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Sixth Army Continues Advances In Strength On Luzon

Great Naval-Air Battle Is Likely Raging

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U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor—(AP)—A tremendous naval-air battle likely is raging today off, French Indo-China between Admiral William P. Halsey's Third Fleet and Japanese warships escorting reinforcements seeking to smash. Gen. Douglas MacArthur's invasion army on Luzon in the Philippines.

Admiral Chester W. Nimitz called in war correspondents on short notice last night and stated cryptically:

"Carrier aircraft of the Pacific Fleet are now attacking the enemy off the coast of French Indo-China hetween Saigon and Camranh Bay.

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Yanks Drive Attack In Poland

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HEADQUARTERS, Luzon(AP) — Rapidly, advancing
Sixth Army invaders at Lingaren Guller and Stretch and Stret commanding the north ends of four main highways to Manila and turned what could have been the flank of a good Japanese defense line behind the Agno River.

These are developments for the first 48 hours since Tuesday's invasion, altich more remains to be

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War Plants To Hum At Faster Pace Big Production

Rise Scheduled

WASHINGTON — (AP)—
Fifty per cent of all war production programs will rise at
"a tremendous rate" under a
new speed-up which includes a
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aircraft in six months, J. A.
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Bulge's West End Appears Pinched Off Rise Scheduled

PARIS—(AP)—Allied armies apparently sheared off the western seven miles of the Belgian bulge today and gouged tentatively into the north and south flanks of the eastern half of the salient.

The U.S. Third Army penetrated twice into the German south flank between Bastogne and Vianden, in Luxembourg. The First Army stabbed across the Salm River to within ten miles of St. Vith. This action, with those of the Third Army, threatened to undervut any attempt by Field Marshal Von Rundstedt to hold along the course of the Ourthe River and yield only the western half of his salient.

The Germans answered

The Germans appeared to have pulled all but the ladelaying rearguards from the western end of the Ardens bulge, where the First and Third Armies had netted me than 30,000 prisoners, killed uncounted thousands of Gemans and destroyed at least the equivalent of six or see divisions of tanks. The Sixth Army Group in Alsace-Locarine, where the Germans threatened Strasbourg in dive

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