

## 'Big Three' Plans For Joint Political Action Mapped Roosevelt, Churchill, Stalin

### U.S. Forces Go Through Breaches In West Wall

**Schmidt Captured  
By First Army**

By JAMES M. LONG  
PARIS (AP)—The American First Army drove clear through the last barriers of the double Siegfried Line fifteen miles southeast of Aachen today, captured the Roer River dam and moved on to the Rhine, which had been a major factor in checking the Western Front offensive last November.

The German commander said "preparations for the big Allied attack continue along the Roer." The enemy had a major offensive in progress with Cologne, the Rhine and industrial Ruhr as objectives. American troops outside Duren are twenty miles from Cologne. Captains of the dam might prove the starting signal for the big push.

The largest of the dams, the 665-foot thick Schweinfurt, is just over two miles from Schmidt. A combat team of the First Army reached the northern bank of its vast reservoir.

The dam system is capable of sending an 18-foot wall of water down the 26 miles of the Roer to Barmen, where it would have been a major barrier to the German-made floods within four hours.

**THIRD ARMY DRIVE**  
Further south in the Rhine area, the Third Army pushed through a seven-mile breach in the Siegfried Line to within a mile and a quarter of the fortress and command post of the German-made floods within four hours.

The attacks of the Third Army are expected to be the beginning of a breakthrough to the Rhine. Schmidt, which is the strongest of the dams in the area, is being targeted for capture.

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**Two-Minute  
News Roundup**  
BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Russian Front**  
A British broadcast quotes the Russian press as saying that the Red Army tanks have penetrated to the outskirts of Berlin. This statement is not confirmed from any other source.

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**Air Warfare**  
British Lancasters dumped incendiary bombs on the Dutch coast today, hitting a German air base. The British also bombed a German air base in the Netherlands.

### Manila Battle Yank, Jap Guns Duel Over River

By FRED HAMPSON  
MANILA—(AP)—The broad Pasig River, its bridges blown up by a desperate foe, was the front line today in the heart of Manila—a heart torn by sporadic house-to-house fighting, exploding shells and great fires set by Japanese suicide squads.

The scattered and blackened bodies of slain Japanese, among them a pilot who had been shot down in flames, were seen in the heart of the city. The Japanese had been driven from the Pasig River, but they had not been driven from the city.

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**Limited Offensive  
In Italy Stalled**  
By ROLAND NORGARD  
ROME—(AP)—The limited offensive of American Fifth Army troops in the mountains southeast of Bologna was stalled today against strongly fortified and heavily defended enemy positions, the Allied High Command said.

The doubts were raised after the attack on the mountain of Monte Sestriere, which was held by the Germans. The attack was held up by the Japanese in the Pasig River area.

**Hands Off**  
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**No Stand On  
Nurse Draft  
By Red Cross**  
WASHINGTON—(AP)—The American Red Cross announced today that it would not stand on the draft of nurses for military service.

**The Pacific**  
In the war against Japan, the Pacific Fleet is under way. The Pacific Fleet is under way. The Pacific Fleet is under way.

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### Roosevelt, Churchill, Stalin Talk

**U. S. Policy Goes  
Into New Period**

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER  
WASHINGTON (AP)—Big Three plans for joint political action in Europe are expected here within the week.

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### Nazi Capital Reported To Be In Panic

**The 'Order Line Has Been Pierced'**  
Moscow Radio Declares

LONDON—(AP)—The Moscow radio said today the "Order line" has been pierced and Berlin is witnessing the crumbling of the last obstacle in its "foes' field."

A prior broadcast by an American chain commentator said Marshal Stalin's capital was hourly expecting an official announcement that the First White Russian Army had broken across the river in force, "signifying the complete breach of the Order line."

**No Rift In  
Allied Ranks**  
LONDON—(AP)—An announcement that the "Big Three" have reached speedy "complete agreement" on military prosecution of the war today doomed Nazi hopes that a disagreement among Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin might upset the total defeat of the Reich.

This was reflected in the defensive tone taken by Berlin propaganda in broadcasts to embolden German troops nine hours after it was announced officially that the historic conference was in full swing.

The Allies want to get the German people to surrender. The Berlin radio said. "In past years the enemy could not persuade the German people to capitulate. They will not succeed now either."

**Casualties  
In Upswing**  
WASHINGTON—(AP)—American combat casualties since the beginning of the war have reached 760,000. The Army and Navy disclosed today.

**Government Of  
Holland Falls**  
LONDON—(AP)—Dutch cabinet members submitted their resignations today to Queen Wilhelmina as a result of a controversy over the Queen's immediate flight from the Netherlands.

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