

# RUSSIAN ADVANCES ON SNOW

## Gain As Much As Two Miles Near St. Vith

PARIS—(AP)—First Army divisions advanced as much as two miles in deep snow northeast of St. Vith today, capturing three towns and moving within a mile of Germany and the outer works of the Siegfried Line.

Bullage, Herresbach and Holzheim all toppled. The main works of the West Wall were brought within six mile artillery range.

The First Infantry Division took Bullage after a nine-hour fight in bitterly cold weather. In taking Herresbach, First Army troops killed 138 Germans and captured 180 without the loss of a single man killed, wounded or captured.

In 24 hours, Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' First Army had moved forward through dense snow a total of three and a half miles.

They cleared Herresbach, two miles from Germany and six north-east of St. Vith. The drive was meeting stiff resistance from the enemy, who were making a last ditch effort to hold the line.

Some 253 Germans were captured yesterday, including 32 high ranking Nazis who gave up voluntarily.

To the south, the Third Army was either near or across the border all the way to Saarbrücken.

Thus, General Eisenhower's forces were deployed along or beyond 200 miles of the Siegfried Line all the way from Holland to the south part of the Saarland.

The American divisions were in a straightaway salient, allowing them rest for the next battle.

From dusk last night until dawn today Allied planes swept over German areas behind the West Wall, disrupting continued German movements from the Ardennes.

### Two-Minute

## News Roundup

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### Russian Front

The power drive offensive of the Russian army was on the occasion of near panic in sections of Germany. Swedish dispatches say German officials have moved from Berlin to the threatened German capital and part of the civilian population is said to have been evacuated.

At least 200,000 refugees are said to have taken place in the eastern and southern districts of Berlin.

The Paris radio quoted Stockholm accounts to the effect that Storm Troopers were called out to suppress rising waves of unrest in the Nazi capital. One Swedish newspaper said that the sight of Russian air flashes can be seen in the skies from Berlin.

Late word from the Eastern Front fighting areas comes by way of the German radio. A broadcast of Soviet forces encircling the German rail hub of Stettin in the Soviet sector, four miles inside the German border.

### Western Front

A powerful blow against the German on the Western Front appears to be in preparation. From Holland to the southern part of the Saarland, Allied forces stand before the Siegfried Line.

The First Army has advanced two miles through deep snow north of St. Vith. Three towns were captured in a push to within a mile of Germany.

The Third Army also has pulled up to the enemy's strong line of fortifications.

At the lower tip of the Western Front, American and French troops have pulled to within half a mile of Colmar, capital of Upper Alsace. A front dispatch says that one-quarter of the German Air Force in the West has been withdrawn to the Eastern Front.

The aerial offensive was carried on today by 1,100 American heavy bombers striking the Western Front. The planes, protected by 700 fighters, attacked six rail yards and a tank factory.

### The Pacific

The Pacific War pattern is dominated by new air strikes against Japanese targets. The Superfortresses have struck at two, midway between the Marshall and Japan.

The Tokyo radio asserts that American bombers for the first time have attacked Hainan Island, less than 200 miles from the coast. The enemy says carrier planes have raided oil refineries on Sumatra. The planes presumably were British.

Three tank-led American columns on Luzon Island in the Philippines are converging on San Fernando, called the gate-

## Rosario Is Captured In Luzon Battle

Break-Through On Left Flank

GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Luzon—(AP)—Sixth Army spearheads were on the approaches to San Fernando, 33 air miles from Manila, headquarters reported today, as embattled American units captured Rosario in a major break-through on the bitterly defended left flank.

Angels, five miles southeast of San Fernando, had been captured by the 37th Division which bypassed stubborn Japanese resistance on the hills and moved down the highway toward San Fernando. Angels has four air strips.

Elements of the 40th Division reportedly reached Atlat, twelve miles east of Angeles, and the road to San Fernando, only three miles northeast of San Fernando.

