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**BULLETIN** -- The Soviet communique announced that the Red Army, Monday cut the Dvinsk-Kaunas Highway; completed encirclement of Vilna and took its westerly junction of Landvorovo, where lines from Warsaw and Riga meet. Soviet troops Sunday captured 3,500 more Germans, including three Generals, in the Minsk pocket.

**FRANCE** -- American, British and Canadian troops piled up fresh advances along the whole Allied front in Normandy Monday, liberating four towns and repulsing strong German counterattacks in the La Haye du Puits and Tilly-Caen sectors.

American forces surging southward from the Carentan sector at the eastern base of the Cherbourg Peninsula liberated Sainteny, five miles (8 kilos) along the Carentan-Coutances Roadway.

Farther east in the Vire River bridgehead, Americans advanced one and on-half kilos after repulsing a series of German counterattacks, to reach the northern edge of Pont-Hebert about 4 miles (6 kilos) northwest of the strategic town of St. Lo, important road center situated on the right bank of the Vire.

Continuing their advance from newly liberated Caen, British and Canadian troops liberated Bretteville-Sur-Odon, Eterville and Maltot, towns located four, six and seven kilos respectively southwest of that inland port city.

Monday night's Supreme Allied Headquarters communique said fighting in Normandy has extended south of the Odon River, in the Caen sector. Allied troops advanced through Eterville and Maltot, which were liberated earlier. Liberation of Sainteny, on Carentan-Periers Road, was confirmed. South of Tilly and La Haye du Puits, strong German counterattacks were repulsed.

**RUSSIA** -- Marshal Stalin in an Order of the Day issued Monday said that the Soviet Army had captured Slonin, halfway between Baranovich and Bielystok, and Luninets, a railway town east of Pinsk.

Slonin was a forward bastion guarding the eastern approaches to the German-held junctions of Volkovysk and Bialystok. The capture of Luninets completes the breaking of the German grip on the whole southern end of the enemy defense line which had followed a trunk railway north from Luninets, through Baranovich, Lida and Vilna to Devinsk, in Latvia.

**CHINA** -- The Chinese made minor gains Monday south of Myitkyina in northern Burma where ninety Japanese were killed, while to the west Chinese forces in the Mogaung Valley are about ten miles (16 kilos) west of Mogaung. The Chinese are still attacking at Youngfeng, forty-six miles (74 kilos) northwest of Hengyang, but reinforced Japanese forces captured Tsingyun. 42 miles (67 kilos) northwest of Canton, and Toishan, 68 miles (109 kilos) southwest of Canton on June 29.

**SUPREME ALLIED HEADQUARTERS** -- General Eisenhower at supreme Headquarters of Allied Expeditionary forces warned Monday against over-optimism. He said there would be long and bitter fighting before the final victory in Europe.

**DE GAULLE** -- General Charles de Gaulle arrived in New York Monday afternoon after a press conference in Washington at which he said that a satisfactory agreement would soon be forthcoming between the United States, Great Britain and the French Committee of National Liberation on government of liberated French territories.

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