

EASTERN FRONT -- Soviet troops captured Sebezh Monday, a stronghold on the main Moscow-Riga railway. Sebezh, a district center of the Kalinin Province, is 168 miles (275 kilometers) southeast of Riga and 62 miles (95 kilometers) north of Polotski. The communique said Red Army units also captured over sixty other localities west and southwest of OPOCHKA. Red Army forces have pushed eighteen miles further west of PINSK during the past twenty-four hours.

FRANCE -- A United Press dispatch Monday from Madrid quotes dispatches from Irun, near the French frontier, as saying that a naval bombardment is under way against the French Bay of Biscay coast in the Biarritz-Bayonne area. Three warships were reported within sight of Irun and intermittent gunfire was heard throughout Monday afternoon.

Allied headquarters announced late Monday the taking of Les Milleries, just north of Periers, and said "further minor penetrations" have been made along the Normandy front.

Allied forces are threatening the Periers-St. Lo road in the vicinity of Le Mesnil and patrols are east and southeast of Evreux although that town has not yet been taken.

Strong forces of heavy bombers early Monday attacked railway yards at Belfort and more than a dozen river bridges in a wide circle around Paris, including bridges over the Loire, Yonne, Ailette and Somme Rivers. Fighters which escorted the bombers also attacked railway installations. Other fighters hit a fuel dump at Rennes and fighter and fighter-bombers attacked rail facilities in the Alecon, Argentan and Nonant areas.

Emmanuel d'Astier de la Vigerie, Commissioner of the Interior of the French Committee of National Liberation has arrived in Cherbourg, where he paid tribute to the people of Normandy and told citizens of Cherbourg that he had come with hope of speeding up reconstruction and repairs.

General Bernard Montgomery, commander of the Allied Ground Forces in Normandy, said Monday that the defeat of Germany this year is "quite likely."

Montgomery said that "things are going very well" and that "great victories on the Russian front with immense numbers of Germans being written off are very excellent."

CHINA-BURMA -- Allied forces made small gains in Manipur State Burma and Salween area fighting. Mountbatten's headquarters announced that 15,500 Japanese were killed in Manipur since Japanese invasion there early in March. General Stilwell said

Sunday that Allied forces in southeast Asia have pushed to "a line that had once seemed hopeless to attempt to reach." Battles for Hengyang and throughout the Hengyang region continue. The Japanese again broke into Hengyang Sunday, but were thrown back later in the day.

ENGLAND -- The British Air Ministry announced Monday that at intervals during the twenty-four hour period ending at seven pm Monday (London time) the Germans sent flying bombs over the southern counties and the London area.

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DOMESTIC -- At a press conference Monday in Washington Secretary of State Hull said the U. S. was maintaining a firm policy in its relations with the Argentine Government.

Hull said that the United States' policy of complete consultation and cooperation with each of the American Republics supporting the Allied Nations cause could not be misunderstood by even the least informed persons.

Hull's statement was made in reply to a story transmitted from Santiago, Chile, and published in various U.S. newspapers. The story said that the U.S. and Great Britain were ready to appease the military distatorship of Buenos Aires and thereby abandon to their fate the small neighbors of Argentina.

Hull said deliberately false rumors about the United States and Great Britain regarding the Argentine situation were circulated by designing persons or agencies solely in the hope of arousing misunderstanding and suspicion among the American Republics and thereby obstructing their joint prosecution of the war.

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