

NEW WALLS WEDGES DRIVEN INTO GERMAN IN NORTH

Red Army Closes In Upon Riga

Baltic Offensive Reaches Climax

By DANIEL DE LUCE

MOSCOW (AP) — The Red Army closed in on the Latvian capital of Riga today in the climax of a successful Baltic offensive, while front dispatches telling of a local battle on the Lithuanian frontier of East Prussia heralded a possible large-scale invasion drive on the Danube river.

Eisenhower Message: 'Slave' Workers Told Hour Here

SUPREMACY HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

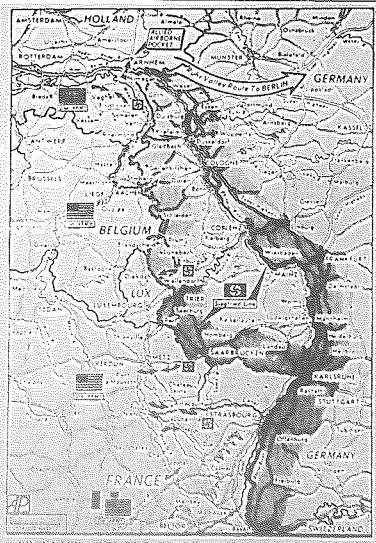
A spokesman for Gen. Eisenhower told the 12,000,000 foreign workers in Germany today the hour for action has come and gave them instructions for activities in the last round of the battle for Germany.

Jap Fleet Driven To New Bases

Nip Philippine Air Force "Broken"

By VERN BAUGLAND

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, PEARL HARBOR (AP) — Raging U. S. carrier planes rained on the Japanese, which the Tokyo radio reported were continuing yesterday, have driven Japanese naval forces to new bases and "broken" the island air force, Admiral Chester W. Nimitz announced.



Air Division Appears Able To Hold Out

New British And American Thrusts Threaten To Spill Into Ruhr

By JAMES M. LONG

LONDON (AP) — Two new British and American wedges have thrust across the German border in a direct drive on the Siegfried anchor of Klevé, it was disclosed today. The threatened sweep into the Ruhr, Germany's Northern industrial area, was gathering breadth and force.

Nazis In Balkans Very Jittery Now

CAIRO (AP) — Chaos is spreading among the Germans in the Balkans, and the situation is becoming a matter of what the Allies will encounter in Germany itself.

Cotton Soars \$3 To \$5

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Cotton futures advanced sharply today in reaction to reports that the U. S. government had decided to raise the price of cotton to \$3.50 per pound.

Big American Guns Rake Rhine Defense

WITH THE AMERICAN FIRST ARMY IN GERMANY

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Shells from big 240-millimeter guns of the American First Army raked the Rhine defense today, while the Germans strengthened their defenses of the Reich.

Yanks Drive On In Italy

BY NOLAN NORGAARD

ROME (AP) — American troops drove on in Italy today, pushing the German line back in the Apennine mountains.

Yank Raid Blows Heavy

LONDON (AP) — Upward of 2,000 American heavy bombers and fighters struck across the Ruhr today, dropping incendiary bombs and high explosives.

Bob Hope's Communique

By BOB HOPE

THE FIGHTERS ARE THE BEST. THE FIGHTERS ARE THE BEST. THE FIGHTERS ARE THE BEST. THE FIGHTERS ARE THE BEST. THE FIGHTERS ARE THE BEST.

Tokyo Urging More Effort

NEW YORK (AP) — The Tokyo radio today urged the Japanese to make more effort in the fight against the Allies.

Beautiful Young Woman Was Escort Of Himmler

PARIS (AP) — The French Ministry of the Interior has announced that a beautiful young woman was escorted by Heinrich Himmler during his visit to Paris.

Butam In Reverse

By RAY TROIAN

Chief of the former Associated Press, Philippines Bureau, Ray Troian has been named as the new chief of the Associated Press, Philippines Bureau.

Japs Try To Rally Filipinos

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