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WESTERN FRONT Allied troops are mopping up in the town of LINNICH which has been taken from the Germans on the northern flank of the ROER river line. American 9th Army troops have fought their way into the outskirts of JUELICH, another German defence point on the ROER front. Further south a battle is raging in the ruins of SAARLAUTERN with Allied forces in control of most of the town. 7th Army troops have been attacking SELESTAT on the ALSACE plain, 12 miles north of COLMAR.

No mention has been made of any activity on the Canadian army front in HOLLAND.

ITALY Italian-based Allied Airforce has had one of its busiest days when 2,500 planes attacked German targets on the Italian front. These targets included Nazi communications, tank concentrations, gun positions, and ammunition dumps. Troops of the 8th Army have continued their advance on a broad front NE of the key highway town of FAENZA.

THE BALKANS It has been disclosed that American fighter planes attacked a Russian column in Yugoslavia by mistake on November 7. The error was due to faulty navigation and a mistake in identification. The Joint Chiefs of Staff at Washington has expressed its deep regret to Moscow.

The new ALBANIAN Government has entered its liberated capital of TIRANA. The Albanian Prime Minister, Col-Gen ENVER HOXHA, promised that the Government would be democratic. He also referred to statements made by the Greek Premier PAPANDEAU that Greece wants territory formerly belonging to ALBANIA in the north and west. HOXHA declared that ALBANIA would preserve her present boundary with GREECE by force if necessary.

The Greek political crisis has flared into open violence. In ATHENS, police have opened fire on a crowd of demonstrators in Constitution Square. The demonstrators were members of the Communist Party and of the E.A.M. faction which has been opposing the PAPANDEAU regime.

RUSSIAN FRONT The Germans have admitted the loss of the important Hungarian rail junction of MISKOLC. An official German report was broadcast today that all German and Hungarian forces have been withdrawn from the town.

Russian troops on the Hungarian Front have advanced to within 74 miles of the Austrian border. The advance was made as the Soviets continued their drive after 110-mile break-through in Western Hungary.

FAR EAST A substantial force of B.29's returned to TOKYO today for the fourth Superfortress attack on that city in the past ten days. No information has been released by U.S. authorities other than the fact of the raid.

Heavy rains have slowed down the advance on LEYTE Island but Allied aircraft is still operating against Japanese airfields on nearby islands.

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