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WESTERN FRONT

The Nazis have opened the flood gates of the ROER River to halt the American 9th Army. Frequent German counter attacks are taking place on the worst parts of the front. The enemys' heavy artillery has been withdrawn to the East bank of the Roer. The streets of BEEK, which was captured yesterday, were littered with German dead. The American 1st Army has also withstood heavy counter-attacks in the HURTGEN rest area. Opposite the 3rd Army, German resistance is bitter. Swiss despatches say the French have reached the Rhine North of BASLE. There is no change on the British, Canadian and French sectors.

ITALY

Premier BONOMICI has been asked to form a new government.

AIR

More than 2000 American planes bombed four synthetic oil plants in the Leipzig area. Fifty-six bombers and thirty fighters failed to return. Lancasters bombed oil plants in the Ruhr. Block busters were dropped on Duisburg.

EASTERN FRONT.

The new Russian drive across the Danube has made further progress. The Russians are said to be using 20 Divs. in the area and they have reached a point less than 100 miles from the Austrian border. Above Budapest the Russians have seized EGER. General De Gaulle has arrived in Moscow to confer with Premier Stalin on various matters including the fate of Germany after the war.

PHILLIPPINES

American planes attacked a Jap convoy sinking 3 freighters.

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