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## Hit Okinawa For Sixth Day

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10-day corrier and battleship
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Drive Over Bratislava Gap Lines

> No Crossings As Yet Reported

"Whether the units which fought their way to the from the planned to remain or whether these were seouting groups feeling out the strength of the much-herafded fertilifed aune is not known," said a dispatch from AP Correspondent Eddy Glimore.

The German communique an-ounced a withdrawal north of the anube to the Nitra River and 25-mile advance by the Rus-ans from the broken Hron River

Peace Plans

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CZECHOSLOVAKIA

WESTERN FRONT—"Blackedout" armored spearheads (arrows) of four American and a British Armies are roaring over interior Germany, meeting decreasing Nazi resistance. British are spearing castward beyond Muenster linked with U. S. Ninth Army mechanized columns. First Army Yanks drove deeply eastward from Marburg; another column whitled north almost unopposed, in a daring drive to link with the British and encircle the Ruhr. Tired yet magnificent Third Army columns whitled north from Frankfurt in another entrapment operation. Seventh Army Americans plunged powerfully eastward, menacing Furth and Nuernburg. White line limits last reported definitely conquered area.

Japs Are Routed

#### Vandegrift Rank Raised

WASHINGTON —(P)— President toosevelt today nominated Lt. Gen dexander A. Vandegrift, command-ng general of the Marine Corps o be a full general.

re: Richard S. Edwards, deputy com-

Ruined Cebu City

Is Won By Yanks

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'Hour of Success' Is Near, Churchill Says

By FRED HAMPSON

General Named

### Clay To Take Charge

#### **British Troops** Surge Ahead 1st Army Forces At Frankenberg, 200 Miles From Berlin

By JAMES M. LONG

PARIS — (AP) — The U. S. First Army wheeled north today in a 40-mile burst of speed which threatened to cut off the Ruhr. It advanced to the area of Langwisses, only 48 miles southeast of Hamm, eastern exit of the industrial basin, and reached Frankenberg, southeast of Langwisse and 200 miles southwest of Berlin.

All over the front British and American troops raced through wide breaks in German lines. North of the Ruhr they were reported menacing Hannover, 142 miles west of Berlin.

MUENSTER MENACED

The First Army's surge placed it within 78 miles of Muenster, also menaced by the forces north of the Rutz. Earlier the First Army was reported at Amoeneburg. So miles beyond the Rhine and 255 from Russian siege lines in the East. The First and Third Armies scored advances of 20 miles or more overnight, capturing the important Lahn River traffic center of Marburg, without opposition.

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To the north, it was known that the British Second
Army had made a 20-mile advance. The U. S. Ninth
Army, fighting along and into the northern fringe of
the Ruhr, made another six mile advance along Hitler's
broad highways, tearing up only an occasional enemy
pocket of resistance. Duisberg in the Ruhr ran up the
white flag.

Haltern, 20 miles northwest of Dortmund, and 35 miles
west of Hamm, largest freight yard in Germany, was captured by the Ninth.

BIVERS CROSSED

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The full extent of the advances in Wesphalia was hidden by a portentious security blackout, but AP Correspondent Ned Nordness said Muenster, Osnabrueck and Hannover all were threatened by the sweeping gains outflanking the Ruhr to the north. Several defendable rivers were crossed easily. Hannover is 112 miles from last publishable British positions on the approaches to Muenster, capital of Westphalia.

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North of the Ruhr where Amerian infantry was riding British
anks through the breach, Supreme
teadquarters said there was "exremely good progress." NAZIS FLEE EAST

Pilots in the north reported the Germans were fleeing east and martheast in every kind of conveyance. Some roads were not jammed, however, probably because of shortages of gasoline and vehicles. Planes destroyed 600 conveyances during the day. MANILA — (AP) — Doughboys pursued the Japanese into the hills north of Cebu City today, headquarters said, firer that demolition wrecked second city of the Philippines was captured in a brisk two-day drive from the Yanks' Cebu

capital of Westphalia.

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BBC Report

#### Mannheim Surrendered By Telephone

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