resistance along offensive front is strong and is reported to be stiffening. Three counter attacks were made southwest of Carontan late yesterday and several more supported by tanks last night. Americans repelled them all.

.....IN ITALY.....

After driving through widespread demolitions and hampering land, 8th Army spearheads in central sector are within three miles of Arezzo, vital communications centre 37 miles southeast Florence. Elsewhere, French troops fighting against fierce resistance have reached a point of about only 26 miles southwest of Florence. In eastern sector Allied troops now within eight miles of Ancona, important Adriatic coastal town. Fifth army yesterday made gains of between 1 and 4 miles on all parts of front except extreme coastal area to west. However progress has been made notably in sector northwest and northeast of Seina. On 5th, Army front alone fighting is in progress at Rosignano and in area of Montecatino. Spearhead of 8th Army is now threatening main road to Florence, west of Arezzo. Indian troops after recent heavy fighting at Ponte Acoto have now reached outskirts of Umbertine in upper Tiber valley. In Adriatic sector, Polish troops have made further advance in vicinity of Osimo.

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.....IN GERMANY.....

Announcement tonight says, Field Marshal Von Kluge has taken over supreme command in west from Field Marshal Von Rundstedt, who is unable to carry out his duties for health reasons. German news agency says Hitler in cordial letter to Von Rundstedt has expressed his thanks to him for distinguished service in most difficult situations. Hitler has also intimated that Von Rundstedt will be employed in other tasks.

.....IN THE PACIFIC.....

Yanks control 7/8 of Saipan. Now American gains of Saipan now give them control approximately 7/8 of the island after 18 days of the most bitter fighting of the Pacific.

.....END OF NEWS.....

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5 July 44

NEWS BULLETIN

.....IN RUSSIA.....

POLOTSK CAPTURED; Marshal Stalin in Order of Day Tuesday says Polotsk was captured. The order said that that troops of first Baltic front "Developing their offensive today carried by assault town and important railway junction of Polotsk, powerful enemy stronghold covering road to Ivinsk". Stalin directed that units which particularly distinguished themselves in capture should assume name of Polotsk units and that success be saluted tonight by twenty salutes from 224 guns at Moscow. Forces of first Baltic front July Fourth, carried by assault town and railway inhabited localities including towns of Bunimovich, Mory, Nagel, and railway station of Voronevo. Troops of third White Russian front continuing their offensive captured 350 inhabited localities including district centres of Vilesek, region towns of Rogoskovic and Ilevichi and Ilevichi and district centre of Minsk, region town of Aslavl. In Baranovich direction troops of first White Russian front continued to wage offensive battles in course of which they captured two district centre of Minsk region, one district centre of Baranovich region and over 200 inhabited localities. In mopping up operations northwest of Bobruisk group of sixty enemy officers was captured including Lt. General Iuetsov, commander of Thirty Fifth German Army Corps. There were no changes on other sectors of front. During July Third, troops disabled or destroyed on all fronts forty five enemy tanks. They shot down in air combat or by antiaircraft fire twenty nine enemy aircraft.

.....IN NORMANDY.....

SEAF tonight's communique states "Allied forces made two major attacks this morning. In Caen area our troops driving southwest astride railway and main road from Duque to Caen have captured Carpiquet. Fighting is in progress on airfield there. Other Allied units moving from eastern flank of Odon bridgehead advanced several miles, capturing Virson and joining with our troops on their left. In base of Cherbourg Peninsula Allied forces moving south captured high ground north of La Haye Du Puit this morning. Successful assault of this dominating foothold followed earlier advance near Saint Remk les Landis and La Poteris where substantial gains have been made. Weather continued to interfere with air operations from midnight until noon today".

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CHUNKING: Mustang gas shells are being used by Japanese in all out attempt to capture Kiangway, key city in southern Hunan Province. Chinese defenders are not yielding an inch of ground and by last night 1,000 Japanese dead had counted, including one high commanding officer.

.....IN ITALY.....

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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4 July 1944

NEWS BULLETIN

.....IN RUSSIA.....

MINSK CAPTURED...An Order of the Day from Marshal Stalin Monday, said Minsk had been captured. The Order, addressed to Army General Chirnyakhovsky and Marshal Rokossovsky says, "Forces of Third White Russian front, in cooperation with forces of First White Russian front, as result of deep outflanking movement today, July 3rd, carried by assault, capital of Soviet Republic of White Russia-Minsk-important enemy stronghold in western direction". With fall of city, it is to be expected that Soviet army groups north and south will swing together to trap any portion of big garrison which may have got away. Both main escape routes of Minsk garrison railway north to Vilna and south westerly line to Baranovichy were cut last night. West of Minsk are only second class roads degenerating into cart tracks across featureless swamps and thick forests. It is through that country that retreating Germans falling back across pre 1939 frontier in bid to escape closing Soviet clams must endeavour to make their way.

.....IN NORMANDY.....

American troops have already started forward two and half miles at one point in their new offensive southward from Cherbourg Peninsula. Village of Saint Jores, five miles south of Pont Labbe has been captured. This puts U.S. troops south of area flooded by German and in strong position to continue their advance. From Saint Jores good roads west to La Haye Du Points and secondary road south to Perieas and Coutances. Minor advances have also been made at other points of new American offensive front which extends for more than 20 miles practically from west coast around Saint Lo Douceville to west of Caentan. Activity is also reported around line stretching from Saint Lo to Carentan but this is believed to be of relatively minor importance. Patrols who penetrated to village of Bretteville, 2 miles west of Grainville found it clear. Germans and took positions. Patrols reaching out from south western corner of salient found Germans holding southern portion of village of Gavrus. Germans were also found in farm houses 1 mile south of village of Fontaine, which is 1 mile east of salient. Village itself was cleared. No news of new British attacks in salient has reached SHAEF.

.....IN THE PACIFIC.....

Carapan, peacetime capital of Saipan, in the Marianas has been surrounded on 3 sides by U.S. troops. They have captured the heights overlooking Tanapac, some 2 1/2 miles beyond Carapan on the northwest of coast of the island. On the east coast other units have pushed to within 5 miles of the island's northernmost tip. Monday's communique from Hq. said in part--"Marine and Army troops on Saipan have made small gains in the central sector and on our right lines our advanced patrols have forces ahead up to 1 mile. Eighty enemy tanks have been destroyed or captured and our troops have buried 605 enemy dead and have taken more than 200 prisoners. Our forces have penetrated further into Carapan. This gives U.S. troops a hold on roughly 60 % of the island. On Biak, ground forces continued their mopping up operations."

.....IN YUGOSLAVIA.....

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.....IN SOUTHERN ENGLAND.....

Flying bombs came over southern England at frequent intervals during today. Features of battle against them in past 24 hrs was the performance of two pilots of Air Defence of Great Britain, both of whom destroyed 3 during a single patrol.

...END OF NEWS...

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NEWS BULLETIN

.....IN NORMANDY.....

British salient over River Odon stands fast after 72 hours of German counter-attacks. "Battle is extremely satisfactory for us," it was stated at SHAERF tonight. "Initiative is still in Allied hands and Rommel has thrown in part of his strategic reserves and he has thrown them in piecemeal. All Rommel's attacks have been repelled usually with heavy losses to Germans in men and tanks. In last three or four days Germans must have put in nearly 24 counterattacks principally with object of cutting off Allied salient at its base. Yesterday 9 counterattacks were launched and in Tilly-Caen sector over 40 German tanks were destroyed. They lie in British field of fire so that German recovery units are unable to bring in for repairs.

.....IN RUSSIA.....

MOSCOW: Stalin, in Order of Day Sunday, announced Russians cut German communications from Minsk to Brest, Litovsk and Luminis. Order addressed to Gen. Chernyakovsky and Marshal Rokossovsky reads "Troops of 3rd White Russian have captured town of Vileykavileyska and important railway station and town of Krasnoye. Our troops have thus cut enemy communications from Minsk to Vilna and Riga. Simultaneously, southeast of Minsk, troops of first White Russian front, as result of impetuous blows dealt by cavalry, tank formations and infantry have occupied towns and railway stations of Stolbtsy, Nesvitz and Gorodzy, thus cutting enemy communications from Minsk to Brest, Litovsk and Luminis. Slunine. Reuters adds cutting of Minsk, Brest, Litovsk and Minsk-Vilna railway lines. Mens that estimated 200,000 German troops defending White Russian capital are now trapped and without any reliable line of retreat. Krasnoye is on 1921 Polish border 30 miles northwest of Minsk on main railway line to Vilna.

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.....IN NORMANDY.....

Rommel is now believed to have taken over personal command of campaign in Normandy. His arrival comes at time when Second British Army is consolidating after push of seven miles into Evreux bridgehead. Fighting on any big scale has died down for the moment. Reuter's Special Correspondent on Tilly-Caen front said today that British antitank gunners won a smashing victory over German armour by knocking out 25 tanks in series of more than dozen small clashes on west flank of bridgehead northwest of Cheux. The enemy is throwing in the best armour he can muster. Elements of seven Panzer divisions have been identified as operating in the Caen-Tilly area. Some of the Germans, troops previously fighting in Russia, were identified. During heavy counterattack against wedge in Evreux area German troops it is now disclosed infiltrated as far as shoulders of bridgehead but they have been pushed out and position is now secure.

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In Cherbourg Peninsula, the Germans still have some artillery active in the Beaulieu and area westward. This is now being dealt with by American forces. Number of air strips from which Allied planes are operating in France is steadily increasing. Rommel has put more fresh troops into battle of Normandy wedge; considerable number of German counterattacks have been repulsed, and situation is highly satisfactory although it is too early for judgement on. This was how battleline position was summed up at SHAERF tonight. There have been minor successes within past 36 hours-chiefly, successful clearance from flanks and forward positions of wedge of German forces who had infiltrated in some places well into rear of troops between Diers Odon and Orne. Heavy losses were inflicted in fighting there and substantial improvement made in British positions. Position there now is that instead of holding bridge over Odon this has now become bridgehead firmly established. Fighting every where is still heavy. Village is lost or gained bridge recaptured, but in spite of nature of battle, British and Canadian forces have recovered all ground which they ever held at any time.

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.....IN NORWAY.....

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28 June 1944

NEWS BULLETIN

.....IN NORMANDY.....

SHAEP's communique says, "Allied forces in Tilly-Caen area have crossed Caen-Villers Bocage railway near Muen. Our advance has been made in torrential rain and against determined resistance by enemy infantry and armour. In Cherbourg Peninsula, we are continuing our attacks against last remaining organized opposition. Elements of enemy forces are holding out in Maupertus airfield, east of Cherbourg and in northwest tip of Peninsula. Prisoners taken in peninsula total at least 20000 and more are being brought in. Advance British patrols today reached highway just north of River Odon, while behind advance line Tommies and tanks in savage fighting continued to wipe out strong German resistance pockets in fighting described as most heavy. Spokesman said that advance is going most satisfactory although German resistance is stiffest yet met by Allied troops. British tanks which went into action yesterday after biggest barrage yet laid down in Normandy are now fighting along front of between 6 and 7 miles. They are fighting on edge of the plain country south of Caen which is ideal for armoured operations. This is front which is now coming into its own following the fall of Cherbourg and for all practical purposes end of resistance in peninsula. While rough guess at German casualties since beginning of whole campaign would put them not less than 70000 killed, wounded and prisoners.

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ROME..Lt. Pitro Koch, terrorist who conducted Republican Fascist "torture institutions" is being held under arrest by Allies it is now learned. Recently it was reported that he had been killed by patriots.

NEW YORK..Gov. Thomas Dewey of New York has decided to accept Republican nomination for presidency and proposed to fly to Chicago to address the Republican National Convention it is learned here.

...END OF NEWS...

REAR BRANCHES
ALLIED COMMAND COMMISSION
APO 194

27 June 44

NEWS BULLETIN

.....IN NORWAY.....

Sydney Mason Reuters special correspondent SALTHER today. A third of Cherbourg has now been wrested from Germans and last stages of assault have developed into bitter street fighting with no inclination on part of Germans to surrender. Maupertus east of Cherbourg where there is an airfield is one strongpoint still holding out while others are at Carneville east of Maupertus and portion of Octeville to southwest through which American had advanced earlier to make their first contact with Germans holding other city limits. Pretteville on east side of Cherbourg has been reached while Quereville just to west on coast has been taken. Over 3,000 prisoners had been taken in Cherbourg fighting up to 0600 hours this morning, bringing total number of prisoners since invasion to 20,000. British forces, today attacked on east side of Tilly where they had previously held and repulsed strong counter attacks with tanks and infantry. High ground there is now in British possession. Air activity over battle front was at complete standstill, owing to very bad weather conditions.

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.....END OF NEWS.....

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FOR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
AEO 394

26 June 1944

NEWS BULLETIN

.....IN NORMANDY.....
AMERICANS ENTER CHATELAIN.

Blasting their way through last heavy fortifications linking town to forces drove into this important city. Force which earlier cut last escape route for Germans later drove them west into extreme western section of this great trench port. Simultaneously, powerful column moving from south enveloped and silenced battling Fort Du Roule, driving onward into city itself. Fort Du Roule was ablaze as Germans fell back into town fighting bitterly for each street. By 1300 hrs two American striking forces had established headquarters on high ground overlooking city and column of Americans began to flow into city. With doughboy thrust from west and south and column closing in from east American artillery including long range guns plastered entrapped Germans.

.....ON THE EASTERN FRONT.....

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Fifth Army tanks and infantry, now forcing Nazis to withdraw along most of his west Italy front, are now only 50 miles from cities of Pisa and Florence. Allied spearheads pushing north up coast road highway 73 are advancing towards Pisa while others striking inland up highway 73 are 15 miles from Siena on road to Florence. Gen. Leese's units yesterday entered Pescia on Orvieto-Arezzo railway and occupied Bartorno some 4 miles southwest of Chiusi. Villages of Perolia and Tornello on Highway 73 were also captured with Siena 15 miles further on. To east, French Spahis captured Civitella Paganico and are now thrusting north. Allied forces on Adriatic coast after race to Chiotti River have not yet begun advance on Ancona.

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.....ODDS AND ENDS.....
LONDON..Flying bombs came over southern England tonight, Sunday, after lull of over fourteen hours.

...END OF NEWS...

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REAR GUARDIAN
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
AF 384

2 June 1944

NEWS SUMMARY

.....ON THE EASTERN FRONT.....

Allied forces are steadily closing in on Cherbourg says Saturday's communiqué. Despite fierce resistance each link in chain of defenses is being systematically destroyed. In center of semicircle front our troops are within two miles of heart of city. British armor won smashing victory east of the River Orne yesterday when for slight losses 20 of total of 24 Tiger and German tank 4 tanks were put out of action on battlefield between Sainte Honorine and Caverville. Antitank guns and rocket firing typhoons cut German squadrons to ribbons and Infantry following up assault are now consolidating their positions in and around Honoring. Bitter fighting went on all day in this sector and before nightfall remnants of German force recoiled. Germans have been definitely ordered to fight to last, it was learned at SHAEF and this order is apparently being obeyed. Although not comparable to Stalingrad, Cherbourg offers many chances to resolute street fighters. In raid on Vaagso in northern Norway and scene of early commando raid, Germans although fighting in wooden buildings preferred to be burnt alive rather than give in. In Cherbourg there are many big stone buildings ideal for street operations. In other words conditions exist for miniature Stalingrad.

.....ON THE EASTERN FRONT.....

