

Reds Beyond Vienna Head For Munich And Prague

By RICHARD KASISCHKE
LONDON (AP)—Russian forces beyond Vienna headed today for Munich and Prague and a link-up with the Allies in the west as Soviet storm units within the Austrian capital battled the Germans for the last few blocks of the city.

Moscow radio said "the fall of Vienna is imminent." Far to the north other Russian troops along the Baltic coast had captured the East Prussian capital of Koeningberg...

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Great forces of U. S. 15th Air Force bombers and fleets from the U. S. 8th Air Force and the RAF were aloft, sending the blasting of a path through German defenses for the attacking ground forces.

Shortly after noon, 2,600 100-pound high explosive bombs and 60,000 incendiary bombs were poured into two small areas between the Senio River and the Sonten River.

The eastern end of the Italian front burst into flame at 1:30 p.m. last night when hundreds of heavy guns opened up. Bridgeheads were established on a broad front on the north side of the Senio in the vicinity of Fagnola. More than 1,000 heavy bombers, plus hundreds of lighter planes which threw thousands of bombs, had throughout destroyed German defenses with bombs and fire, and the crossings were accomplished quickly against relatively light opposition.

The smash across the Senio brought to an end the prolonged winter hill on this front. A strike against Fagnola was launched by the 24th Corps, which had been ordered to cross the Senio in a drive beyond Vienna.

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Ground troops on Luzon Island, trapped Japanese forces but progress was generally slow because of the difficult terrain.

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