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## Nazi Blunders

Germany's blunders are being exploited by Russia's High Command in the Battle for Berlin. Marshal Stalin's military genius is shown in a special dispatch on page 6 of this edition.

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## Other Soviet Army Forces Close In On Koenigsberg

### U. S. Tanks Used In Assault

By JAMES F. KING  
 LONDON — (AP) — Russian assault troops captured the Baltic fortress port of Koenigsberg, the path to Danzig today, and to the northeast closed on Koenigsberg, Junkers' province capital. Koenigsberg lies 22 miles southeast of Danzig itself. In the right bank of the Vistula River. Marshal Stalin announced its fall in the order of the day.

**Red Army forces were closing from all directions on Koenigsberg.** The Germans said American amphibious tanks used up part of the assault forces.

## Push Toward Manila Dock Areas Slowed

### Yanks Face Jap Mortars, Mines

MANILA — (AP) — Mined streets and Japanese mortars firing from the upper floors of office buildings slowed American infantrymen today in their stubbornly resisted drive through the heart of Manila toward dock areas south of the Pasig River. It was clear the desperate and trapped Japanese would fight long and bitterly in defense of the flame-blackened Intramuros district, through which the Yanks must pass to reach the dock area from their amphibious Pasig River beachhead.

**FEROCEST FIGHTING**  
 Gen. Douglas MacArthur in his communications today described the fighting as of the fiercest and said the enemy was set for a "final stand."

**ALIENED DRIVES ON WESTERN FRONT** — Arrows on this map denote Allied drives on the Western Front (broken line). On the northern flank, the Canadian First Army has opened an offensive toward Kiev, terminus of the German Siegfried Line. Late dispatches said the Canadians were drawing near the burning city. Earlier, south of the First and Third Armies contained their drives between Aachen and Trier. At the southern end of the front, the Allies broke the last organized German resistance west of the Rhine River south of Strasbourg. (AP Wirephoto Map).

## Wings Over Japan

### Powerful B-29 Fleet Hits Tokyo

By ELMONT WAITE  
 TWENTY-FIRST BOMBER COMMAND HEADQUARTERS, Guam — (AP) — A powerful force of B-29 Superfortresses — probably the largest ever to hit Japan — bombed Tokyo today in "a rare good weather."

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## Aerial Warfare

### U. S. Forts Hit Nazi Fuel Depot

LONDON — (AP) — U. S. Flying Fortresses attacked a German motor fuel depot at Duemmen, southwest of Muenster, today, and submarine pens at Jmuiden on the Netherlands coast. Only 150 heavy bombers and approximately 1,500 fighters participated in both operations. Jmuiden, which has been bombed four times in the past week, is one of the most active submarine bases the Nazis have left on the European coast.

**FIFTH REPELS NAZI ATTACKS**  
 German counterattacks have been repulsed in the Serebri Valley and Italian west of the central area where the Fifth Army had made limited advances in the last few days. Allied Headquarters announced today.

**TOUR OF NAZI DEFENSES**  
 STROCKHOLM — (AP) — Masses of barbed wire are everywhere along the fence-lined highway eastward from Berlin to the Oder River, now just a short motor trip away. Svenska Dagbladet's Berlin correspondent said today.

## Waters Rise On U. S. Ninth Army's Front

### Canadians Smash Through Siegfried Points To Close In On Kieve

By JAMES M. LONG  
 PARIS — (AP) — Canadian First Army troops, bursting through the main concrete belt of the Siegfried Line in Reichswald, struck today to within 2-1/2 miles of Kieve, while the Germans flooded the Roer River on the U. S. Ninth Army front through gushing spillways of the Schwanenau Dam.

**FIRST ARMY AT DAN**  
 U. S. First Army infantrymen upstream reached one side of the great dam today and prepared to cross on today to clinch its capture.

**EXPLOSIONS HEARD**  
 Just after midnight there were three explosions — one at the control house on the south side, another at a spillway bridge, and a third not immediately traced but the big dam remained intact.

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**WEATHER**  
 Partly cloudy. Temperature 65. High 75. Low 55. Wind light and variable.

**Easing Of New York**  
 Fog Situation Promised  
 NEW YORK — (AP) — Today held out a promise that smog here may look forward to "reasonable" easing of the smog situation.

**Two-Minute News Roundup**  
 BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
 Russian Front  
 The Russians scored another victory today. Marshal Stalin has found an order of the day announcing capture of Ebnos, a Baltic port in East Prussia. Ebnos was one of the most strongly defended East Prussian strongholds.

**Western Front**  
 On the Western Front, Canadian First Army troops may have captured the German city of Kieve, northern anchor of the main Siegfried Line. The Third Army's headquarters has made the unconfirmed announcement that Kieve has been captured. But the official dispatch to the Canadians that one-half mile from the city. There is no word from American or First Army operations along the Roer River. The Germans have opened some of the valves

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