Marshal Stalins order of the day. More than 300 places have been liberated south of Vitebsk said Marshal Stalin in third order of day issued Saturday. This order from Stalin is addressed to Colonel Gerasvt, says "Forces of the third White Russian front, with effective cooperation from artillery and airforce passed to offensive and broke through defenses of Vitebsk fortified zone south of town of Vitebsk on front 30 kilometers. More than 300 inhabited localities have been liberated. Simultaneously, in Orskhal direction our troops broke through strong and deeply staggered enemy defenses north of Dniester on front of 20 kilometers and advanced to depth of 15 kilometers". "Forces of Karelisan front north of Lake Onega overcame enemy resistance and completely captured town of Ladvezhie Gora in Finnish Soviet Republic.

.....ODLS ARE EIT3.....

At 28 years of age Brig. Gen. Richard Sanders, Chief of Staff of Ninth Airforce Bomber Command, whose promotion was recently announced is youngest General in U.S. Army. Arriving in North Africa June 1942, Sanders took part in pre allmain heavy bomber attacks against shipping off Tobruk, Benghazi and other coastal points along enemy's supply line. He became Chief of Staff to Brig. Gen. Samuel Anderson, Commanding General Ninth Airforce Bomber Command last January.

.....WASHINGTON.....

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 Marshal Stalin's order of the day. More than 300 places have been liberated south of Vitebsk said Marshal Stalin in third order of day issued Saturday. This order from Stalin is addressed to Colonel Gerasimov, says "Forces of the third United Russian front, with effective cooperation from artillery and airforce passed to offensive and broke through defenses of Vitebsk fortified zone south of town of Vitebsk on front 30 kilometers. More than 300 inhabited localities have been liberated. Simultaneously, in Orsha direction our troops broke through strong and deeply staggered enemy defenses north of Inster on front of 20 kilometers and advanced to depth of 15 kilometers". "Forces of Karelian front north of Lake Onega overcame enemy resistance and completely captured town of Medvezhie Gora in Finnish Soviet Republic."

.....ODLS AND EILS.....
 At 28 years of age Brig. Gen. Richard Sanders, Chief of Staff of Ninth Airforce Bomber Command, whose promotion was recently announced is youngest General in U.S. Army. Arriving in North Africa June 1942, Sanders took part in pre assault heavy bomber attacks against shipping off Tobruk, Benghazi and other coastal points along enemy supply line. He became Chief of Staff to Brig. Gen. Samuel Anderson, Commanding General Ninth Airforce Bomber Command last January.

.....WASHINGTON.....
 Saturday carrier based aircraft of fast American task forces attacked Bonin Islands 100 miles southeast of Japan it was announced by United States Navy Department tonight.

.....LONDON.....
 escorted flying Fortresses and Liberators Saturday attacked military objectives in northwest German it was officially announced. Individual targets are not named.

.....LONDON.....
 10 vessels were sunk in Ports of Le Havre and Boulogne in R.A.F. day and night attacks of June 14 and 15. Total includes 22 E and R boats.

.....LONDON.....
 No important French railway lines leading from Belfort near frontiers of Switzerland and Germany to Paris in west and Besancon in south respectively are still interrupted it is learned from authorized French sources in London. This is one operation in Lorraine and eastern France where French force of interior keeps cutting railways and telephone lines as fast as the Germans can repair them.

.....DOVER.....
 Nearly two hours today enemy's longrange guns between Boulogne and Calais fired over Straits of Dover, about 25 shells were fired. Towns in the Dover area had shellfire warnings lasting two and three quarter hours.

.....END OF NEWS.....

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NEWS BULLETIN

.....ON THE BEACHEAD.....

Pitched battle for Cherbourg is now centred on two or three remaining hill features whose control is essential before port falls. They are above everything else--keys to port. One of them, just southeast of Tourlaville, three and half miles from sea is already in American hands, giving them complete observation over eastern sector of town and cutting communications to east.

.....ON THE ITALIAN FRONT.....

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LONDON..Germany's oil production as result of Allied bombing is temporarily down to one third of Reich's total requirements, official of Ministry of Economic Warfare said today.

CHUNGKING..Chinese troops advancing south in Mogaung Valley have crossed Shweli River and reached point 10 miles north of Tengchung, key Japanese base on road to Myitkyina. Japans on Burma road are attacking east from Lungling with tanks.

...END OF NEWS...

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NEWS BULLETIN

.....ON THE BEACHHEAD.....
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..IN ITALY..In growing disaster to German armies in Italy, Italian resistance movement is playing valued part. There are now nine Garibaldi assault brigades which receive orders and advice in broadcast from Gen. Alexander through Italian Supreme Command. These patriots, who number some 400,000 men have probably had to suffer more casualties than all other allies in Italy put together. But they are now receiving fairly adequate supplies of small arms explosives and wireless sets. British officers have been at their headquarters and their movement is closely linked with resistance movements in France and Yugoslavia which have military liaison officers posted there.

...END OF NEWS...

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
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21 June 44

NEWS BULLETIN

.....ON THE EAST FRONT.....

FLASH..Russians captured Viborg, says Stalin order of day Tuesday. Order from Marshal Stalin to Marshal Gourov said, "Forces of Leningrad front developing their offensive overpowered outer and inner defences of Viborg and today, June twenty, carried by assault-fortress and town of Viborg.

.....ON THE ITALIAN FRONT.....

Overall picture of battlefield as given by S.M.A.P. tonight was cheerful one. Apart from continued advance in west, British troops which took Tilly and pushed two miles to southwest to Boffet have held their ground in face of counterattacks launched by tanks and infantry. They are now firmly established. To their east flank, there has been no change up to Caen and east of River Orne. Advance towards Cherbourg is being made over front nearly twenty miles wide and its practically continuous. Valognes, some ten miles to southeast is now surrounded on three sides by American troops, only exit being to northwest. Montebourg, now in allied hands is already two miles in rear of Allied troops who were last reported well north of Quineville, while in central sector of Cherbourg drive, American troops are already five miles beyond Bricquebec. Bricquebec is itself only ten miles from Cherbourg, which would put advance elements well within Cherbourg outer defences.

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Stockholm..According to usually reliable reports from Helsinki which cannot be confirmed, Finnish reconnaissance planes have observed German preparations at Baltic bases to make descent on island islands. Russians are known to be concentrating parachute detachments and landing craft and it is believed race for island island will develop. Plus withdrew their forces from islands to reinforce Karelian front soon after Russian offensive began.

.....END OF LIDS.....

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20, June 1944

NEWS BULL ETIN

.....ON THE BEACHHEAD.....
WITH U.S. FORCES IN NORMANDY...German troops trapped in the center sector of the Normandy Peninsula have begun a general retreat towards Cherbourg, it was announced Monday at Field HQ., according to William Stringer, Reuters Special Correspondent. American troops have begun a general advance right across the Cherbourg Peninsula and at one point advanced infantry elements are only 13 km. from Cherbourg, BBC reported tonight. American artillery has already opened fire on the port and the advance is continuing. The most rapid advance has been made on the western side and it is here that the Americans are 13 km. from the port. Enemy resistance has been somewhat stiffer on the eastern side of the Peninsula but even there the Americans have made progress in the triple thrust. On the coast they have advanced about 3 km. A little way inland, another American column has bypassed the town of Montebourg and cut the highway between this place and Valognes, 20 km. from Cherbourg, while another column is approaching Valognes from the south. Several km. to the west almost in the center of the Peninsula, still more American forces have cut the main road from Valognes to Bricquebec. Bricquebec itself and the country west of it has been overrun by the swiftness of the advance. Elements of a British armored division have pushed through in eastern sectors and are now inside Tilly. Street fighting is going on there with British in northern end of town and Germans in southern part. Areas west and northwest of Tilly had already been taken by British. British have made some minor local advances but nowhere is there anything to indicate any great change in battle which is in very fluid state.

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.....LONDON.....
Thunderbolt fighter bombers of the 9th Airforce are now permanently based in France, it was stated by 9th Airforce Commander, Lt. Gen. Lewis H. Brereton.

END OF NEWS

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMAND COMMISSION
APO 394

19 June 1944

NEWS SUMMARY

.....ON THE BRACHET.....

CORRESPONDENTS REPORTS. American spearheads across Cherbourg Peninsula have seized Saint Jacques De Mehou and high ground overlooking the sea on the west side of the Peninsula. According to reconnaissance reports, Germans have begun to evacuate area south of Saint Sauveur through closing Peninsula bottleneck. Americans have continued to slash their way down road from Saint Sauveur toward Ourville, near coast, driving at one point to position less than 10,000 yards from the coast beaches. The advance positions to date show that the Allied forces are now operating from base of 52 miles and hold's perimeter of approximately 116 miles. The deepest advance made to the west is 23.7 miles and to the south to Caumont 18 miles. American advance in Cherbourg Peninsula was made on two roads from Saint Jacques De Mehou to Barneville and from Saint Sauveur to Saint Lo Dourville. Latest news was that forward elements were at Saint Lo Dourville at midday today. The strength of German forces trapped to north of this line is not yet known but they consist of remnants of German divisions as well as garrison troops, including gunners and engineers. They may possibly be able to hold out for some time in strong fortifications guarding Cherbourg. Behind Germans there is evidence that the laquis have been successful in considerably delaying the advance northward of German reinforcements. German strongpoint north of River Douver and inside Allied line which has been holding out, fell yesterday. Over 150 prisoners were taken. British lost one, killed in final assault. American advances in west were made possible to some extent by fact that British and Canadians had kept engaged the four Panzer Divisions along their section of front but while this assisted the Americans it meant that British and Canadians were hit hard. Germans forces estimated by some reports at 30,000 are caught in American trap in Cherbourg Peninsula tonight. British troops on central and eastern Normandy fronts continue to beat off blows from main body of Panzer Armour Four Panzer Divisions.

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.....AKAF.....

German vessel Kassel belonging to Krieg transport class of eight hundred ton naval auxiliaries employed in Crimean operations has gone back to Black Sea. She has been refused passage through Straits under Turkish Government new policy regarding German ships announced by Prime Minister Sarajoglu.

.....IN THE AIR.....

Fortresses and Liberators of the United States 14th Air Force, largest force of day heavies ever sent against strategic targets flew out today to hammer many oil refineries in northwest Germany and one in Holland.

.....END OF NEWS.....

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 304

18 June 1944

NEWS BULLETIN

.....ON THE BELGIAN.....

SHLEF Saturday communique says "Allied forces have pushed deeper into Normandy; villages east and west of Tilly-sur-Seulles have been freed of enemy. Advancing two miles south of Isigny, our troops have reached Vire It Tante Canal. In Cherbourg Peninsula, Saint Sauveur-le-Vicomte has been liberated". Air forces have continued to give powerful support to the armies. They have also struck hard at enemy's communications to delay arrival of reinforcements, and so the battle of the bridges is important part of this air support. About ten days before invasion day the air forces began working on bridges over Seine, Loire, and Oise. Figures show how successful these attacks have been. Out of 13 railway bridges over Seine, 9 have one or more spans demolished and two others are unserviceable.

.....IN ITALY.....

