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## Reds Ring Vienna As City's Fall Approaches

### Encirclement Is Completed

By RICHARD KASISCHKE

LONDON — (AP) — Russian forces completed the encirclement of Vienna and with Tommy-guns and grenades compressed the doomed Nazi garrison into the eastern one-tenth of the tottering Austrian capital, front dispatches to the Moscow press announced today.

These accounts also said that the light wing of Marshal Rodion Malinovsky's Second Ukrainian

LONDON — (AP) — The Paris radio quoted a "Free Austrian" broadcast as saying that the Russians had completed the occupation of Vienna.

"The last three districts in the capital in which the Germans held out now are being mopped up," said the Paris radio, quoting the clandestine station.

Army had invaded the central Carpathian province of Moravia at points less than 25 miles from the great city of Vienna (Ermu).

Further north, the Germans called off Soviet forces, in an all-out assault to reduce the Oder River fortress, Berlin, and stormed into Reichshofen Square in that Slavonic city.

Inside Vienna the rag-tag Nazi force, including schoolboys, pilots and sailors fighting as infantry, had been pushed back on an island against the Danube by Russian storm units sweeping forward in hand-to-hand fighting. Gunshots were heard from the island.

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## Two-Minute News Roundup

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### Western Front

Allied armies sweeping eastward are pulling tight the drapery around the narrow waist of Germany with incredible speed. The American Ninth Army has moved to within 50 miles of Berlin through what General Dwight Eisenhower called shattered German resistance.

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The fall-stopping First Army has moved across the Thuringian Plain to a point 120 miles from the Red Army lines in a lunge to block Germany.

The largest city in the Ruhr, has fallen to the Ninth Army. American troops captured Essen after driving into the debris-strewn town two days ago.

## Towns Captured British Advance On Italian Front

By NOLAN NORGAARD

ROME — (AP) — British Eighth Army troops, paced by flamethrowing tanks, have captured Lugo, Fusignano and Cortigola in the opening phase of their offensive across the Senio River on the eastern flank of the Italian front, Allied Headquarters announced today.

Fall of these towns represented advances on a front of at least seven miles in the eastern Po Valley by astride the highway running from Ravenna to Bologna. Lugo lies a mile west of the Senio and the highway, Bologna is some 10 miles inland.

In Western Italy, American troops in the Fifth Army cleared the enemy from the mud hub of Macca and pushed on in the direction of La Spezia, major Italian Naval base a dozen miles away.

"Our troops have breached enemy defenses on the River Senio in a broad front," an Allied communiqué said.

In the early hours of the new attack, Eighth Army infantry, moving up behind a heavy artillery bombardment, captured more than 1,200 Germans, Veteran New Zealand

Borneo Is Menaced

## Speeded Yank War Wins Sulu Chain

By RICHARD C. BERGHOFF

MANILA — (AP) — Complete control of the Sulu Archipelago, which stretches between Mindanao and Borneo, was proclaimed today by Gen. Douglas MacArthur. Forty-first Division troops invaded the key island of Jolo on Monday and quickly captured the capital city and its airfield.

MacArthur also announced the liberation of perhaps thousands of ill-fated lepers from the Cullion colony of the Western Philippine Islands and reported the end of organized resistance.

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## Air Warfare

German aircraft, rail yards and oil depots in the area north of Munich have received a generous pasting from more than 2,800 Allied bombers. Today's results follow a four-day offensive against enemy airfields that resulted in destruction of 258 Nazi aircraft.

In Italy, the British Eighth Army has made a seven-mile advance in the eastern Po Valley. Three towns including Lugo, have fallen in the first phase of the new offensive. In the Senio River in eastern Italy, the Empire forces are heading for Bologna, thirty miles from the present lines. Twelve hundred Nazis have been captured so far.

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## Yanks Gain Ridge Point On Okinawa

Islet At Entrance To Bay Seized

By LEIF ERICKSON

GUAM — (AP) — American infantrymen today gained a foothold for the second time in three days on a ridge near Kakazu on southern Okinawa, where the Japanese are making their steepest defense of the island.

Artillery fire on both sides slackened as the weather cleared. A heavy rainstorm which had swept the area had not kept the Yanks from seizing Taigen Islet at the entrance to Naha Gunko Bay.

