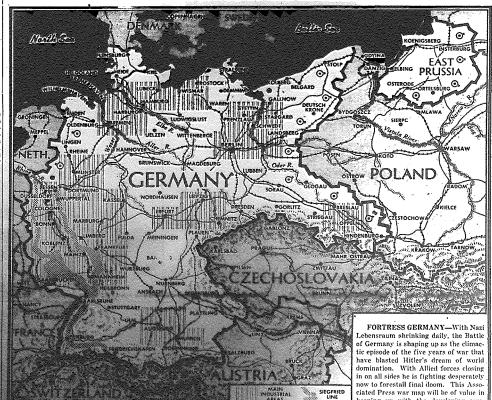
# YANKS SMASH COUNTER-ATTAC RUSSIANS DRIVE TO FREE BALKAI

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### May Get Ports On Mediterranean

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## Japs Report New Air Blow At Manchuria

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## Missing After Attack

## Germans Up More Men For Hard Fight

### **British Thwart Nazi Attempt** To Escape Coastal Trap

To Escape Coastal Trap

By JAMES M. LONG

LONDON—(AP)—American forces poised for a killing blow at the Siegfried Line smushed the heaviest counterattack the Germans have mustered since the Battle of Normandy today while the British Second Army beat to pieces a last-hope German attempt to break out of the coastal entrapment between Lille and Gent in Belgium. The Germans were desperately railying reinforcements and fighting with bitter determination in these preliminaries to the Battle of Germany. Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's Third Army along the Moselle was becoming engaged in the first full scale battle since the original American break-out of Normandy July 25.

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