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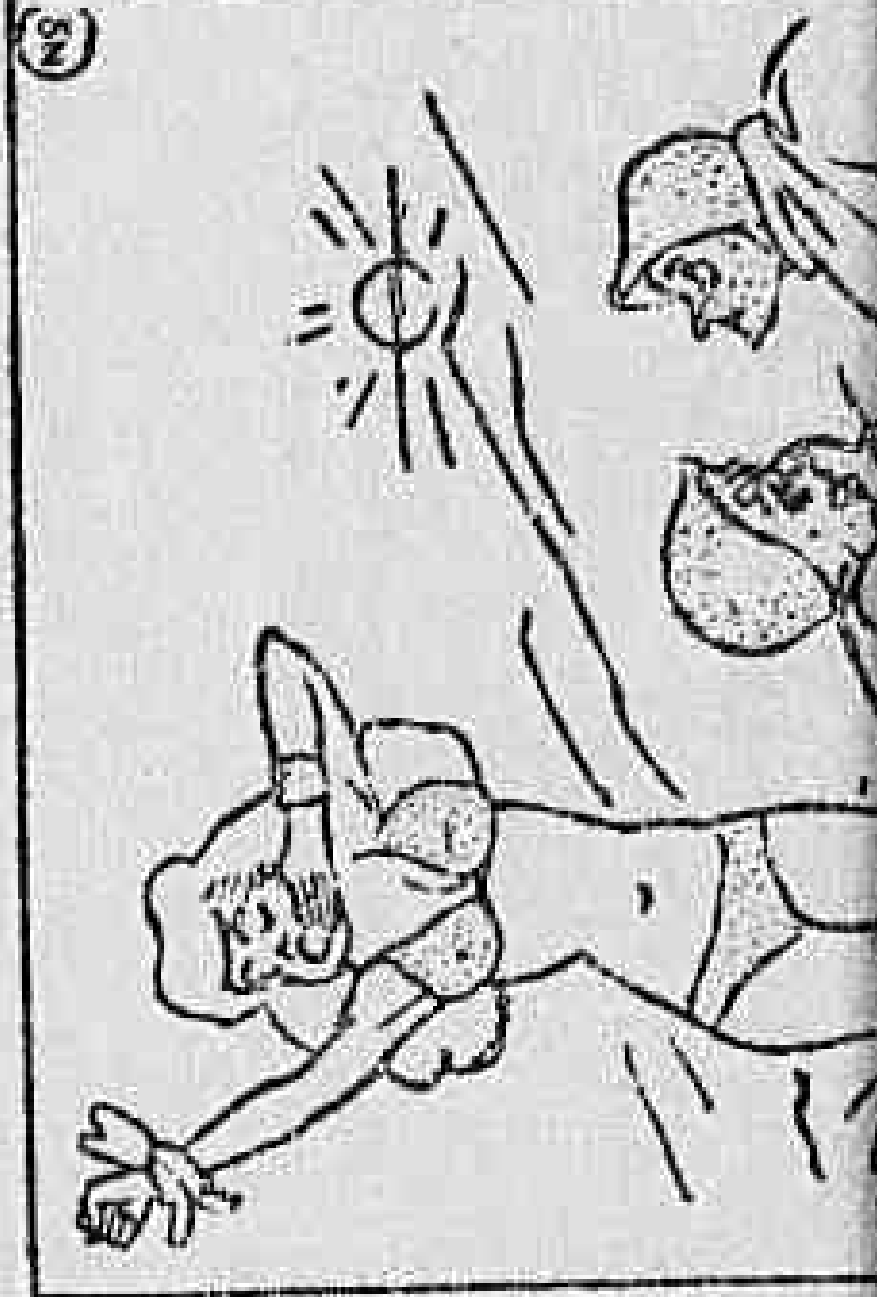
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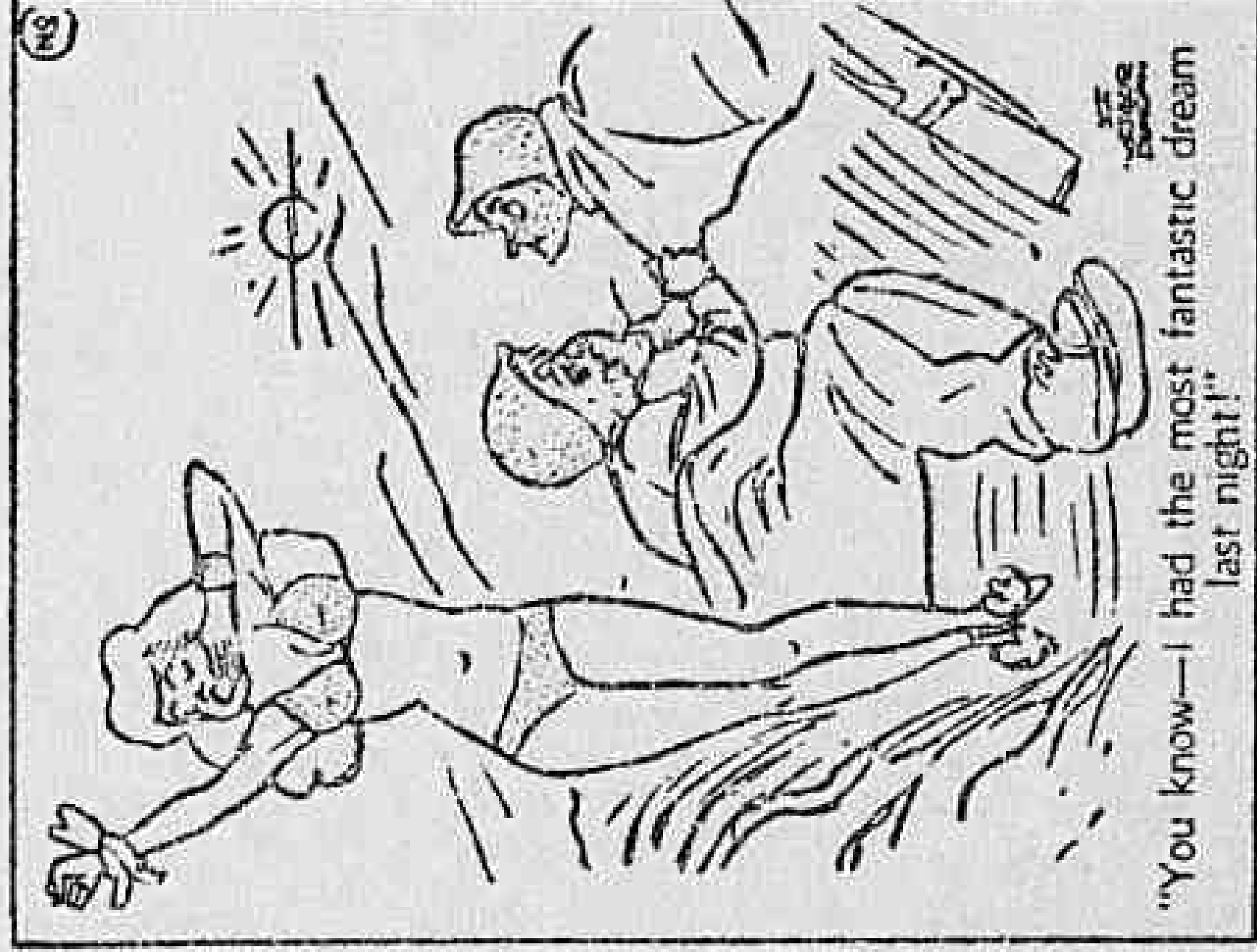
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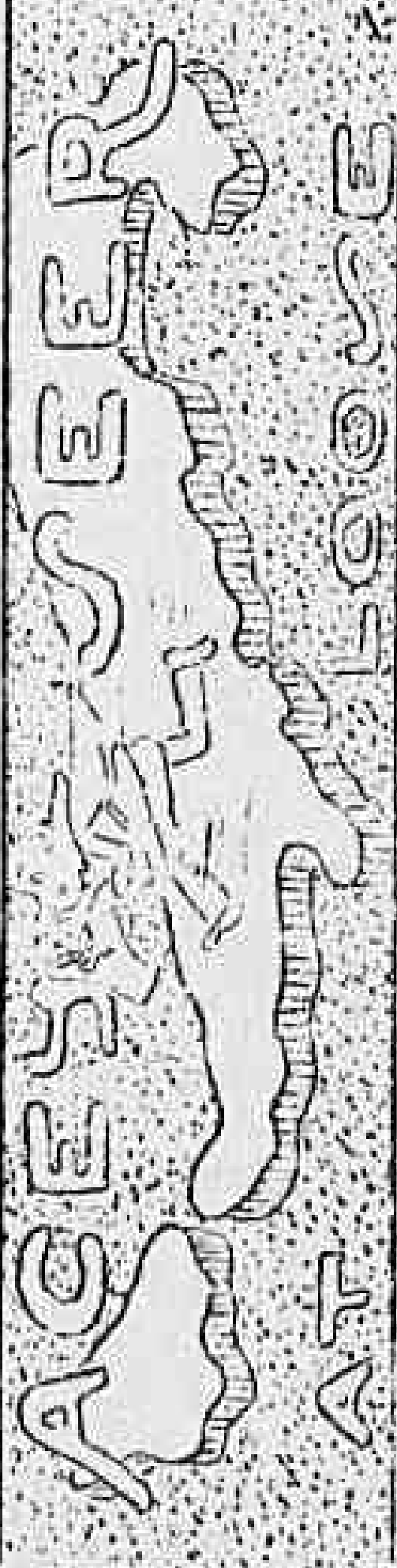
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MALE CALL by Milton Caniff



TOO-HAPPY TERMINOLOGY





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Like any other large Italian city housing American troops, Lecce has a Red Cross Club where showers are available, plus snack and fruit bars, music rooms and a movie house.

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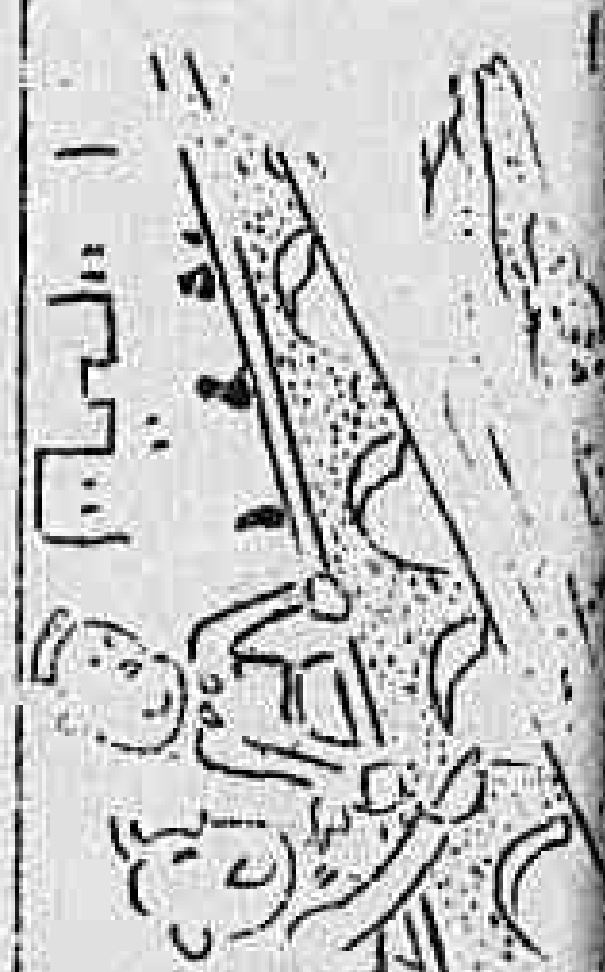
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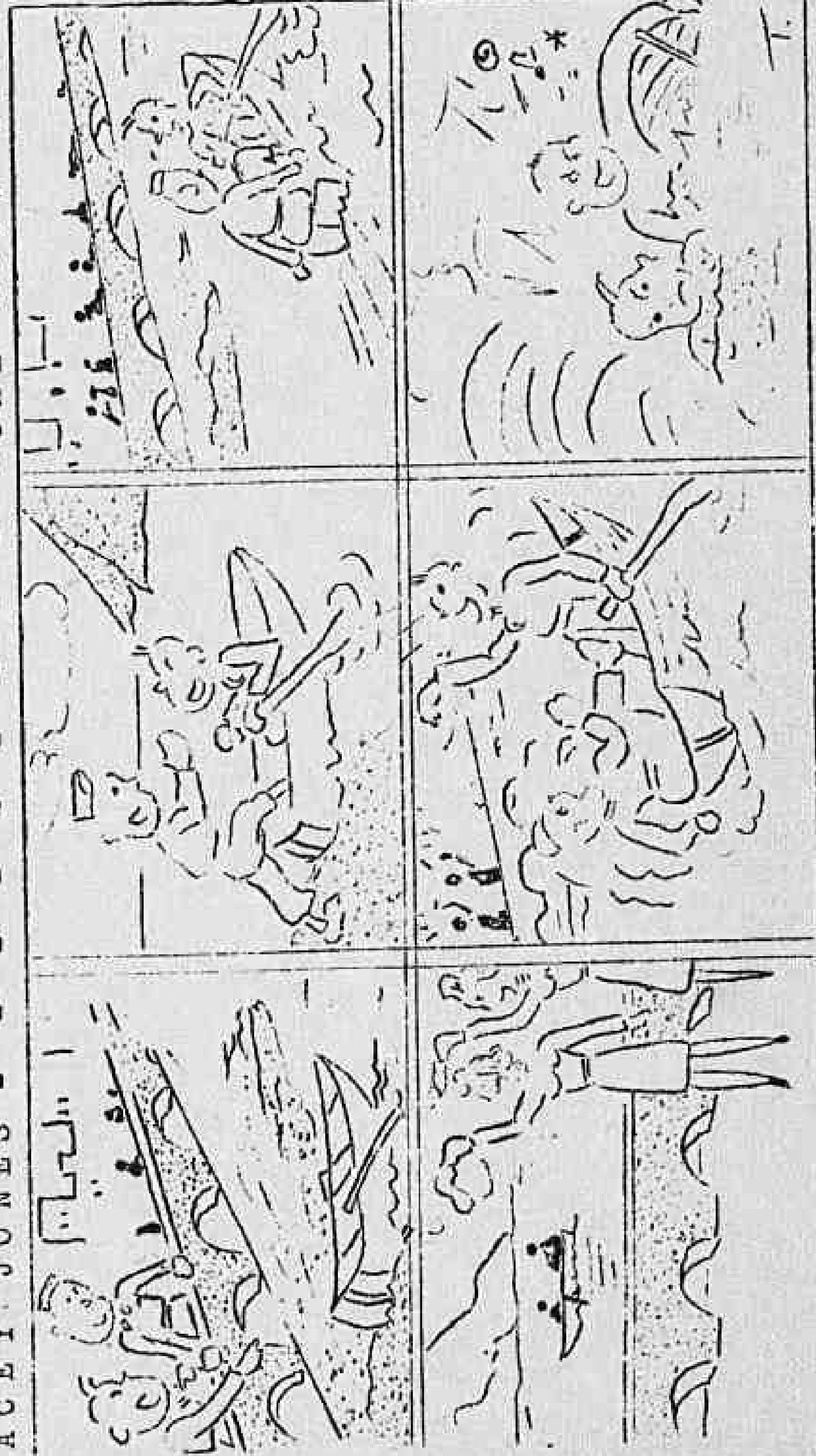
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.....ON THE MARCH.....

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.....END OF NEWS.....
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JEL CONTROL COMMISSION

APO 394

16 June 1944

NEWS BULLETIN

.....JAPAN BOMBED BY SUPER FORTRESSES
Washington: Japan was bombed today by super fortresses. This news flashed on all radio stations over American networks, electrified country, dwarfing momentarily even invasion of Europe. Text of War Department announcement said, "B-29 Superfortresses of the U.S.A.A.F.'s 20th Bomber Command, bombed Japan today." The announcement, one of the briefest in War Dept. records, was cheered by exultant crowds in Times Square.
LATE FLASH--Representative Starnes' statement that Tokyo was target for super fortresses raid today was made to the House of Representatives by Starnes of Alabama who said he had received official confirmation to this effect. Starnes said he was advised from good source that, "Great destruction" was being caused in Tokyo by large number of American planes. Starnes said, "It was very heavy and successful raid from remote bases. It may safely be assumed that super fortresses approached Tokyo at an altitude of more than 30,000 ft. and speed of more than 300 miles per hour with heaviest bomb load and greatest armament of any aeroplane in the world. This is new day in warfare. It will hasten end of war". Starnes told press later that he believed American losses were negligible since superfortresses fly above ceilings of Japanese Zero fighters and anti-aircraft guns. Robert Patterson, U.S. Under Secretary for War tonight said, "We shall strike at heart of Japan again and again. Bombing of island of Japan by our new super fortresses is just a beginning."

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.....CENTRAL PACIFIC.....

American assault troops landed on Saipan, according to tonight's communique from Admiral Nimitz, commander in chief Pacific. Strong forces of American troops were landed under cover of heavy bombardment by battleships, cruisers and destroyers. Saipan is in the Mariana group. First reports indicated that American casualties were moderate in face of determined Japanese opposition. Communique said, "assault troops effected landing after intensive preparatory bombardment of Saipan, Iagan, Guam and Rota Islands by carrier based aircraft and naval units."

.....END OF NEWS.....

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15 June 1944

NEWS BULLETIN

.....ON THE BEACHES.....

Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Forces: German heavy counterattacks have forced us to give some ground in the vicinity of Montebourg. German counterattacks at Carentan have been repulsed. Text of communique says, "Armoured battle continued in Tilly Caen area. Enemy has counterattacked constantly in futile attempt to stem our advance. We are holding firm and vigorously searching out weak points in his attacks. In Cherbourg Peninsula, enemy is fighting fiercely. His heavy counterattacks in north have forced us to give some ground in the vicinity of Montebourg. Further south we have made some gains". It is disclosed that second S.S. Panzer division, West German Panzer division in west Europe, is opposing Allied push on Caen Tilly sector.

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.....OLIS AND EADS.....

London: Bomber command has now dropped four hundred thousand tons of high explosive and incendiary bombs since the war has begun Air Ministry announced today Wednesday. More than two seven five thousand tons of this total have been dropped on targets in German.

.....MARTIAL LAW DECLARED.....

Radio France Algiers: Radio France says martial law has been declared in Strasbourg by General Wagner, German commander of that city.

.....End of News.....

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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14 June 1944

NEWS BULLETIN

.....ON THE BRITISH FRONT.....
Five places have fallen to Allied troops over whole front-line of them. Troops representing advance of five miles from southeastern tip of bridgehead on left flank where British and Canadian forces are in action; others are Montebourg, in Cherbourg Peninsula, Le Ham West of Mandre River and three miles northwest of Montebourg, Pont l'Abbe on railway from Cherbourg to Saint-Lô. English and Balleroy, south of Bayeux-Saint-Lô Road. Advance east of Caen to Troarn was described tonight as "very satisfactory".

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Lieutenant Gen. Dittmer, German military spokesman said tonight in his weekly talk, "peril, lying in Anglo-American, of enormous forces and material just off continent has now become crisis. We are in midst of its first acute stage. There's been surprise already. We could not foresee enemy command would be prepared to flood us with men and material without regard to losses to bring about success at any cost. This reeks of strategy adopted by Russian General Staff. Montgomery has assembled only half his forces in Normandy. It is certain we now have to make plans for more landings on large scale".

.....End of News.....

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13 JUN 1944

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NEWS BULLETIN

.....IN FRANCE.....

FLSA: Gen. Eisenhower--Admiral King--Gen. George Marshall and Gen. Henry Arnold visited beachhead today.

