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### Great Bomb Fleet Blasts Troop Path

More Than 1,500 U. S. Heavy Bombers Strike In Normandy Battle Support

By AUSTIN BEALMER  
LONDON (AP)—Well over 1,500 U. S. heavy bombers, the greatest fleet of four-engine aircraft ever dispatched on a single mission, and an equal number of lighter planes were thrown against the Germans in the western sector of the Normandy front today to carve a path of advance for Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley's new offensive.

### Jap Fleet Hangs Back

By ASSOCIATED PRESS  
Several United States task forces "with powerful groups of aircraft carriers as the nucleus" are maneuvering in the waters of the Marianas, some 1,500 miles from Tokyo, and the "time" is ripe for our fleet to come out and attack the enemy," the radio asserted today.

The broadcast by Douglas MacArthur, commander in chief of the United States Pacific Fleet Headquarters, Pearl Harbor, (AP)—Fighting Americans, bent on complete conquest of the Marianas, have stormed almost a mile inland on Tinian and captured the western third of the island's main airfield.

### Fighting Shifts On Manipu Hills Front

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SOUTHEAST ASIA COMMAND HEADQUARTERS, Kandy, Ceylon—The main action in the Manipu hills area just inside the northeast frontier of India has shifted to the Palel-Tanai road where Allied troops now are attacking strong Japanese defenses.

### King George Starts On Tour of Battlefields

By ASSOCIATED PRESS  
ROME—King George VI of England began a tour of the battlefields of Italy today.



### Yanks Advance On Tinian And Guam

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### Made Tokyo Governor

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Gen. Kuni Kido of Japan's Kwangtung Army clique was appointed Governor of the Tokyo metropolis today.

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### American And British Armies Drive Forward

Mightiest Ground Drive Since Invasion's Start Pressed

By GLADWIN HILL  
SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE—(AP)—Supported by a massive armada of some 4,000 warplanes, the American and British armies burst forth at both ends of the 100-mile Normandy front today, and shoved the Germans backward in probably the greatest co-ordinated ground drive since D-Day.

Three thousand U. S. planes, including a record mission of 1,500 heavy bombers, smashed at the Germans opposing the new American offensive, location of which was not disclosed.

Hundreds of other planes supported the British-Canadian push south of Caen. In quick initial gains of more than a mile, British-Canadian tanks and infantry battling toward open tank country captured two towns, despite fierce resistance by at least two German SS Armored divisions.

"Fighting continues very strenuously" on both the American and British sectors, Supreme Headquarters declared.

Throughout the day, hand-to-hand fighting kept all details of the American land drive. The U. S. First Army has been struggling in winding front from Falaise to Lisieux on the west coast.

Goering Named To New Nazi Post

LONDON—(AP)—Adolf Hitler appointed Reichsmarshal Hermann Goering Chairman of the Council for Defense of the Reich tonight and issued a decree ordering total mobilization of Germany and occupied territories.

Goebbels was appointed Reich commissar for the total war effort of the Reich. Earlier, Heinrich Himmler had been appointed commander in chief of the German Home Army in the aftermath of the announced bomb attempt on Hitler's life last Thursday.

BLOOD PURGE  
A vast blood purge of the Prussian military leadership, from general officers down to majors, had been reported in progress in Germany since then.

The announcement by DNB, official German news agency, said the coup d'etat would be supervised by Goering, who would supervise German railways, the German postal service, all public institutions and industries with the view of limiting or simplifying matters of war effort. He may issue directives to the highest Reich authorities.

Goering has to adapt the entire public life to the requirements of total warfare in every possible manner. The Berlin announcement said, in particular, Goering has to direct all public meetings and institutions to be shaped according to the aims emanating from total war. No forces may be sent from either the armed forces or armaments.

The governmental reorganization came with Russian army groups less than 50 miles from Warsaw, and within arm's range of East Prussia. In France, American and British armies were on the offensive.

In Italy, two shattered German armies were being back to back the Gothic line north of Rome. The announcement said Goering himself appointed Goebbels to the post of commissar for total war.

Goebbels and Goering were the two main figures in the Nazi hierarchy. Goebbels was the Reich commissar for propaganda and Goering was the Reich commissar for aviation.

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