

WAR NEWS  
MILITARY NEWS  
IN 15 MILES OF BATTLE

Push Made In Poland By Forces Of Zhukov

East Prussia Is Being Engulfed

LONDON — (AP) — The Red Army has captured Gdansk, 185 miles due west of Danzig. This was announced by Marshal Stalin in his fourth order of the day. The city is 26 miles northeast of Poznan in Western Poland. LONDON — (AP) — Russian armies captured Insterburg today in a sweep which rapidly was engulfing East Prussia and drove past the Vistula bend in Poland to within 182 miles of Berlin. The Second and Third White Russian armies, driving into East Prussia from the southwest and northeast, were only 60 miles from a junction which would enclose East Prussia in two.

Anti-Closed Shop Committee Takes Manpower Action

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The House Military-Committee wrote an anti-closed shop amendment into manpower legislation today and refused to specify agriculture as a critical industry. The amendment, which members said was approved 14 to 10 in a closed session, stipulated that no man taking an industrial job at the request or direction of his draft board shall be required to join a union as a condition of employment. Opponents contended the amendment, offered by Representative Andrew J. Reiter, New York, would violate closed or union shop contracts between industry and labor. The committee likewise tacked down an amendment by Representative Stewart, Democrat, Oklahoma, to write into the so-called by-lawed legislation a directive to selective service to "consider agriculture as a critical war industry, and to issue at once a directive to local draft board ordering them to follow the letter of the existing amendment. This portion of the selective service law spells out conditions under which farm workers may be deferred from induction. Reports of aluminum conditions in coal and steel industries also added to the nation's increasing worry.

Tarlac Falls In American Luzon Drive

65 Air Miles From Manila By ELMONT WAITE  
GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Luzon — (AP) — Tarlac, within 65 air miles from Manila, fell to the swift-ly-advancing Americans, Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced today. The once proud city, most prominent in the central Luzon plains, was reduced largely to smoking rubble by the fleeing Japanese only a few hours before the Yanks arrived. The capture of the important rail and highway junction at the Americans' nearby half way to Manila from their Lingayen Gulf beachhead within 20 miles of Clark Airfield, largest of the Philippines. Agreement to Clark Field is Fort Stotsenburg, major military post. U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor — (AP) — United States carrier-based aircraft, which Japanese reports said were again striking at Formosa and the Ryukyus, shot down sixteen enemy planes attempting to reach the Philippine battlefield on Luzon. This Navy interception of all reported enemy aircraft, which included a B-29 Superfortress, was reported in a Pacific fleet communiqué yesterday. It said the enemy planes, flying from Formosa, were shot down Friday. SAYS FORMOSA RAIDED The communiqué made no mention of any new attack on Formosa which Tokyo radio said was being raided, along with Okinawa Island in the Ryukyus by about 40 carrier-based planes. The Tokyo report added that "air battles are now raging" and that 38 landing planes had been destroyed and 21 other damaged. It said "several cities and towns were badly damaged."

Foe's Vehicles Torn To Pieces In Big Attack

Equipment Of An Entire Army Believed To Have Been Destroyed By JAMES M. LONG  
PARIS — (AP) — Allied warplanes caught 3,000 German vehicles, the bulk of transport of an entire army, in an attempted sneakaway from the Ardennes salient through the Siegfried Line to the Rhine, and tore them to pieces today in a ruinous day-long attack. The planes attacked with bombs, rockets and machine guns. The Nazis had waited too long to run the gauntlet down the snow drifted escape roads and were caught on two highways in concentrations so thick that the Allied pilots said afterwards "we couldn't miss." By mid-afternoon, the 10th Tactical Air Force alone had surpassed its own record of 833 German vehicles destroyed in a single day, and continued to hammer the enemy columns. There was every indication that the run would be the greatest since the wounded Wehrmacht fled for the Seine through the Falaise Gap. The destruction of equipment promised virtually to immobilize at least one of Field Marshal Von Rundstedt's two mobile reserve armies. Two road jams. Two road jams, each containing more than 100 vehicles and each containing some tanks, were spotted by pilots over the Ardennes at 2:30 A. M. and were kept under attack for 90 minutes with everything the planes could toss through the overcast which hampered but did not stop the slaughter. One concentration was in the From area, behind the Siegfried Line and east of sharply menaced St. Vith. The vehicles were bound toward Bonn on the Rhine where heavy troop train movements had been observed earlier. The other was caught in a secondary road eight miles north of Diekirch, apparently bypassing Vianden, a Luxembourg border which already was under American artillery fire. A third group of vehicles, still a large number in size with the first two, was attacked southwest of Euskirchen. This might have been an advance group of a column trying to get through Prüm to the Rhine. The last few miles of the German blitz before the Siegfried Line was flattening out quickly. The Germans were making an out-

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F. R. Asks Food Action

WASHINGTON — (AP) — President Roosevelt sent "calls to action" to the American people today to help in getting food produced and seeing that it is conserved and shared. The White House attached special significance to his assignment saying that it was issued by accordance with directives of War Food Administrator Marvin Carter and the Office of Price Administration. The White House said it was hoped that the American people would not only conserve but also share their food. The text of the President's statement: "During the past three years every American who has played a part in the job of growing, conserving, harvesting, distributing and processing our food supply has done a magnificent job. As of this year, the demands for our food at home and abroad are so great that it is essential for every man and woman to do everything to help in the huge task of getting the food produced and shared. Many of our favorite foods are scarce. MUST AID FARMERS To this end, I ask the people in cities, towns and villages to assist our farmers in every possible way to increase their yields which have been set for this year. I call upon the millions of victory gardeners who have done so much to swell the nation's food supply in these war years to continue to plant and grow. I ask those people who can spare the time to assist the nation's food production to take part in the task of preparing the food for our armed services, our civilian dependents, and our prisoners of war. I ask the millions of women who have preserved food at home so that our armed services could have the fruits and vegetables they need, to carry on until the war is won. I ask every American to share our available food by observing the rules of rationing and by cooperating with food marketers in the observance of food price ceilings. I know I can count on the American people to respond to these calls to action, so that we can all truly continue to say when the war is won that our food has played an important role in the fight for freedom. WEATHER

Defense Of Reich Germans Fearful As Reds Drive

By JAMES F. KING  
LONDON — (AP) — A call went out over the German armed forces radio today for everyone in the nation to join this "holy battle for liberty" as Russian forces sweeping into Silesia drove to a point approximately six hours by fast express from Berlin. "Damned be our enemies! This battle must be held at all costs," the announcer shouted. He demanded that every man who can carry any kind of weapon, in fact anybody who can shoot, join in defense of the Reich. "The Nazis themselves in their broadcasts did not try to conceal that the heaviest fighting in the fatherland has struck," and for the first time admitted that Berlin itself is threatened by the Russian advance.

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