

Churchill Reports Powers Prepared For Nazi Collapse

Drops Hint Russia May Declare War Upon Japan

Commons Speech Raises Question

By JAMES F. KING
LONDON (AP)—Prime Minister Churchill declared today the great powers were completely prepared for the collapse of Germany, asserted the proposed Polish frontier would "not sow the seeds of future wars," and gave his personal assurance of Russia's good faith in plans for the peace.

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He promised drastic and effective steps "to render offensive action by Germany utterly impossible for generations to come," and called on Germany again to surrender.

Two-Minute News Roundup

Western Front
Gen Dwight Eisenhower's plan of offensive is bristling with a rapid deterioration in the German Western Front situation. The most serious German offensive has been achieved by truck-driven forces of the United States Ninth Army. The Nazis have been completely driven west of the Ruhr in a series of attacks. The Ninth Army has passed through town after town in the Ruhr industrial center of Muenchen Gladbach. Other elements of the Ninth Army are within two and one-half miles of Muenchen Gladbach.

A Plan For The Future

Cherry Approves Medical Bill Aims

By RALPH HOWLAND
RALEIGH (AP)—Governor Cherry today advocated the "general principles" of the hospital and medical care bill now before the Assembly but asserted that many of the proposals of the Medical Care Commission "must be postponed to some future date."

Tokyo Raid Report

Fleet Strike Bags 233 Jap Planes

By ELMONT WAITE
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Guam—(AP)—Carrier aircraft of Vice Adm. Marc A. Mitscher's fleet heavily damaged two Japanese aircraft factories, destroyed or damaged 233 planes and sank five enemy vessels in strikes at the Japanese capital and Hachijo Jima, 175 miles to the south, Sunday and Monday.

High Top Of Jap Ships And Planes Reported

WASHINGTON (AP)—Carrier-borne planes of the Third and Fifth Fleets have destroyed 1,002 Japanese planes and sunk 187 enemy vessels of all types in operations off Hachijo Jima, 175 miles to the south, Sunday and Monday.

Churchill

Prime Minister Churchill has demanded an overwhelming vote of confidence in his Government in a challenge to critics of the British Charter. The British leader—opposing a three-day foreign policy debate in Commons today—has declared that a strong expression of support by Commons would strengthen his position.

Yanks Win Important Hill On Iwo

Early Capture Of Isle Predicted

By ELMONT WAITE
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Guam—(AP)—Capture of Iwo Jima "in a few more days" was predicted today by Lt. Gen. Holland M. (Howlin) Mad Smith after his Marines won a critically important hill in the central plateau during the 100-yard advance through probably the heaviest fire of the bitter campaign.

Baltic Push

Red Troops Make Pomeranian Surge

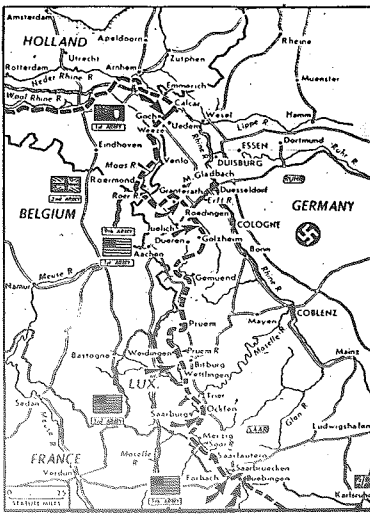
By RICHARD KASISCHKE
LONDON (AP)—The Red Army, breaking through for 30 miles in Pomerania in a bid to slice Danzig and Gdynia from the Reich, has thrust to Bublitz and Rummelsburg, 28 and 36 miles from the Baltic, the German High Command said today.

War Dept. Criticized

WASHINGTON (AP)—Senator Walsh, Democrat, Massachusetts, today criticized the War Department for sending eighteen year-old draftees into combat without at least eight months of training.

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ALLIED GAINS ON WESTERN FRONT—Arrows on this map locate Allied advances on the Western Front (broken line), including the U. S. First and Ninth Army drives toward Cologne, Germany.

Tables Turned

German Refugees, Thousands Of Them, Fleeing Before Allies

By WES GALLAGHER
BERLIN, Germany—(AP)—For the first time in this war, thousands of German civilians fled before the U. S. Ninth Army's advance.

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Nazi Defenses Before Rhine Swept Apart

Wide Open Advance Of More Than 10 Miles Carries To Erfurt Banks

By JAMES M. LONG
PARIS (AP)—The American Ninth Army broke clear through German defenses before the Rhine today in a wide open advance of more than ten miles which carried to the banks of the Erfurt River and almost to the edge of the Ruhr industrial basin.

Yanks Make Berlin Feint

By HENRY B. JAMESON
LONDON (AP)—A fleet of 1100 American bombers feinted another attack on Berlin where they still burned from yesterday's record blow then swerved south today and pounded the big railroad centers at Leipzig and Halle.

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