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WESTERN EUROPE

On WALCHEREN Island British troops of the 1st Canadian Army are being pinned down by severe German artillery fire. Last night the British succeeded in linking up their two beachheads, and it was then that the German guns, reported to have been silent for more than a month to avoid Allied bombings, opened up. Canadian troops have made some progress in expanding their beachhead on the E side of the Island. To the S of the SCHELDT the Canadians are reported to have cleared out the last German resistance. Paris radio has stated that the port of ANTWERP is already in service but this has not been confirmed. Gains on the remainder of the front have been slight.

RUSSIA

Soviet troops are reported to be in the outskirts of BUDAPEST, having made a rapid advance from their positions 7 miles to the SE. Russian artillery is shelling the city and units of the Black Sea Fleet are reported to have moved up the Danube to assist in the assault on the city. Turkish sources state that disturbances in the nature of a revolution have broken out inside BUDAPEST and that the Germans are having difficulty in quelling peace demonstrations. In EAST PRUSSIA the Germans have gone on the offensive with a series of counter-attacks which have compelled the Russians to withdraw in a number of places to avoid entrapment.

ITALY

Bad weather is still preventing further Allied advances.

PACIFIC

The Japanese have succeeded in reinforcing their troops on the Island of LEYTE and are pushing north on the Island where a showdown battle is expected. U.S. planes succeeded in sinking 2 of the Japanese reinforcement ships but not until after troops had disembarked.

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