Front line reports reaching here in past few hours tell of big gain by United States troops. Caentan second key road center in center of Allied line has fallen to U.S. troops battling forward through inundated area surrounding town. Town fell after grim battle in marshes with U.S. troops fighting in deep water. Allied troops are fighting 18 miles from Normandy coast just south of Forest of Caen which they now hold in its entirety. The push there has been made by Americans and this dent in German line of tonight was that there had been cheering advance in certain sectors, mainly on right flank and towards center, but that on left very heavy fighting was going on particularly east of Caen. No advance of any importance had been reported there. Coastal area in Allied hands now runs for distance of about 60 miles. Territory taken from Germans is roughly in extent between 400 and 500 square miles.

.....RUSSIAN FRONT.....

Leningrad wall built by Finns north of Leningrad to planes of German Toot fortification experts has been smashed at western hinge. Soviet tanks and mobile artillery screened by fighter bombers and backed by swarming infantrymen have been moving through swiftly breaching gap for past 24 hours. Tonight they are hurling back shattered Finnish garrisons in direction of old Leningrad line zone. After original break Russians in bid to catch remaining entrenched Finns in rear. Capture of Rajvala was announced in tonight's onlays Soviet communique. Communique says, "During June 12 in Karelian Isthmus north of Leningrad, our troops overcame enemy resistance and fortifications in wooded country interspersed by lakes continued their offensive and captured number of enemy strong points. These were Pivnaya and Rajvala and over 30 other inhabited localities. On other sectors of front there were no material changes. During June 11, 20 enemy aircraft were shot down in air combat and by anti-aircraft fire".

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.....AMERICANS LOST LIVES AT GRAVEDECAMP.....

John Wilhelm Reuters special Correspondent American Broadcasting near Grandcamp, France Saturday. Hundreds of American assault troops lost their lives in fighting mile and half beach sector near Vieux ville during Cherbourg Peninsula landing. Army Major in charge of burying dead told me today no estimated some 750 bodies were recovered on sandy beaches, probably equal number washed away by succeeding high tide.

END OF MESSAGE

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JUN 1944

12 June 1944

NEWS BULLETIN

.....ON THE BEACHHEAD.....

Good progress made on Allied right says midnight communique tonight, Sunday. Allied troops are now fighting in the outskirts of Montebourg; Americans have liberated Lisson and advanced several miles southward on broad front. In vicinity of Tilly Sur Seules there is heavy fighting. Enemy has strong armored forces in this area and is stubbornly resisting our advance along river Seules.

.....ITALIAN FRONT.....

Allied HQ. Milan. Avezzano and vicinity have been cleared of the enemy it was announced here tonight. Avezzano is on the Pescara-Rome lateral road approximately 50 miles from each end in a direct line. It is terminus of secondary mountain road from Arce. Eighth Army troops who occupied the town and vicinity are now in control of the central Apennine sector through which passed great trans Italy-Highway Five. These troops are continuing their drive to the northwest. Allied forces continue to advance northwest along the Adriatic above Pescara.

.....DUTCH FRONT.....

10300...The official Larelian offensive has started. Soviet troops advanced 25 km. through Finnish territory states Order of the Day, tonight Sunday. More than 80 inhabited localities captured. Among these is Terijoki. Terijoki is an important enemy strongpoint and large railway station. Also captured was town of Yatkina, another enemy strongpoint and 80 other inhabited localities.

.....IN THE FAR EAST.....

The Allied navies have thwarted a second attempt by the Japanese to reinforce Biak Island, off northwest Dutch New Guinea stated Gen. MacArthur's communique Sunday. Five Jap destroyers were routed on Thursday night by Australian and American destroyers. One of them was probably damaged by long range fire. In addition three 1000 ton Jap merchantmen were sunk by Liberators. Allied troops on Biak Island are continuing mopping up operations.

.....ON THE BURL. FRONT.....

Week ending the 9th June has produced first practical admission on part of the Japanese of defeat in major sector of the Manihur front following fierce resistance to our attacks writes military correspondent. The much battered Jap 31st Division has started a hurried withdrawal from the south and east of Tohima area abandoning strong points and equipment. Fighting has continued everywhere with little slackening although the monsoon has set well in.

.....OAS ALL EADS.....

SECRET WELPON RELEASED..Veil over British most cherished secret weapon-that is its official description-was lifted here tonight. It is called the Hamilcar-giant glider capable of carrying a fast light tank or other heavy equipment. To its inventor Allies are indebted for much of success of fighting inland of Normandy beaches. Tored by R.F. heavy bombers, Hamilcar has a wing span greater than that of a Lancaster. It so maneuverable it can be landed on little more than small meadows. Released several miles away it can be put down with almost mathematical certainty by day or night. One of the first to

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The Allied navies have thwarted a second attempt by the Japanese to reinforce Biak Island, off northwest Dutch New Guinea stated Gen. MacArthur's communiqué Sunday. Five Jap destroyers were routed on Thursday night by Australian and American destroyers. One of them was probably damaged by long range fire. In addition three 1000 ton Jap merchantmen were sunk by Liberators. Allied troops on Biak Island are continuing mopping up operations.

.....ON THE BURMA FRONT.....
Week ending the 9th June has produced first practical admission on part of the Japanese of defeat in major sector of the Imphur front following fierce resistance to our attacks writes military correspondent. The much battered Jap 31st Division has started a hurried withdrawal from the south and east of Kohima area abandoning strong points and equipment. Fighting has continued everywhere with little slackening although the monsoon has set well in.

.....OLDS ALL LIES.....
SECRET WEAPON RELEASED...Veil over British most cherished secret weapon-that is its official description-was lifted here tonight. It is called the Hamilcar-giant glider capable of carrying a fast light tank or other heavy equipment. To its inventor Allies are indebted for much of success of fighting inland. 33 of Normandy beaches. Towed by R.F heavy bombers, Hamilcar has a wing span greater than that of a Lancaster. It so maneuverable it can be landed on little more than small meadows. Released several miles away it can be put down with almost mathematical certainty by day or night. One of the first to be landed in France silenced gunpost that had been causing heavy casualties among ground forces inside of two minutes of touching down.

ALLIED PRISONERS MARCH THROUGH PARIS... German radio station in France stated Sunday that the first batch of several thousand Anglo-American prisoners will be made to march through Paris. All Allied troops taken prisoner in the invasion will pass through the French capital the station reported.

IT-CK BROKEN...Groups of E boats which attempted to menace Allied invasion beachhead in early hours of today were broken up by aircraft of the R.F coastal command states the Air Ministry tonight. Ten E boats were seriously damaged or hit.

SHUTTLE R.I.D...Heavy bombers in a shuttle raid from Russian bases attacked two Rumanian airfields and landed in Italy today Sunday.

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Heavy coastal gun of type hitherto not encountered and mounted on tracks has been captured. Eighth Army army now deployed well forward with heavy guns some- times in front of self-propelled arty. Five German 88mm guns recently knocked out by one British SP regiment in single day.

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Lt.-Gen.,
Chief of General Staff.

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NUMBER 93--WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 1944

AMERICANS CROSS RAPIDO, FRENCH CAPTURE SAN ELIA: Allied Headquarters, Jan. 19--American troops yesterday made their first crossing of the Rapido River, the last natural barrier before Cassino; and French troops, after capturing the village of San Elia, reached the river four miles north of Cassino.

French troops have also taken the tiny mountain hamlet of Valveri, in the hills two miles northeast of San Elia. The whole section of the Atina-Cassino road, which follows the east bank of the Rapido between San Elia and Cassino is now in the hands of the Fifth Army. This road was formerly an important line of communication for the German forces in the Cassino area.

The Eighth Army front, too, has burst into activity for the first time in over a fortnight. Canadian troops in the coastal sector, attacking on a front of about 1000 yards, with tank support, have pushed across a small stream and are advancing toward Arielli in the face of fierce opposition.

SOVIETS ANNOUNCE NEW BLOWS ON LENINGRAD FRONT: London, Jan. 19--One year after the lifting of the siege of Leningrad, Marshal Stalin last night announced the opening of twin offensives on the northern front. South of the fortress of Oranienbaum on the shores of the Gulf of Finland Soviet formations have broken through well-prepared German defense lines and are still advancing. Less than one hundred miles to the south a simultaneous blow has smashed through German fortifications on the Volkhov front north of Novgorod.

Since Saturday the Germans have been reporting powerful Soviet attacks on the northern front. They stated that the Russians are using 21 rifle divisions supported by powerful tank formations and have crossed the Volkhov River 16 miles north of Lake Ilmen.

Another Russian success reported in last night's Soviet communique was the capture of the railway town of Olavuta, 13 miles northwest of Shepetovka on the railway line to Kovel in prewar Poland. This gain cuts the only German escape railway north of the Odessa-Lwow line which is itself gravely threatened.

Further progress has been made in the breakthrough north of Novosokolniki on the White Russian front. Tightening their grip on the city, Soviet forces pushing west and southwest have captured 40 more inhabited localities. Novosokolniki is almost encircled. Colonel Ernest Von Hammer, German military commentator, said last night: "Early this morning grim battles blazed up on the Leningrad and Oranienbaum fronts which throughout yesterday were the scene of heavy fighting that lasted from daybreak to nightfall."

CHURCHILL RETURNS TO LONDON: London, Jan. 18--Prime Minister Churchill is home again. He reached London this morning and a little more than an hour later he was being enthusiastically greeted in Commons. He arrived at the London terminus at ten o'clock by special train. He was accompanied by Mrs. Churchill, his daughter, Mrs. Vic Oliver, and Lord Moran, his personal physician. His arrival had been kept a secret from the public but large crowds quickly gathered in the station to greet the Prime Minister.

When Churchill entered the Commons he was greeted with a tremendous ovation. His return was a dramatic surprise to members who had not expected him back so soon. Halfway through the question time members sitting near the speaker's chair spotted his familiar figure approaching through the door and broke into a loud cheer which was quickly taken up by the whole house. As the Prime Minister made his way to his accustomed seat members sprang to their feet waving order papers and cheer after cheer rang through the chamber. Mr. Churchill told the Commons he would like to make a statement to the House on the general progress of the war, including the war in Italy, but he would ask latitude about the actual date.

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JAPS GET READY FOR THE BLITZ: London, Jan. 18--The Japanese radio today said the evacuation of big Japanese cities is in full swing. "The Minister of the Interior has been meeting to discuss the evacuation of Tokyo and its environs," the announcer added.

U.S. RAILWAYS GO BACK TO PRIVATE OWNERSHIP: Washington, Jan. 19--U.S. railways are now back in the hands of private owners. Secretary Stimson ordered the seized railways to be returned to the owners at midnight last night. Following the announcement that five railway operating unions had accepted contracts involving small wage increases, it was announced yesterday that the 15 non-operating railway unions had also reached a wage agreement and that contracts were to be signed with the railway companies.

REPORT MARSHAL TITO WOUNDED: Cairo, Jan. 18--The Cairo radio today broadcast an unconfirmed report that Marshal Tito has been wounded in fighting in Montenegro. Reuters adds that there has been no confirmation of this report from Yugoslavian Partisan headquarters.

U.S. FIGHTER COMMAND IN ENGLAND REPORTS 1943 ACTIVITIES: London, Jan. 18--Destroying nearly three German aircraft for the loss of one of their own, the U. S. Eighth Fighter Command stationed in Britain flew nearly 25,000 sorties on 154 operational days during 1943. The biggest missions came in the last two days of December when on each day over 500 fighters were over Nazi territory. According to the official figures a total of 455 German planes were destroyed, 76 probably destroyed and 231 damaged against a loss of 153. The largest number of German planes destroyed on any one day was 33 on November 26. On that day one squadron was credited with 15 and one group with 26.

By the end of the year 20 pilots had been designated as aces for having shot down five or more German aircraft. Highest scorer was Captain Walker Mahurin of Fort Wayne, Indiana, with 14. Major Walter Beckhem of De Funiak Springs, Florida, accounted for 11. With few exceptions, all the scores were made with Thunderbolts.

During 1943 the fighter command's primary job was the escort of heavy bombers. At first the escort was made up entirely of Thunderbolts. Lightning fighters were brought into the theater later in the year and proved particularly valuable for their long range for deeper penetrations.

ARNOLD SAYS ITALY-RUSSIA SHUTTLE BOMBING PROBABLE: Philadelphia, Jan. 18--General Henry H. Arnold, chief of the United States Army Air Force, told his press conference here yesterday that shuttle bombing of Germany by planes flying from bases in Italy to Russia was a probability.

HOUSE COMMITTEE "POSTPONES" NATIONAL SERVICE: Washington, Jan. 18--The Military Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives has postponed indefinitely the consideration of the national service legislation requested last week by President Roosevelt. Chairman Andrew J. May said: "We decided to hold the legislation in abeyance for the time being, pending further developments."

BRITAIN HAS NEW TRANSPORT PLANE: London, Jan. 18--Britain's largest and most modern transport plane--30 tons--which is now coming into increasing production has a flying range of 3000 miles and a top speed of over 300 miles per hour. In a trans-Atlantic flight last November the present model completed the crossing in ten hours and 25 minutes, maintaining an average cruising speed of 215 miles per hour.

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FIFTH ARMY TROOPS DRIVE INTO GUSTAV LINE: Allied Headquarters, Jan. 18--The Fifth Army is now directly attacking the Gustav Line, a belt of defenses some 12 to 15 miles behind the Germans' original winter line which ran through Mignano. Americans pushing due east of Mount Trocchio have advanced across the railway bending around the southern tip of the ridge and moved to the banks of the Rapido River. The width of this fast flowing river, now swollen by upland thaws, separates the Americans from the vaunted "impregnable" defenses on the opposite bank of the river. The Gustav Line is a 30-mile S whose northern section follows the contour of the Rapido River and whose southern half follows the bending Garigliano. At the northern tip of this S line French troops are only 1000 yards from the Rapido and are advancing along a downhill stretch to the village of San Elia. This movement forms a serious threat to the Cassino stronghold because the rapid movement of the French has opened the possibility of a flanking drive north of the German bastion.

GERMANS REPORT RENEWED RUSSIAN ASSAULT SOUTH OF LENINGRAD: London, Jan. 18--Berlin said last night that the Russians are attacking along the northern front with a quarter of a million men and that they had forced a crossing of the Volkhov River 16 miles north of Lake Ilmen. They are striking north of Novgorod to cut the railway running north to the Leningrad sector. South of Novgorod the Russians are also attacking across the frozen tip of Lake Ilmen, the German radio said. Other German reports said the Red Army had gained ground in the sector south of Leningrad and at the Oranienbaum bridgehead (just west of Leningrad). There, said the German radio, "they are trying to tear open the German ring around Leningrad and cut off the German salient south of Lake Ladoga."

For the first time since Manstein's counterattacks began a week ago last night's Soviet communique makes no mention of what is happening on the crucial sector east of Vinnitsa, though it reports that new German counterattacks at the Uman end of this 70-mile front have been beaten off.

Fresh gains have been made on the new fighting sector north of Novosokolniki where Soviet forces standing north and south of this junction are threatening to cut the Germans' railway link to Latvia and the west.

General Vetutin's narrowing arc drawn around Rovno has taken in the important center of Tschin, 20 miles northeast of Rovno.

