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AMERICANS DRIVE TO ROER NOW SLOWS BUDAPEST BATTLE ACT

Lawmaker's Probe Cigarette Shortage

By ERNEST B. VACCARO

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Without learning the reason for the current cigarette shorts age Congressional investigators heard testimony today that an 18-month supply of cured tobacco is backed up by a record 1944 crop.

The House Agriculture Committee listened as witness after witness presented evidence that this country now is producing more cigarette tobacco than ever before and that the civilian supply is nearly 50 per cent greater than before the war.

Only growers representatives the committee would decide later whether to end in cigarette manufacturers and distributors.

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Air Blitz Against

Nazis Continues

WASHINGTON — 1AP) — A restaurant elgar stand in the Capitol looked like a bargain basement counters today when word spread that a shipment of elgarettes, had arrived.

The smokes were received a few minutes before the liouse Agriculture Committee apende hearings on the nationside

Japs Raid

LONDON—(AP)—At least 1,000 RAF heavy bombers in pre-dawn raids today hurled some 4,000 tons of explosives on Nexis and Freiburg, German supply centers units back of the Western Front, as the sustained 72-hour assault on Nazi frontiline rail and supply centers continued. Freiburg lies behind the Multi-french First Army and the American Seventh Army are pressing up to the western bank of the French First Army and the American Seventh Army are pressing up to the western bank of the French First Army and the American Seventh Army are pressing up to the western bank of the Miller and the American Seventh Army are pressing up to the western bank of the Miller and the American Seventh Army are pressing up to the western bank of the Miller and Figure and Geleikitchen the Comparation of the Miller and Tim fight the melt.

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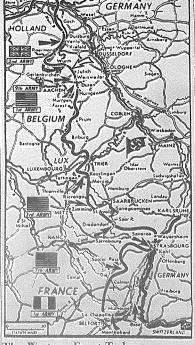
Hungarian City Reported Tense

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MOSCOW — (AP) — The
heaviest snowfall of the year
following a severe sleet storm
slowed down action today in
the battle for Budapest.
German and Hungarian troops
were occupying defense positions
along a 25-mile curve from the
southern limits of Budapest to the
northeast, front advices said.
The Russian Command made no
mention of progress on that front
although reports here said the situation in the Hungarian capital
was teur.

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Troops Breach Nazi Defenses Along Stream 3rd Army Heads For Saarbrucken;

Germans Retreat In Strasbourg Area

Germans Retreat In Strasbourg Area By WILLIAM FRYE LONDON—(AP)—Americans on the drenched Cologne Plain reached the Roer River today and drove up to a mile into intricate German defenses along the flooded stream while infantry of the Third Army advanced within ten miles of Saarbrucken, arsenal capital of the Saar. The German radio announced wholesale retreats both north and south of Strasbourg tonight. The enemy said the U. S. Third and Seventh Armies were pushing armies into the Saar from a French triangle along the Rhine southceast of Hagenau and north of Strasbourg. "Relentless enemy pressure south of the Rhine-Rhone Canal has led to a planned withdrawal to shorten our lines," Berlin said of the flight below the Alastian city. Surging forward in pre-dawn long the results of Indees Surging forward in pre-dawn long the results of Indees and Jungersdorf and Close to Lamersdorf. CLOSE TO JULICH The U. Kirchberg. 22 miles from Cocque roll less than a mile across the mildsy Roer from the Clased of Julich Roer from the Clased

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