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NORMANDY -- Supreme Allied Headquarters said Friday that "the whole United States Army front from St. Lo to the sea is on the move" and that the Germans are conducting an "orderly retreat." Small German rearguards fought doggedly to cover the withdrawal of the enemy's main forces. In the face of this resistance Americans have occupied several important villages and now control four of the nine roads leading to the highway junction of St. Lo. No break through has been reported. The Caen sector remains dormant for the third day.

Unfavorable weather limited air action to about 500 sorties by Allied planes.

Normandy-based rocket-firing Typhoons of the Royal Air Force Thursday night wrecked a building at Esquay believed to have housed German headquarters in that area. The ruins were wrecked with machine gun fire.

ITALY -- Allied Headquarters in Rome announced Friday that French troops fighting their way up the Italian west coast have captured San Gimignano. They now are threatening the German stronghold of Poggibonsi from the west. Further inland units of the British Eighth Army made progress in attacks against the enemy hill positions covering Arezzo, enemy bastion covering the main highway to Florence. Indian troops captured Monte Ceivitella and Monte Santa Maria. Along the west coast American troops advanced on the entire front taking a number of villages and important hills around Terricciola.

Allied aircraft flew 1,800 sorties, including attacks on oil storage facilities at Trieste and Porto Marghera and railway communications at Milan. Six Allied planes were lost.

EASTERN FRONT -- London radio said Thursday Polish patriots operating directly behind the Eastern Front have cut the vital railway line between the German bastions of Grodno and Suwalki.

SWITZERLAND -- The Swiss Federal Council Wednesday ratified new measures for admission and exclusion of refugees. Only those civilians will be admitted "whose lives are in danger for political reasons" and who have only the possibility of seeking refuge in Switzerland."

INDIA -- Mohandas K. Gandhi Thursday in New Delhi pledged that he would not renew his campaign of civil disobedience during the war and promised to help the Allied war effort. His statement envisaged a nationalist government of India under British Viceroy.

FRENCH AFRICA -- Radio Brazzaville said Thursday that delegates of various European resistance movements met "in a town somewhere in Europe." It said a resolution passed by the mixed-patriot group encouraged the continuance of underground fighting everywhere and affirmed a determination to punish perpetrators of war atrocities.

GERMANY -- Moscow radio in a German language broadcast Friday called on the people of Eastern Germany to ignore Nazi orders to leave their homes. The broadcast said "the Red Army does not want the destruction of the German people."

ARGENTINA -- A spokesman for the U.S. State Department said Thursday that the Department has noted with much interest the departure of German nationals from Argentina. He said: "Of course it must be and is being considered in relation to the over-all picture."