POLAND "REGRETS" SOVIET REPLY: London, Jan. 17--Polish government quarters stated this morning that "the tone and contents of the Soviet announcement in reply to the Polish government's declaration of January 14 are very much regretted, particularly in view of the very different tone and contents of the conciliatory Polish declaration which was proof of Poland's desire to do everything she can to promote the solidarity of the United Nations." It is difficult to forecast what will now ensue. The Polish government's first step will probably be to consult the British and United States governments.

GENERAL BRADLEY TO LEAD AMERICAN GROUND FORCES IN SECOND FRONT: London, Jan. 17--Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley has been appointed commander of the United States Army in the field under General Eisenhower. As commander of American ground forces he will be General Montgomery's "opposite number." General Bradley commanded the Second Corps throughout the Tunisian campaign as well as in the Sicilian campaign. He is 50 years old. It was to General Bradley that General Klause, Germany's Africa Corps artillery commander, applied for armistice and surrendered unconditionally last May. General Bradley's new post was one of the few remaining to be filled to complete the Allied "invasion team."

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PRAVDA STORY STIRS UP A STORM: London, Jan. 18--The Moscow Pravda yesterday published at the head of column three, foreign news page, the following information: Headline--"Rumors from Cairo." It reads: "Cairo, 12 Jan.--(From Pravda's own correspondent)--according to information from reliable Greek and Yugoslav sources a secret meeting between two prominent English personalities and Ribbentrop took place not long ago in one of the coastal towns of the Iberian peninsula. The object of the meeting an elucidation of the conditions for a separate peace with Germany. It is believed that the meeting was not without results."

Harold King, Reuters correspondent at Moscow, cabled that the story was the almost exclusive subject of conversation among Allied circles in the Russian capital and that it had been received with "utter astonishment and incredulity." British circles in Cairo characterized the Pravda story as "rubbish."

Most London papers refrained from comment on the story today. The Daily Mail, which before the war was a persistent critic of the Soviet regime, could not contain its wrath, however. Under the heading, "Nailing a Lie," the paper says: "This ridiculous story is an insult to the British people and bears all the marks of enemy origin. It is astonishing that a responsible newspaper like Pravda should have given it publicity even as a rumor and more astonishing that the Moscow radio should have thought fit to broadcast it to a much wider audience. Nobody who knows Britain or our people would impute such duplicity to our statesmen. No government even remotely suspected of this sort of conduct would live for a day. The newspaper Pravda must be very ignorant of our national standards."

ROME BY SPRING, MAYBE SOUTHERN FRANCE, SAYS NEW COMMANDER: Allied Headquarters, North Africa, Jan. 17--General Sir Henry Maitland Wilson, new commander in chief of Allied forces in the Mediterranean, told his press conference that the Allies would be in Rome in the spring. Answering a question on the progress of the Italian front, General Wilson said that the object of present operations in Italy was to capture Rome and that he felt "optimistic" about it.

The Mediterranean commander added: "Don't rule out the possibility of bringing off a coup in southern France. If we saw an opportunity for making landings there we most certainly would do so."

EISENHOWER PRAISES GROUND WORK FOR SECOND FRONT: London, Jan. 17--General Eisenhower received London war correspondents today as he prepared to take over the job of leading the assault from England against the fortress of Europe. He was highly appreciative of all the "groundwork" which has already been done for the assault in the west. This includes the destruction of the Scharnhorst, the sinking of three destroyers in the Bay of Biscay, and the great work of Allied air forces in pounding Germany day and night. He praised the armies he had left behind him and told reporters that the present stage of operations in Italy was unavoidable because there were times when the "dirty business" of war comes down to a slugging match. General Eisenhower said that there should be now and in the course of the operations ahead a minimum amount of censorship and told reporters that he liked to regard correspondents accredited to his headquarters as his staff officers.

JAPANESE SHIPPING BASTED: Allied Headquarters, New Guinea, Jan. 18--Three Japanese cargo vessels were hit by bombs off Kavieng, New Ireland, it is reported here today. One 10,000-ton vessel was sunk. Allied planes have bombed the Japanese base at Rabaul and Japanese supply bases along the New Guinea coast. Eighteen Japanese planes were shot down at Seider in New Guinea.

BULGARIAN CAPITAL REMAINS AT SOFIA: London, Jan. 17--The Budapest radio said today: "It has been officially announced in Sofia that Sofia will remain the seat of the Bulgarian government. This disposes of all rumors that the seat of government is to be transferred to a provincial town."

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FIFTH ARMY IS TWO MILES FROM CASSINO: Allied Headquarters, Jan. 17--In a dawn attack American infantrymen of the Fifth Army stormed Mount Trocchio, the mountain bastion which stands before Cassino, and the Fifth Army line has now moved to within two miles of the German stronghold. In the sector just to the north French troops are continuing their advance and have taken two more villages.

American troops, having forced their way to the base of Mount Trocchio (a ridge two miles long and 1475 feet high), attacked up the slopes in the face of extremely heavy shelling. In spite of this fire the attack was pressed home and the capture of the ridge completed. Fine weather enabled the tactical airforce to give maximum support to the ground troops.

The French drive has brought the capture of the villages of Vallerotonda, on the road to Santa Elia, and Cardito, on the road to Atina. French troops are now two miles east of Santa Elia and have captured several more mountain positions.

NEW RUSSIAN BREAKTHROUGH IN THE NORTH: Moscow, Jan. 17--The latest Soviet communique reveals that Russian troops have punched a new hole in German defenses. The official report says a breach eight miles wide and five miles deep has been broken in German defenses north of Novo-Sokolniki. Forty localities were captured, including the railway station at Natva. The capture of Natva means that the rail line from Novo-Sokolniki north to Dno and Leningrad has been cut.

The Russian drive in White Russia is continuing to meet success. Pushing west and northwest of Kolinkovichi yesterday, Russian troops occupied the towns of Novoselki, Yakinovichi and Klinok.

West and southwest of Smolensk Russian troops captured the railway station of Kostopol and several other localities. The Germans counterattacked here but were thrown back with heavy losses. Several villages in this sector which had been fortified by the Germans were captured by Soviet guerrillas.

Heavy fighting is still going on east of Vinnitsa where Von Manstein has been counterattacking for nearly a week. The Soviet communique also mentions German counterattacks north of Uman. Very heavy losses have been inflicted on the attacking Germans. On this front alone 136 German tanks were destroyed yesterday. The Germans have been using as many as 100 tanks in a single attack and in one sector yesterday launched six successive counterattacks.

The Soviet communique claims a destruction of 190 German tanks and 60 German planes on January 15.

MOSCOW REPLIES TO POLISH CLAIM FOR 4-POWER BORDER TALKS: Moscow, Jan. 17--The Soviet news agency has issued an authorized reply to the Polish government's statement (in which it was suggested that Britain and the U.S. be called in on a discussion of the Polish-Russian boundary problem). The agency says the Polish statement can only be interpreted as a rejection of the Curzon Line.

"In reply to the declaration made by the Polish Government in London on January 15, Tass is authorized to state: 'First, in the Polish declaration the question of recognition of the Curzon Line as the Soviet-Polish frontier is entirely evaded and ignored, which can only be interpreted as a rejection of the Curzon Line. Secondly, as regards the Polish government's proposal for opening of official negotiations between it and the Soviet government, the Soviet government is of the opinion that this proposal aims at misleading public opinion for it is easy to understand that the Soviet government is not in a position to enter into official negotiations with a government with which diplomatic relations have been broken. Soviet circles wish it to be borne in mind that diplomatic relations with the Polish government were broken off through the fault of that government because of its

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active participation in the hostile anti-Soviet and slanderous campaign of the German invaders in connection with the alleged murders in Katyn. Circumstances once again demonstrate that the present Polish government does not desire to establish good neighborly relations with the Soviet Union."

The Moscow radio announced that upon the liberation of Smolensk an official commission was set up for the investigation of the murder of the Polish officer prisoners of war in Katyn forest. The commission has nearly completed its work and its findings will be announced shortly.

AUSTRALIANS TAKE SIO; MARINES TAKE HILL 660: Allied Headquarters Pacific, Jan. 17--Australian troops have captured Sio, the Japanese base in New Guinea, it is officially announced today. American Marines have captured hill 660, a strategic height in the Bergen Bay area on Cape Gloucester, New Britain.

Describing the capture of hill 660, the communique says, "This was the key defensive position in the enemy's Bergen Bay line. Our troops are mopping up and consolidating their gains."

Following the capture of Sio, Australian ground forces advanced three miles farther to Vincke Point. Yesterday Allied bombers and divebombers attacked enemy shipping in Fataul harbor, scoring hits and near misses on seven merchantmen, a light cruiser and a destroyer.

SOVIETS CLAIM 100,000 GERMANS SLAIN IN BIG UKRAINE PUSH: Moscow, Jan. 17--A special announcement by the Soviet Information Bureau last night totalled the scores in the Red Army's recent massive breakthrough west of Kiev: "During the period from December 24 to January 13 troops of the first Ukrainian front inflicted the following losses on the German Army: 2204 tanks, 1174 guns of various calibers, 725 mortars, 3175 machine guns, 343 armored cars and armored troop carriers, 4636 trucks, 2 armored trains, 27 stores of arms, ammunition and provisions, 17 railway trains, 23 railway engines, 400 railway cars, 40 fuel tank cars, and 306 trucks with supplies.

"During the same period the Germans lost in killed alone about 100,000 officers and men. During the same period our troops captured 315 tanks, 900 guns of various calibers, 321 mortars, more than 2000 machineguns, 11,500 rifles and tommyguns, 157 cars and armored troop carriers, 3134 trucks, 47 tractors, 430 motorcycles, 20 railway engines, more than 1000 cars, three railway trains, 230 stores of munitions, provisions and other matter, 3100 trucks of war supplies, 3662 horses, and 40 radio stations. More than 7000 prisoners were taken."

CHURCHILL HAS BEEN AT MARRAKECH: London, Jan. 16--It was revealed today that Prime Minister Winston Churchill has been recovering from his recent attack of pneumonia in Marrakech, French Morocco. Mrs. Churchill and her daughter Mrs. Sarah Oliver who have been with Mr. Churchill stated that the Prime Minister's health was completely recovered in the warmth and sunshine of his Moroccan retreat.

Last Wednesday Churchill met General DeGaulle for the first time since June, 1943, and the two leaders had luncheon together at a villa loaned to Churchill by an American woman. Franco-British relations were discussed as well as the different aspects of the cooperation for a common victory. Churchill, wearing the uniform of an RAF Air Commodore, watched a review of French Army and Air Force units.

DOUG FAIRBANKS JR. GETS SILVER STAR: Washington, Jan. 16--Film star Lt. Commander Douglas Fairbanks Jr. has been awarded the Silver Star for "outstanding services during the action at Salerno," it was officially announced here today.

ARGENTINE EARTHQUAKE: Buenos Aires, Jan. 16--Unofficial estimates place the number killed at 200 and the number wounded at 400 in the earthquake shocks which destroyed 90 percent of San Juan, a town of 25,000 inhabitants.

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FIFTH ARMY'S FRENCH TROOPS ADVANCE TWO MILES: Allied Headquarters, Jan. 15--Driving over snow covered Apennines, General Juin's French forces are carrying out a peak to peak advance on a seven-mile front which threatens to outflank Cassino. In a push two miles up the Colli-Atina road, north of the Rome highway, they have straightened out the line of attack for an assault on Cassino. The peaks captured include Menna Casale, which dominates the whole region.

Captured German prisoners refer to the line Allied troops are now battering as the "Gustav Line." This is a band of heavily fortified defense positions running north and south through Cassino and behind the Rapido River. Natural positions have been strengthened with concrete and steel blockhouses. Strong points are defended with tangled wire and mines; machine gun nests and automatic weapons have been ingeniously massed.

British and American troops are still fighting on the lower slopes of Monte Trocchio, which stands some three miles in front of Cassino. One dispatch yesterday mentioned that Polish troops were also taking part in the drive.

MOZIR AND KALINKOVICHI CAPTURED: Moscow, Jan. 15--General Rokossovsky's troops, after three days' fighting, have captured Mozhir and the neighboring rail junction of Kalinkovichi. They have opened the road to western White Russia through the Pripyet marshes. The next move will probably be a combined drive on Pinsk along the road to Brest-Litovsk by Rokossovsky's men and by the forces of General Vatutin who are driving westwards from Sarny. These forces have now reached a point 55 miles due south of Pinsk on the southern edge of the Pripyet marshes.

East of Vinnitsa the fourth day of the big battle for the Odessa-Lvov railway has seen no slackening in the fighting. War has it seen any strategical or even tactical gain by the Germans to repay their enormous losses. In the latest fighting Soviet guns, supported by the Red Air Force, have smashed half the German tank strength. The German counterattacks took the form of a pincer movement against the Russian wedge, driven into their positions. The aim was to free the Vinnitsa-Tulchin highway. The attempt met with no success. Manstein, by persisting in these counterattacks is again seriously weakening his panzer reserves, such as he weakened them in his Chitovir counteroffensive. More than 8000 Germans have been killed in the Vinnitsa battle since Tuesday and several hundred tanks and Ferdinand mobile guns have been put out of action.

Inside the 1939 Polish border the Russian offensive is being rapidly developed. Russian troops pushing on from Sarny are now advancing along the railway to Kovel and have passed the station of Tutovichi, 11 miles west of Sarny. Farther south, another force has taken the town of Stepan, 22 miles southwest of Sarny and 38 miles due north of Rovno. It stands on the west bank of the Horyn River, the second river to be crossed by the Russians since their drive across the border.

CHANNEL AIR ATTACKS RENEWED: London, Jan. 14--Allied bombers and fighters renewed their big attack on "military objectives" in the Pas de Calais area of northern France today. Waves of medium bombers and fighters streamed out over the channel in the morning, some 700 strong. A number of Typhoon fighters, having escorted Typhoon bombers to the target, went on to sweep the Paris area without a challenge. The fury of the attack was kept up by Marauders, some 200 of them, who fought their way to the targets through flak and fighter opposition. The fighter opposition was the first encountered by the Marauders since they began concentrated attacks against special military objectives in northern France in mid-December. The Marauders destroyed two enemy fighters and accompanying Spitfires also knocked out two. The morning's attacks were rounded off by Mosquitoes which went in to bomb from a low level in the face of heavy ground fire.

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POLES PROPOSE BORDER TALKS WITH RUSSIA, BRITAIN, U.S.: London, Jan. 15--The Polish government in London has proposed talks with Russia at which the British and United States governments would take part. The statement issued by the Polish government early today says it has taken cognizance of the Soviet government's declaration of January 11, issued as a reply to the Polish declaration of January 5. The Polish statement adds, "while the Polish government cannot recognize the unilateral decisions or accomplished facts which have taken place or might take place on the territory of the Polish Republic they have repeatedly expressed their sincere desire for a Polish-Soviet agreement on terms which would be just and acceptable to both sides." It then makes its proposal for a Soviet-Polish conference through British and American intermediary discussion.

FORMOSA BOMBED: Chungking, Jan. 14--Unescorted Liberators bombed the Japanese aluminum plant at Takao in Formosa on Tuesday, says the U.S. 14th Army Air Force communiqué today. The railway yards at Bangkok were also attacked. The Takao raid is the second occasion on which Formosa has been attacked by American aircraft. (It is a large Japanese "home island" off the coast of China, southwest of Japan.)

ROME'S AIRFIELDS HIT: Allied Headquarters, Jan. 14--Raids yesterday on the airfields of Guidonia and Centocelle near Rome were made by Flying Fortresses and Mitchell bombers. The attackers cratered the airfields with high explosives, tore up runways and hit experimental buildings, work shops, assembly plants and barracks. Many hits were scored with fragmentation bombs on parked aircraft, and hangars.