Twenty-four Corps doughboys who landed at Taigen against only light resistance, captured the islet. The counter-attacks were continuing heavy casualties and materially increased the Japanese toll of dead since the official count of 6,000, plus 250 prisoners of war taken, up to Sunday midnight.

Major Gen. John R. Hodge, twenty-fourth Corps commander, said the Japanese artillery was stronger and more accurate than any of the units he had seen in the Pacific. He said his troops actually were only through the outer shell of defenses which they had reached in four miles to the outskirts of Naha, the capital city.

This battle fighting in the south along a 4.2-mile line was increasing the rate of American casualties, estimated at 1,000 killed and 1,000 wounded for every two Japanese killed.

The last estimate of American casualties on Okinawa covered up to Wednesday midnight — a week ago. At that time 15,000 Marines and 10,000 soldiers had been killed and 100,000 wounded. Much battle fighting has marked the battle since then.

One reason plans have been rejected in the fact that field commanders are missing great quantities of artillery to knock out the Japanese positions. The Japanese are pushing forward. This takes time, but saves lives.

Marines in the north, under Maj. Gen. Roy S. Geiger, smashed two small counter-attacks on the Motobu Peninsula yesterday, meeting them with machine guns and 75mm mortar fire. The advance of 2,500 yards was the smallest Marine sweep of the eleven-day campaign.

On the north shore, where the Leathernecks captured 100 Japanese prisoners, they were of little use.

Mecklenburg Casualties

(Stories Inside)

KILLED IN ACTION

Pvt. Calvin L. Morgan.

T/SGT. Olen P. Fickett Jr.

Pvt. Henry A. Wallace.

Pvt. Robert C. Chisholm.

Pvt. George L. Ayers.

Pvt. Carl H. Hubbard Jr.

MISSING IN ACTION

Sgt. Noah W. Carlier Jr.

## Story From Silesia

## 5,000,000 Jews Reported Slain

By THOBURN WYANT

NEAR ERFT, GERMANY — (AP) — Dr. Bela Fabian, president of the Hungarian Democratic Party, said in an interview today that 5,000,000 Jews had been gassed and cremated at a murder factory at Auschwitz, in upper Silesia.

Fabian said he was taken to Auschwitz ten months ago with 500,000 other Hungarian Jews and that 400,000 were gassed and cremated in the first two months and that only 1,000 remained alive.

With Lt. Theodore Guzman of Los Angeles, and Sgt. Stanislaw Pold of New York City, Fabian was taken to Auschwitz as a translator. Fabian told a story so horrible as to be almost unbelievable.

Fabian said he could speak English, but that he was so unnerved by the ordeal of his captivity, he could not give the interview in German.

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By JAMES M. LONG

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## Nazis Lose 798 Planes

By KENNY R. JAMESON

LONDON — (AP) — Approximately 2,150 U. S. heavy bombers and fighters in a massive sweep across Southern Germany attacked a string of Nazi airfields, railroad yards and oil and ammunition depots in the Muenster-Regensburg-Munich area today in a continuation of the biggest airfield wrecking campaign in history.

Fighters were high and low seeking German planes, almost 800 of which have been destroyed in the last four days.

Among the targets of the bombers were large airfields at Muenster and Regensburg, the Kraburg explosives plant near Muenster, oil storage depots at Paderborn and Regensburg, the Landstuhl ordnance depot and freight yards northeast of Munich and at Nuremberg, Ingolstadt, Dornau and Augsburg.

During the past four days a total of 63 German aircraft have been destroyed in the air and on the ground, German sources said. Luftwaffe planes were well on the road to obliteration.

Hopelessly outnumbered for months by the Allies and completely wrecking this headquarters today said 100 members of the German Air Force were captured by the Allies on March 31 in an effort to stop an officers' revolt.

Among the captured were 100 officers, a general and 100 privates.

The captured officers were taken to a general hospital in Berlin.

WEATHER

Considerable cloudiness with light rain, fog and drizzle in the morning. Light and moderate rain in the afternoon.

Temperatures at 8:00 today: High and Low 40 to 50. Wind: Light to moderate. Rain: None.

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