At San Fernando, the "gateway to Manila," the highway forks of outward into historic Batavia and southward down the main stretch to the communally capital, through a narrow plain between two large swamp areas. The shores of Manila Bay are only eight miles beyond the road junction.

General Douglas MacArthur reported that an American division and one brigade defending Rosario had been "practically decimated" in the light fight, and the enemy has been forced to move his northern reserves.

The Third Army of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton Jr. showed the way to San Fernando.

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REDS ROLL TOWARD BERLIN—Russian forces struck over near Berlin today in the area west of Poznan while to the northeast of that city the big German rail city of Scheidegg was surrounded. The Soviet forces continued to clean up in Silesia, with Breslau under attack from three sides.

### Superfort Raid

## Daylight Attack Is Made On Two German Tank Factory Hit

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Superfortresses again attacked enemy installations today on the Japanese islands of Iwo Jima in a daylight raid.

The raids were carried out by the 21st Bomber Command, based at Saipan, under Maj. Gen. Curtis E. LeMay.

Results of the attack were not immediately determined but will be announced when operational reports are received.

Gen. H. H. Arnold, commanding the 20th Air Force, announced the attack at headquarters here.

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## Yanks Smash At Formosa

ABOARD ADMIRAL MCCAIN'S CARRIER FLAGSHIP OFF FORMOSA, Jan. 21—(Delayed)—(AP)—Via Navy Radio—Japan's busy island of Formosa—now the southern frontier of the enemy's island empire—today took its heaviest punishment since last October in devastating attacks by American naval planes.

Takao, most important harbor in the island, was ruined.

Vice Adm. John S. McCain's carrier pilots destroyed or damaged 237 Japanese planes and 27 ships in the first twelve hours, as fighters and bombers ranged the length of Formosa, into southern Taiwan Sholo Islands and north to the Pescadore Islands in Formosa Strait.

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## Battle Flashes Observed By Berlin People

Evacuation Of German Capital Reported Underway As Reds Drive On

LONDON—(AP)—The Russians have surrounded the Prussian rail center of Schneidemuhl, four miles inside the German border, a German spokesman announced today and Swedish eyewitness reports said flashes from Marshal Stalin's guns already could be seen from Berlin in the night skies over the Eastern battlefield.

German officials were moving their offices from the threatened capital and twenty trains evacuated part of the populace, said a Swedish national just came from Berlin. Foreign diplomats were making preparations to leave and foreign correspondents were ordered to depart, he said.

Encirclement of Schneidemuhl, a town of 41,000, cut the main Berlin-Danzig railway at a point 135 miles northeast of the capital, but directly east of Berlin. German officials said the Russians had moved closer, about 35 miles.

Latest official Russian announcements said the Russians in their battle drive on Berlin were 108 miles to the east, but Moscow patches said it was believed Marshal Gregory Zhukov's tanks had moved farther ahead and had crossed the frontier of Brandenburg, the province of Berlin.

While Zhukov's front, by official Moscow report, was spread on an axis within 100 miles of Stettin on the Baltic and 77 miles from Frankfurt on the Oder, Russian forces in East Prussia virtually surrounded Königsberg, capital of the Prussian military district.

Berlin military spokesmen said that the Russians were attacking along a line from Kreuz, 103 miles northeast of Berlin, to Zrasyn on the Oder southeast of Berlin and from the Oder to the Baltic.

Transcoastal news agency reported the Russians were assaulting Breslau from the rear. The agency said the Marshal of the Soviet Union, Joseph Stalin, had ordered a review of the Communist Political Association that it is permitted to operate in the case of a friend of the court. Justice Jackson took no part in consideration of Bridges' application.

Bridges, head of Longshoremen's Union, lost in fighting the order of habeas corpus proceedings. In his petition to the Supreme Court, he said there was no proof of his affiliation with the Communist Party and no facts to show he was a member of any subversive organization.

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