Marauders also bombed two airfields at Ciampino. Ten out of the 40 fighters which challenged the attack were shot down. Simultaneously, Liberators attacked the airfield at Ferugia, 70 miles northeast of Rome.

JAP BASE AT SIO THREATENED: Allied Headquarters, S. Pacific, Jan. 14--The Japanese base of Sio, New Guinea, is now within range of Australian guns. Brought up with the advancing infantry, this artillery threatens the most important base left to the Japanese caught in the coastal trap between the advancing Australians and the Americans at Saidor. The Japanese are still attempting to evacuate troops and supplies by barge but their efforts are being smashed by Allied aircraft and torpedo boats.

LEND LEASE TO BOLIVIA STOPPED: Washington, Jan. 14--It is confirmed today that lend-lease shipments to Bolivia have been stopped. The action followed from the fact that there is no longer a recognized government with whom to deal.

HOUSE COMMITTEE REJECTS FEDERAL BALLOT FOR SOLDIERS: Washington, Jan. 14--The House Elections Committee today rejected all proposals for a uniform federal ballot for men and women in the armed forces. The committee approved by seven votes to five a modified form of a measure which the Senate has already passed, relegating the soldier vote problem to the states.

MAY DELAY LEGAL ACTION AGAINST DUPONT: Washington, Jan. 15--It is reliably reported that the Justice Department may delay its anti-trust suit against Dupont, I.C.I. (a British firm) and two British peers until after the war at the request of the War Department. It is understood that the War Department believes such action at this time would interfere with war production. Competent authorities point out that the suit is a civil one which is important at the present time mainly as an indication of the United States postwar policy, hence there is no disposition to rush the hearing of it.

STATE DEPARTMENT NOTES POLISH REQUEST: Washington, Jan. 14--The State Department announced tonight that it is giving immediate attention to the request by the Polish government for aid in solving Russo-Polish problems.

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FIFTH EDGES CLOSER TO CASSINO: Allied Headquarters, Jan. 14--The Allied occupation of Cervaro has been officially confirmed and today Fifth Army troops are nearing the hamlet of Pastinelle, on the Rome road three miles from Cassino.

Farther south, bitter fighting is going on as American and British columns move forward on to the lower slopes of Monte Trocchio, the last mountain barrier before Cassino. One British force and two American forces are driving forward against the eastern and southern slopes of this height. Their tactics are of the crawling type--pressing Germans from rocky strongpoints at bayonet point or blasting them from their holes with grenades.

To the northeast, General Juin's French troops have advanced a thousand yards, taking two important heights near Aquafredda.

RED ARMY ADVANCES WEST OF SARNY - MOZIR THREATENED: Moscow, Jan. 14--Red Army columns are advancing west of Sarny along the road to Kovel. In yesterday's fighting a number of inhabited localities were taken, including several railway stations. A considerable quantity of military material was captured at Sarny, including 300 horses and six dumps of various descriptions.

Soviet units punching their way through German defenses around Mozir and Kalinkovichi are battering against a powerfully fortified defense line. Defenses in depth, studded with artillery, have been constructed in a circular line around Mozir, says the supplement to the Soviet communique. Despite these defenses, Russian troops have moved to within a few miles of both cities.

East of Vinnitsa, which is the only point where the Germans are making determined efforts to throw back the advancing Russians, Manstein's counterattacks took on an extremely fierce character yesterday. Heavy losses were inflicted on the Germans: 2000 Germans were killed and 59 German tanks and self-propelled guns were destroyed. It was the third successive day that the German Army had launched counterattacks with large forces of men and tanks in an attempt to ward off the Russian spearhead driving southward to cut the Zhmmerinka-Odessa railway.

West and southwest of Novograd-Volynsk Russian forces yesterday captured Korets, district center of the Rovno region, and Berdeshov, district center of the Kamenets-Podolsk region. More than 60 localities were captured in this sector.

Russian troops also advanced in the sector north and northwest of Kirovograd yesterday.

UNREST IN BULGARIA AND ROMANIA NEARS PANIC: London, Jan. 14--The movement of the Red Army toward the Rumanian border, which has resulted in the evacuation of Besarabia, and Allied bombings of the Bulgarian capital, which has caused the government to order Sofia evacuated, have brought the populations of the two countries near panic, it is reported today. Confusion and panic is so great in Sofia following the Allied air raids that some observers seem to believe the raids may lead to Bulgaria being bombed out of the war, cables the London Daily Mail's special correspondent in Ankara. "German troops have been called out to stop the rush of panic-stricken refugees. Some reports speak of the population 'fleeing by the thousands' on foot, by cart, and by car."

Special evacuation trains are being run by the Bulgarian government to help clear the civilian population out of Sofia and all cars have been requisitioned to carry civilians to the rural districts. The government announced that it would issue all instructions in the future by radio. Military railway personnel have been ordered to report to their units immediately and all male employees of the government in Sofia have been ordered to return to work not later than Monday.

The Cairo radio quotes Balkan reports saying that Bucharest, capital of Rumania, is also to be evacuated.

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MORE DETAILS ON TUESDAY'S GREAT AIR BATTLE: London, Jan. 13--A careful checkup by U.S. authorities on the returns by airmen engaged in Tuesday's great air battle over Germany has now disclosed that the provisional figure of more than 100 Nazi planes shot down was an underestimate. The latest figures show that at least 142 enemy fighters were shot down, possibly more. One more American bomber was reported lost, making the total 60.

It was openly admitted by authoritative German military quarters that some of the Luftwaffe squadrons which so far had been held in reserve went into action Tuesday to ward off the great American air attack. The military spokesman said that this reserve of fighter formations was obviously destined for the particularly vital tasks which were shortly to be expected. The Germans also announced that, for the first time, trailing balloon bombs were used against the American bombers. These "air mines," as the Germans called them, were "released from two ropes at the most suitable moment. United States Flying Fortresses were either caught in the two ropes or got within range of the terrific blast." The Germans also used rocket bombs.

A total of 1200 American planes took part in the raid. The number of U.S. bombers lost was equal to the heaviest previous loss and the number of German fighters destroyed was considerably more than the previous record. General Arnold, chief of U.S. Army Air Forces, commenting on the big air battle, said: "One of the hardest blows yet struck at the German airforce was made at a cost of approximately five per cent of the planes making the attack."

MEDICAL OFFICER REPORTS ON TYPHUS IN NAPLES: Cairo, Jan. 13--An announcement from U.S. Army Headquarters in the Middle East today said that the number of typhus cases in Naples was 50 times the number in October. Brigadier General Leon A. Fox, field director of the U.S. Typhus Commission, who has just returned to the Middle East from Naples, said: "Naples is seriously threatened and the menace can be expected to extend to southern Italy." General Fox said that there had been no cases of typhus reported among the military personnel but that the growing typhus rate was a potential menace to the Allied military effort in Italy. "Never in history," he said, "has a similar population group had such an intense seeding of typhus without an epidemic having practically burnt itself out."

Over 30,000 Italians are being dusted daily with anti-vermin powders. Several hundred thousand units of vaccine have been flown to Naples and medical officers with experience at typhus control are being mustered. The delousing of hundreds of thousands of Neapolitans is being undertaken. "Flying squadrons" of doctors are standing by to go to outlying districts if any further spread of the disease is reported.

PRESIDENT ASKS FOR 100 BILLION BUDGET: Washington, Jan. 13--President Roosevelt called for a great victory budget of 100 billion dollars in his budget message to Congress today. This vast sum is the anticipated federal expenditures for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1945. President Roosevelt said he was certain the period covered "will be crucial in the history of the United States and mankind--a period which will see decisive action in this global war." One of the points made by the President in his speech was that orders for escort vessels had been cancelled to push the construction of landing craft.

AMERICAN CASUALTIES: Washington, Jan. 13--War Secretary Henry Stimson said today that American Army casualties in all theaters of war up to 23 December 1943 totaled 105,229, including killed, wounded, missing and prisoners of war.

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TANKS JOIN THE PUSH TO CASSINO: Allied Headquarters, Jan. 11--Allied tanks have now joined in the drive on Cassino and are today thrusting through the peaks guarding the road to Rome. It is the first time since Mignano was reached that armor has taken part in the fighting. They have supported infantry assaults which have already cleaned out two out of the three main mountain defenses on either side of the Rome road. General Clark's attack is now levelled against 1300-foot Mount Trocchio, which is the last of the sentinel peaks guarding Cassino. Allied fighters and fighter bombers in close support of ground troops have carried out devastating low-level attacks on the German entrenchments along the last four miles separating Allied troops from the German fortress of Cassino. During the last two days the Fifth Army's attack has averaged two miles daily through the very solid defenses the Germans have constructed among the mountain bastions of their winter line. Between one third and two thirds of the defensive belt has been penetrated. Four miles due east of Cassino the Germans hold the village of Cervaro but their position here is threatened by the converging Allied advance from the captured heights of Mount La Chiaia, southeast of the village, and Catena Vecchio, to the northeast.

SOVIETS CUT GERMAN LINES, "LIQUIDATE" FIVE DIVISIONS: Moscow, Jan. 11--The Red Army is still rolling forward unchecked. Yesterday, General Vatutin's armies driving southward cut two important German rail communications and closed a trap on five German divisions which had been holding out north of Kirovograd. Last night the German news agency reported that Russian troops had reached Sarny, large rail junction 35 miles inside Poland.

The Red column driving southeast of Vinnitsa yesterday captured the towns of Voronovitsa and Nemirov, thus cutting the rail line from the Dniester bend to Vinnitsa. At Nemirov Russian troops are only four miles from the River Bug.

With the capture of Yarovata Soviet troops cut the highly important German line of communications running from Smela to Khristinovka. Nazi divisions caught in the Red Army's loop north of Kirovograd were liquidated, according to the supplement to the Soviet communique. "The routed remnants of three tank, one motorized and one infantry division, surrounded north of Kirovograd, were annihilated for the greater part since they refused to lay down their arms. Only insignificant and dispersed groups succeeded in escaping," states the communique. More than 3000 German dead were left on the battlefield in this area. Ninety German tanks, 114 mortars, 237 machine guns, and other booty, were captured. Kamenka, a district center of the Kirovograd region, and more than 50 other localities were taken.

The Russian drive across the 1939 Polish border has overrun the towns of Beresno, about 25 miles south of Sarny and 25 miles inside the border, and Lyudvipol, about 30 miles southeast of Sarny. Also captured was Lyubar, 14 miles southeast of Polonnoye. The German communique last night stated that Nazi troops were fighting Russian advance units west of Sarny.

RUSSIAN STATEMENT ON POLISH BORDER QUESTION: Moscow, Jan. 11--An official statement published in Moscow describes as "erroneous" the declaration by the Polish government in London on the Soviet-Polish border. "As is known, the Soviet constitution has determined the Soviet-Polish border with the assent of the population of western Ukraine and of western Byelo-Russia as expressed in the plebiscite carried out in 1939 on a broad democratic basis," says the statement. "The injustice permitted by the Riga agreement in 1921 which was imposed upon the Soviet Union with regards to the Ukrainian population of western Ukraine and the Byelo-Russian population of western Byelo-Russia was thus corrected. The Soviet government does not consider the 1939 frontiers as immovable. Modifications can be introduced which would be of

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benefit to Poland. Regions where Polish population predominates may be handed over to her. The Polish-Soviet border could then follow the Curzon line which was accepted in 1919 by the supreme council of Allied powers." The statement concludes that Poland must be restored as a strong and independent state by the return to her of the territories appropriated by the Germans. Only thus would it be possible to establish friendship and confidence between the Polish Ukrainian, Byelo-Russian and Russian peoples.

1943 LOSSES TO U-BOATS LESS THAN HALF 1942 LOSSES: London, Jan. 11--A joint statement issued by President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill on U-boat warfare in 1943 says that in 1943 U-boats sank but 40% of the merchant shipping tonnage they sank in 1942. On the other hand, merchant ship tonnage constructed in 1943 approximately doubled the tonnage delivered in 1942. Nearly half of our tonnage lost for the year of 1943 was during the first three months; 27% was lost during the second quarter of 1943, and only 26% was lost during the last six months.

ALLIED BOMBERS ATTACK SOFIA AND NORTH ITALY CITIES: Allied Headquarters, Jan. 10--A special air communique issued here today states: "Flying Fortresses bombed Sofia at noon today after having carried out a heavy attack yesterday on the Adriatic naval port of Ancona. RAF Spitfires spotted a German armored column bogged down in the snow south of Sulmona in the central Apennines. The column was practically wiped out by warhawks. The raid on Sofia was the fifth on the Bulgarian capital within two months. The railway yards there are the hub of the German supply system in southeastern Europe, through which war material is sent to Yugoslavia, Rumania and Greece. The railway installations were heavily damaged in the last two raids. Ancona, an important submarine and naval base, was bombed by a strong force of Flying Fortresses escorted by fighters. Pilots reported the target 'well and truly covered.' Shipyards and barracks along the quayside at Ancona, a port some hundred miles up the eastern coast of Italy from the Eighth Army front which was also attacked yesterday by Mitchell medium bombers, were destroyed. At the same time the Mitchells struck at railway yards and set German supplies on fire."

11 JAP BARGES (FULL OF JAPS) SUNK: Allied Headquarters SW Pacific, Jan. 11--Today's communique from General MacArthur's headquarters states that 11 Japanese barges loaded with men and supplies have been destroyed near the American invasion beachhead at Saldor, New Guinea. In the Cape Gloucester area of New Britain American Marines have continued to press forward in the Bergen Bay sector. Widespread Allied air attacks throughout the southwest Pacific are continuing.

COUNT CIANO SENTENCED TO DEATH IN NORTH ITALY: London, Jan. 10--The German news agency announced tonight that the former Italian foreign minister and son-in-law of Mussolini, Count Galeazzo Ciano, has been sentenced to death. Quoting a Milan report, the agency said: "The trial against the signatories of the order of the day drawn up by Grandi for the session of the Grand Fascist Council which led to the well known events of July 25th (Mussolini's downfall) has been taking place in Castel Vecchio, Verona, since January 8. All of the accused were sentenced to death with the exception of Cianetti who received a thirty year sentence. Thirteen of the 18 death sentences were announced in the absence of those accused."

78th U.S. CONGRESS RECONVENES: Washington, Jan. 11--The nation's legislators returned to capitol hill today after their holiday recess and began a session that is weighted with heavy domestic and international problems. For the first time during a period of war the President will not deliver his message on the state of the nation to Congress in person tomorrow. Recovering from an attack of grippe, President Roosevelt has been advised by his physician not to deliver the report in person.

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FIFTH ARMY PRESSURE BENDS GERMAN FLANKS: Allied Headquarters, Jan. 22--Fifth Army pressure, spreading southward from the French mountain drive to include the British Garigliano crossing, has driven the Germans back across the Rapido and Garigliano river lines, forcing them to fight within the confines of their Gustav line defenses, and with imminent danger of both flanks being turned. The Americans are now thrusting strong patrols across the Rapido in the central Cassino sector. The unchecked progress of General Juin's French forces across a series of 3000-foot peaks has forced German mountain troops to fall back across the Rapido's upper reaches. They captured 250 German prisoners during the first three days of the attack.

Repeated fierce counterattacks in the mountain area as well as in the British sector have been beaten off. An additional 300 prisoners have been captured by the British across the Garigliano in the past three days. This brings the total of prisoners taken in Italy to over 8500. The coastal end of the German line is imperilled following the capture of Minturno which has brought British troops to within two miles of an important crossroads northwest of the town. German prisoners claim the existence of another line, named Adolf Hitler, some seven miles behind the Gustav line.

RUSSIANS BATTER THROUGH GERMAN DEFENSES IN THE NORTH: Moscow, Jan. 22--Thrusting across snow-covered steppes, General Marezhkov's divisions last night had reached a point 10 miles west of Novgorod. In their advance toward Luga they are being aided by ski battalions operating on an unprecedented scale in the German rear. Fierce fighting is also in progress farther north in the Chudovo area. Last night Marshal Stalin announced that a new offensive had been launched in the direction of Moga, which is 25 miles southeast of Leningrad. Ten miles south of Leningrad, in the ruined town of Pushkin, a critical battle for the Germans in the pocket south of Lake Ladoga is being fought. General Govorov's troops are already in the northern and western suburbs and once the town falls the Russians will be well in the rear of German lines.

At the same time a battle is developing for the clearing of the Moscow-Leningrad railway. Govorov's central thrust on Krasnoyarsk, 22 miles southwest of Leningrad, is now within seven miles of this vital rail junction controlling all trunk lines from northern Russia.

The supplement to the Soviet communique says that one Soviet unit wiped out over 2000 Germans in the fighting southwest of Krasnoye-Selo yesterday. Following the capture of Moga, Russian troops enlarged the area of their breakthrough and captured a number of inhabited localities. West of Novgorod 800 German dead were left on the battlefield. In the Russian advance northwest of Kalinkovichi, in White Russia, the district center of Ozerichi was taken yesterday.

PAS DE CALAIS TAKES ANOTHER POUNDING: London, Jan. 22--From before sun up right until dusk, with hardly a moment's pause during the entire day, British and American heavy bombers and fighter bombers pounded the Pas de Calais area yesterday. Four-engined Fortresses and Liberators, twin-engined Marauders and Mosquitoes, and single-engined fighter bombers streamed across the channel in a great offensive against the German targets after a week's lull. Spitfires, Thunderbolts and Lightnings were among the fighter groups which escorted the bombers. Hundreds of aircraft of all types were engaged in the operation. Some fighter opposition was encountered and 14 German planes were destroyed. A week ago a 700-plane armada gave the "special military targets" in the Pas de Calais area a heavy pounding. ~~At 11:00~~ on these targets began in mid-December. Allied losses yesterday were six heavy bombers, two light bombers, and three fighters.

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RECORD FORCE OF BOMBERS ATTACKED BERLIN: London, Jan. 21--The bomber command last night sent the largest force of Lancasters and Halifaxes that have so far left British bases to attack Berlin. This huge force of four-engined bombers dropped more than 2300 tons of bombs within a half hour. It was the eleventh heavy raid since the battle of annihilation began in November. Thirty-five British planes were lost. Pilots said Berlin's anti-aircraft defenses were weaker than usual.

U.S. SUBS MARK UP 12 MORE JAP SHIPS: Washington, Jan. 21--United States submarines have sunk 12 more Japanese vessels in the Pacific and Far East, the Navy Department reported today. The communique gives the vessels sunk as one large tanker, one medium cargo transport, one small transport, seven medium and two small freighters.

BRITISH SUB SINKS FOUR JAP SHIPS: London, Jan. 21--A British submarine sank a Japanese cruiser and three large supply ships in the northern approaches to the Straits of Malacca, it was announced today.

ARGENTINE CONSUL AT TRINIDAD ARRESTED AS AXIS SPY: Buenos Aires, Jan. 22--Argentine police have made several arrests following the disclosure that British authorities have arrested the Argentine consul Helmut in the port of Trinidad.

In view of the possibility of the existence of an espionage organization in the Argentine government, on the basis of information supplied by the British foreign office, the government has ordered police to carry out a full investigation with the aim "of punishing those responsible and ending activities contrary to the nation's international policy."

Helmut was arrested at Trinidad while on his way to Europe. Britain informed the Argentine foreign minister that it was proved he was an enemy agent. In Washington it was believed in unofficial circles that this development will bring to a head the growing tension between the Allies and Argentina.

OPPOSITION TAX BILL PASSED: Washington, Jan. 21--The Senate tonight passed unanimously a \$2,275,600,000 tax increase bill. President Roosevelt criticized the bill as unrealistic and yielding hardly one fifth of the Treasury's goal.

ACTION IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC: Allied Headquarters SW Pacific, Jan. 22--Today's communique reports that Allied heavy bombers attacked the Japanese seaplane base at Ambona. Numerous explosions and fires resulted. A 1000-ton freighter was damaged off Wewak, New Guinea. Four troop laden barges were sunk off Madang. Medium bombers made a low level attack on Japanese shipping and dumps at Hansa Bay and sank 20 barges. Japanese positions in Ramu Valley (New Guinea) were dive bombed.

LONDON GETS HEAVIEST RAID IN MONTHS: London, Jan. 22--Eight German bombers were destroyed for certain in raids on southeast England including the London area last night. British defenses fought their longest and grimmest battle in many months. It was one of the biggest anti-aircraft barrages since the days of 1941. Bombs fell in some London districts and in scattered parts of the southeast. Some damage but few casualties had been reported early today. Although the Germans made their biggest night effort for many months the raid was still only small scale by present day standards.

DEMOCRAT GROUP WANTS FOURTH TERM: Washington, Jan. 22--The mid-western democratic conference has unanimously approved a resolution expressing the hope that President Roosevelt will be renominated at the democratic national convention.

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ALLIES MOVE ON ROME AFTER SURPRISE LANDING

With the Fifth Army--(Reuters)--Jan. 23: British and American troops are now well inland and are on their way to their first objectives after their completely surprise landing on the west coast of Italy south of Rome.

Military and naval losses are unbelievably light. General Clark, who made a dawn to dusk tour of the landing areas is delighted with the progress of operations. Only small, scattered detachments of Germans have so far been met and these have been speedily liquidated. Though high Allied officers admit that the boldness of the plan has exceeded their expectations they emphasize that not until several days have passed will it be possible to know the course of operations. Allied Spitfires patrolling over the beaches this morning saw the bright sunshine reflecting on the golden dome of Saint Peter's in Rome. The first signs of German opposition came more than eight hours after the first Allied troops scrambled ashore at 2 a.m. yesterday.

By Homer Bigart (NY Herald Tribune)--Jan. 22--A powerful Allied amphibious force has landed 30 odd miles south of Rome, completely surprising an enemy beachhead depleted of manpower. Vital beaches were left unguarded except by a handful of men armed with a few machine guns.

This dispatch is being filed in the afternoon, 11 hours after the first assault waved over the deserted beaches. Not one enemy artillery shell has been dropped within the rapidly broadening beachhead. Not one American soldier has fallen from German bullets. So far the casualties are trivial. They resulted from mines and a few late morning air raids by a half dozen Fockewolfs.

It is incredible. For nearly three months the Germans have all but stalemated the Allied crossing through the mountains from Naples. And now Clark's Army at the cost of a few dozen men lands on the front door step of Rome. Why wasn't it done before? Well, it had to be this way. There had to be a land offensive offering a reasonable guarantee of a breakthrough at the Gustav line. While Kesselring was borrowing every available reinforcement for the crumbling Gustav line the coast just below Rome was of necessity ignored.

I landed with a famous American regiment, leaping into icy, waist-deep water from an infantry barge just before dawn. Only one pill box was manned and the terrified Germans fled at the outset of the terrific naval bombardment. In an enemy command post near Anzio a German lieutenant and three men were captured without firing a shot. Four others, who were drunk, were seized in a German staff car. The lieutenant said he had been ordered to guard six miles of line with 50 men. They'd arrived only yesterday from Rome and hadn't found time to set up machine gun positions.

Initial objectives were taken by daylight. Throughout the morning Americans continued without contacting the enemy. Two resort towns have fallen and troops have pressed forward on the way to Rome. We are strongly prepared for the counter-attack.

Other observers said the landing was one for the text books, or "just like the movies," as one American soldier described it. Over 50 prisoners were taken and some 20 or 30 Germans killed. Among the materials captured was an arsenal full of ammunition near the Nettuno artillery range. The force landed along 12 miles of beaches, the British on one side and the Americans on the other side of Anzio. The armada of ships, numbering in the hundreds, had set sail in broad daylight. A German spokesman last night claimed that the Allied landing was not entirely unexpected because German reconnaissance planes had spotted the preparations.

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SOVIET PINCERS CLOSING ON GERMAN FORCE SOUTH OF LENINGRAD: Moscow, Jan. 23--Fifteen to 20 German divisions today face being cut in two and trapped in their Nava salient southeast of Leningrad. Two Soviet armies are closing the pincers behind them. One force is coming from the northwest through a gap blasted at Mga and the other advancing from the east where fresh Russian troops have been thrown into the attack. Both are converging on Tosno, 30 miles southeast of Leningrad, and the junction of the Leningrad-Moscow and Tosno-Krasnoyarsk railways.

The latest Soviet communique says that Russian forces in their advance southwest and south of Krasnoye-Selo have captured more than 40 localities. North and northeast of Tosno Russian troops have occupied 30 more localities, including the railway station of Sologubovka. The railway line, Kirishi-Mga-Leningrad, has been completely cleared of the enemy. West of Novgorod Red Army troops have completed the mopping up of routed enemy troops still hiding in the woods and have occupied three localities and the railway station of Tatino. About 1500 Germans were killed in the fighting at Krasnoye-Selo.

In White Russia, Soviet forces are continuing their advance northwest of Kalinkovich and have occupied several localities. For several days both Soviet and German communiques have failed to make any mention of German counterattacks in the area north of Uman and east of Vinnitsa.

MAGDEBURG BLASTED IN SATURATION ATTACK: London, Jan. 22--Huge formations of RAF four-engined bombers made another very heavy "saturation" attack on the big industrial city of Magdeburg in central Germany last night. In this their first heavy raid on the ancient capital of Saxony the bombers dropped over 2000 tons of high explosives and incendiaries which left large fires burning. Lancasters and Mosquitoes dropped more bombs on Berlin which was still burning from the great 2300-ton attack on Thursday night. The scale of attacks, which also included bombing targets in northern France, suggests that about 1000 planes took part in last night's attacks.

The heavy British Lancasters and Halifax bombers battled their way through what appeared to be every squadron of fighters the Luftwaffe could put into the air all the way from Magdeburg and back in last night's attack. The German high command, believing another attack was to be made on Berlin, put up everything they had to break up the raiders and a great air battle began soon after the bombers crossed the German-held coastline. Magdeburg is about 80 miles west of Berlin on the River Elbe. Fifty-two British bombers were lost.

SPATZ SAYS LUFTWAFFE WON'T LAST LONG NOW: Headquarters, American Strategic Air Forces, England, Jan. 22--Lt Gen. Carl Spaatz, new commander of United States Strategic Air Forces in Europe, declared today: "The German air force can be pretty well knocked out, given reasonable weather. Given the same sort of weather we had in the Mediterranean for a while I do not think the Luftwaffe would last very long." Asked if he anticipated in reasonable weather that the German airforce was likely to be knocked out this summer, Spaatz answered: "That is what we expect to do." Continuing, General Spaatz said, "I can say it is regarded as definite that the Luftwaffe suffered a significant defeat in the great air battle of January 11 when American day bombers were attacked by about 600 German fighters. When perfect weather comes it is estimated that one third of the great force of American day bombers based in Britain can be put over Europe every day."

BADOLIO OFFERS COMMUNIST A POSITION IN NEW GOVERNMENT: Naples, Jan. 23--(Cecil Spriggs, Reuters correspondent)--Marshal Badoglio has offered the leader of the Naples communist party, Eugenio Reale, an important post in the new government he hopes to form. Badoglio made the condition that members of the new government must agree King Victor III remain until three months after occupation of Rome when he would abdicate if the constituent assembly so demands. Reale refused.

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GERMANS ANNOUNCE EVACUATION OF MINTURNO: London, Jan. 21--The German news agency has announced the evacuation of the town of Minturno which lies in the path of the new offensive launched by the British troops of the Fifth Army across the Garigliano River. The German agency said the town was abandoned after heavy fighting. Earlier reports from Allied headquarters said the British troops were threatening the town from two sides and that fighting was going on in the outskirts of the city. Minturno is on the main coastal road to Rome--the Appian Way--and is also on the coastal railway to the Italian capital just over 80 miles away.

Yesterday's Allied communique revealed that three other towns across the river have been captured in the British drive: Argento, at the mouth of the river; Tufo, four miles inland, and Suic, ten miles inland, on the right flank of the attack. The battle across the river has been of a give and take nature all the way. British troops are encountering thickly strewn minefields and many machine gun nests sited in caves and among the vantage points in the rocky country. Some 300 German prisoners had been taken up to Wednesday night. Prisoners report that the brunt of the British attack is being borne by the 94th German Infantry Division. Many of the men in this division are seeing action for the first time.

RUSSIANS CAPTURE NOVGOROD, LIQUIDATE ANOTHER 15,000 GERMANS: Moscow, Jan. 21--In an outflanking movement Red Army troops yesterday stormed the town of Novgorod, a junction of five railways, about 100 miles south of Leningrad. In doing so they killed about 15,000 Germans, took 3000 prisoners and large quantities of war materials.

Near Leningrad Russian forces advancing southwest of Leningrad linked up with other Russian forces moving south of Oranienbaum. Groups of German troops who were surrounded in this action are being "wiped out," according to the Soviet communique. Towns captured included Uritsk, a railway junction, Lipovo, Simenovo and Stralna. Since the start of the offensive at Leningrad, the communique states, 25,000 Germans have been killed in this sector. The supplement to the communique says that "many Germans are surrendering."

A Reuters correspondent last night cabled that since the fall of Novgorod the whole of the River Volkhov defenses which constituted the German wall between Lake Ilmen and Leningrad are now "in the melting pot." A general retreat may be expected in this sector if the Germans are to get away, he said. "It is likely that German losses will be exceptionally heavy. The next most suitable line of defense is along the River Narva in the north and behind Lake Peipus."

German counterattacks are continuing north of Kristinovka where Russian forces have been repelling enemy attacks with infantry and tanks.

BERLIN RAID: London, Jan. 21--It was officially announced here this morning that the RAF raided Berlin last night. The German overseas news agency described the attack as a "terror raid." The Nazi agency claimed that 21 British bombers were shot down. The British Air Ministry communique on the raid has not yet been released.

STIMSON SAYS JAP NEW GUINEA RESISTANCE MAY COLLAPSE: Washington, Jan. 20--Japanese resistance in northern New Guinea may be collapsing, Secretary Stimson told his press conference today. He added that Allied troops are making steady progress throughout the southwest Pacific. Stimson also said that there were indications that some Japanese might be trying to escape at night by barge. Several barges laden with Japanese troops have been sunk by Allied aircraft and light naval vessels. In New Britain the Allies are steadily enlarging their beachheads, he said.

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In the Cape Gloucester area (New Britain) 3100 Japanese have been killed against an American loss of 228 killed.

Referring to the air war in the Pacific, Secretary Stimson said the Japanese were reinforcing their strength and becoming more aggressive.

JAP FREIGHTER AND 33 PLANES DESTROYED: Allied Headquarters, New Guinea, Jan. 21--A 3000-ton Japanese freighter was destroyed in Hense Bay, New Guinea, yesterday, according today's communique. At Wewak 12 enemy planes were shot down for a loss of three Allied planes. Naval bombers have sunk a Japanese ammunition vessel and a cargo ship off the Admiralty Islands. The big Jap base of Rabaul, New Britain, was raided again and Allied planes shot down 21 Japanese planes.

The extent to which Allied forces in the southwest Pacific have been whittling down Japan's air strength and shipping tonnage in recent weeks was indicated in a statement by Major General Ralph Mitchell, commander of Allied air forces based in the Solomons. Since November 20 a total of 350 Japanese planes have been destroyed by planes based in the Solomons, General Mitchell said. He estimated that 100,000 tons of Japanese shipping had been sunk or severely damaged in the two raids on Rabaul of January 14 and 17.

RECENT ALLIED AIR ATTACKS HAVE ISOLATED ROME: Allied Headquarters, Jan. 20--Rome has now been completely sealed off from access by rail from the north, it was learned here tonight, following the concentrated attacks on rail communications in the Rome area. Reconnaissance photographs show that of the three major railroad lines down the Italian peninsula only one remains. This is the east coast line from Ancona to Pescara, which is the German supply route on the Eighth Army front. Subsidiary rail routes have also been cut. The central Tuscany line running south from Florence is unusable and the traverse route above Ancona to Rome is out of service.

Strong forces of Allied bombers again attacked German fighter bases near Rome yesterday. The twin airfields of Ciampino and Centocelle in the southwestern and southeastern suburbs of the city were attacked by Flying Fortresses. The last raid on the Rome airfields was January 13. Simultaneously with the Rome assault, Liberators attacked the Perugia airfield in central Italy and other key communication centers in central and northern Italy.

BADOLIO GIVES HIS VIEWS ON ITALY AND THE WAR: Southern Italy, Jan. 21--In an interview with a Reuters correspondent, Marshall Badoglio gave an outline of his plans for the future of Italy: The problem must be tackled in two stages--first, clear the Germans out of Italy. Second, consult the country on its wishes by means of a general election. Only when this is done, he said, would it be possible for the king to nominate a government in accordance with the expressed desires of the nation. For the time being everything else must be subordinated to helping the Allies finish off the first stage. Then the second stage must start with the drafting of a sound electoral law. "My basic policy is this--push the Germans out of Italy and render maximum aid to the Allies," said the Marshall. He cautioned against playing with administrative reforms at this early stage and said he hoped the administration of the Italian provinces would be turned over to the Italian government one by one and not all at once. "The most basic problems of all are the feeding of our people and the maintenance of the value of our money," he said. Regarding the congress of political parties due to assemble at Bari January 28, he emphasized that he had done nothing to impede the holding of this meeting although it was being held in territory administered by his government. "I believe in all political parties having the opportunity to air their views, and, after all, it was I who gave the order for freedom in the Italian press," he added.

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ALLIED BEACHHEADS REPORTED 4 MILES FROM APPIAN WAY: London, Jan. 25--Allied spearheads advancing inland from the Nettuno beachhead were last night reported by the Germans to have reached a point only four miles from the Appian Way to Rome. The German news agency's military correspondent said that American scouting units had entered the village of Aprilia but were later driven out. This indicates a thrust of some 10 miles along the inland road from Anzio. At Aprilia the Allies would be 23 miles from Rome. Allied guns are already shelling the Appian Way and cruisers off shore have it within range, according to reports from Allied Headquarters. The Allies now have a four-mile belt of strongly fortified positions around the Nettuno beachhead and correspondents report that supplies and reinforcements are flowing ashore without interruption.

Although the Allied forces at the new beachhead south of Rome have not yet faced a major German counterattack, Allied troops along the Cassino line some 50 odd miles to the southeast have met full-strength counterattacks all along the line during the past 48 hours. American troops who had pierced the edge of the heavily mined and wired defense belt across the Rapido River were forced back across the river by the German counterattack. The assault was so ferocious that the Americans exhausted their ammunition and engaged in vicious hand to hand fighting. The withdrawal across the 120-foot wide Rapido was carried out largely through holding off the enemy at bayonet point. The British lost and then recaptured a ridge near Tufo in very heavy fighting. Strong attacks were also put in against the French in the Monte Croce area at the northern end of the line.

MORE TOWNS FALL IN LENINGRAD BATTLE: Moscow, Jan. 25--The Leningrad offensive has worked up to a new pitch with Russian forces developing a successful strategic plan to envelope or drive back the German army from the Leningrad sector down to Novgorod. The latest communique announces the capture of Pushkin, 17 miles south of Leningrad and Pavlovo-Slutsk, four miles to the southeast of Pushkin. Both towns stand at the junction of the railways from Novgorod and Betskaya.

More than 20,000 Germans have been killed in the Leningrad sector in the past 10 days. Pravda reports the number of prisoners taken as between four and five thousand.

Moving forward by forced marches throughout the night, the Russians are now within four miles of Chudovo, the pivot on which the entire German position in the north between Tosno and Novgorod depends. The fall of this stronghold would make untenable the positions of the Germans along the upper stretch of the Chudovo-Novgorod railway which they have been defending stubbornly for the past five days.

The supplement to the Soviet communique mentions German counterattacks in the south for the first time in several days: "East of Vinnitsa major forces of German tanks and infantry attacked Russian positions. Fierce fighting developed and the Germans lost 500 dead and over 30 tanks.

PAS DE CALAIS TARGETS TAKE ANOTHER BLASTING: London, Jan. 24--The sky above the English Channel and over the Straits of Dover was thronged with Allied medium bombers and fighters this morning when, one hour after sunrise, the bombing of military objectives in northern France was resumed. As in so many recent attacks, the bombing began with U.S. Marauders flying into the Pas de Calais area, each formation with its Spitfire escort flown by RAF and Dominion pilots. Visibility was extremely good and returning Marauder crews reported good results. American and British medium and fighter bombers continued the attack on other targets in northern France later in the day. There was little German opposition. One RAF fighter bomber is missing from the operations.

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U.S. REFUSES TO RECOGNIZE NEW BOLIVIAN GOVERNMENT: Washington, Jan. 25--The United States has refused to recognize the new Bolivian regime. The decision was announced last night by the State Department in a statement which says: "This government has been aware of the fact that subversive groups hostile to the Allied cause have been plotting disturbances against the American governments operating in defense of the hemisphere against Axis aggression. On December 21, 1943 the Bolivian government was overthrown by force under circumstances linking this action with the subversive groups mentioned above."

The United States' refusal to recognize the new Bolivian government was the signal for several Latin American countries to follow suit. The government of Brazil, the government of Venezuela, and the government of Costa Rica announced today that they would not recognize the new government of Bolivia.

U.S. BOMBERS OVER WESTERN GERMANY; REPORT SOFIA RAIDED: London, Jan. 25--United States heavy bombers raided western Germany in a daylight attack yesterday. Twenty-one German planes were destroyed during the raid, it was officially announced last night. Two of the enemy planes were destroyed by the Fortresses and Liberators and 19 by the accompanying fighters. Two heavy bombers were lost.

The German news agency reported last night that Sofia, capital of Bulgaria, was raided at noon yesterday by American bombers. The Germans claimed they forced the American bombers to drop their bombs in the open country. No announcement has been made from Allied headquarters regarding this raid.

GOVERNMENT SEIZES PENNSYLVANIA PLANT: Washington, Jan. 24--President Roosevelt today order the Navy Department to seize and operate the war plants of the York Safe and Lock Co. of York, Pennsylvania, because of "unsatisfactory management conditions." The company has one hundred million dollars worth of war contracts on hand.

51 JAP PLANES KNOCKED OUT: Allied Headquarters Sw Pacific, Jan. 25--The official report from General MacArthur's advance headquarters today said that 33 Japanese planes were shot down in an Allied raid on Wewak, New Guinea. Eighteen more Jap planes were shot down in an Allied raid on Rabaul, New Britain. Five Allied planes were lost at Wewak and eight at Rabaul. Allied planes dropped 105 tons of bombs on Wewak. Eighteen Japanese guns were damaged or destroyed. In Hana valley (New Guinea) the Australians cleared the Shaggy Ridge area of Japanese and captured much enemy artillery and ammunition.

REVERSE LEND LEASE: Washington, Jan. 24--It was revealed today that during the month of November Australia and New Zealand delivered almost as much meat and other food to U.S. forces in the far east as had been supplied by the U.S. to all countries. These supplies were given to the United States under the reverse lend-lease plan. Over a billion pounds of lend lease food and agricultural products were shipped out of the United States during November. Sixty per cent went to the British, 33 per cent to the Russians and two percent to north and west Africa.

SAYS 75 PER CENT OF PACIFIC CASUALTIES FROM DISEASE: London, Jan. 24--Seventy-five per cent of the casualties in the southwest Pacific are from disease, according to Sir Neville Pearson, a member of the British newspaper proprietors delegation which recently visited Australia.

MARS TAKES UP PACIFIC LEAD: Honolulu, Jan. 24--The giant flying boat Mars has arrived at Hawaii from California covering 2400 miles in 13 hours with 35 people and 14,000 pounds of cargo aboard. She has the space of a 15-room house and weighs 75 tons fully loaded.

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ALLIES DRIVE TOWARD MAIN ROADS SOUTH OF ROME: Allied Headquarters, Jan. 24--Fifth Army spearheads were last night almost within striking distance of the main supply routes running south and east of Rome. The first of these is the Rome-Capua railway, the second in the Appian Way, about 12 miles inland, and the third, Via Latina, is about 12 miles farther east. Berlin declared last night that the Allied drive was striking inland to capture Rome's airport at Littoria, 11 miles east of Nettuno.

No countermove has yet come from Kesselring. Operations are still going ahead like an invasion exercise. Large numbers of tanks, much artillery, and quantities of supplies are now being put ashore under an impenetrable air cover. The Allied advance is rolling inland over improvised roads laid by engineers over the sands. The clockwork manner in which operations have been carried out is indicated by the fact that the medical corps has already established a field hospital beyond the immediate beachhead.

Early last week Kesselring moved three divisions from the Rome area to reinforce his Gustav line. He is now faced with these alternatives: To extricate his nine divisions by withdrawal by the roundabout Avezzano road to Rome, or, to continue strong resistance on the Cassino front while airborne troops and mobile detachments are rushed to the Rome area from farther north.

The CBS commentator in Naples last night said that the first German reaction on the Cassino front to the landings up the coast has been the launching of a series of heavy counterattacks. Eleven attacks of battalion strength have been reported.

At the north end of the line the French were driven back 1000 yards yesterday when the attacks began. At the southern end of the front the British who are already well-established in their positions north of the Garigliano inflicted heavy casualties on the Germans and also took about 100 prisoners. Several large explosions in the town of Castelforte were heard. The natural assumption is that this is the first German demolition prior to their withdrawal. In the central sector where American troops crossed the Rapido but had not had much time to dig in the Germans made a particularly strong counterattack and the fighting was very bitter.

RUSSIANS CLEAR WIDER CIRCLE AROUND LENINGRAD: Moscow, Jan. 24--The Germans are retreating south and southwest of Krasnoye-Selo and abandoning one fortified position after another. Krasnoye-Selo is about 12 miles southwest of Leningrad. The Russian drive in this sector threatens to cut the main railway from Tosno westwards to Nerva in Estonia at the railway junction of Krasnogvardeisk. Near Tosno Soviet troops have captured several localities, including a railway station.

The latest communique reveals that the German operational base near Gruzino on the east bank of the Volkhov has been "completely liquidated." Gruzino is east of Claudevo on the main trunk line from Leningrad to Moscow.

An arc of some 20 miles radius is now held by the Red Army around Novgorod, with a front extending from the Volkhov River around to the shores of Lake Ilmen.

At the southern end of the White Russia front Belchitsy, a district center in the Pripyet Marshes, was captured along with several other inhabited localities. Belchitsy is 45 miles southwest of Mezir and about 34 miles from the 1939 Polish border.

CROSS-CHANNEL AIR ATTACKS RESUMED: London, Jan. 23--A joint RAF and American communique tonight says strong formations of medium and fighter bombers today attacked military objectives in the Pas de Calais area and the airfield at Maupertus in the Cherbourg peninsula.

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Several hundred Allied aircraft took part in these attacks. They included more than 200 American Marauders. During one sweep a Typhoon squadron shot down one Fockewulfe 190. A strong force of Marauders crossing the Channel in midafternoon dropped about 300 tons of bombs on military objectives in the Pas de Calais area.

1300 SORTIES FLOWN OVER ALLIED BEACHHEAD: Allied Headquarters, Jan. 24--At least 600 Allied fighters and fighter bombers of the tactical airforce kept up constant patrols over the Fifth Army's beachhead south of Rome yesterday. Over 1300 sorties were flown by the tactical and strategic airforces. Road and rail communications bombed yesterday are mostly in the areas flanking the Allied landing sector. Velletri, one of the places bombed, is 20 miles south of Rome on the Appian way, and Frascati, another, is 10 miles south of the capital on the inland road.

WASHINGTON NOT IMPRESSED WITH BOLIVIA'S 'GOOD INTENTIONS': Washington, Jan. 23--The statement from the foreign office of the new government in Bolivia that Bolivia has no tie with Argentina and, further, may declare war on the Axis, has evoked no comment from the U.S. State Department.

EISENHOWER WILL ALSO COMMAND U.S. SECOND FRONT FORCES: London, Jan. 24--It can now be revealed that General Dwight D. Eisenhower has assumed command of the European Theater of Operations, United States Army, in addition to his duties as supreme commander of Allied Expeditionary Forces.

General Eisenhower has appointed Major General John C. H. Lee to be deputy theater commander of the European Theater of Operations, in addition to his duties as commanding general, Services of Supply, ETOUSA.

Major General W. Bedell Smith has been appointed chief of staff of the European Theater of Operations, in addition to his duties as chief of staff of the supreme headquarters. General Smith has arrived in this country and has assumed these duties. Col. Royal B. Lord has been appointed deputy chief of staff in the European Theater in addition to his duties of chief of staff, Services of Supply, ETOUSA.

These appointments result from General Eisenhower's order "streamlining" European headquarters in order to free officers and men for immediate field duties.

JAP HOME ISLAND BOMBED TWO DAYS IN SUCCESSION: Washington, Jan. 23--The Navy Department announced tonight that Faramushiro Island, important Japanese naval and air base 1800 miles from Tokio, has again been bombed. The communique says: "In the early morning of January 23 two groups of Navy bombers bombed enemy installations on the south and west coasts of Faramushiro Island. Anti-aircraft fire was encountered but no enemy planes were met. All United States planes returned without damage." This is the second time in two days that a raid has been reported on the island. Faramushiro is at the end of the long string of islands stretching north from Japan.

ROOSEVELT CREATES WAR REFUGEE BOARD: Washington, Jan. 23--President Roosevelt last night created a War Refugee Board and directed it to attempt to rescue victims of enemy oppression in imminent danger of death. The action is designed to bring about immediate rescue from the Nazis of "as many as possible of the persecuted minorities in Europe and all civilian victims of enemy savagery."

JAP NEW GUINEA STRONGPOINTS CAPTURED: Advanced Headquarters New Guinea, Jan. 24--The Australians have captured more Japanese positions in Ramu Valley on New Guinea, says today's official report. Australian ground troops forced the Japanese to abandon their strongholds on the Faria River.

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