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ALLIES OPEN NEW NORMANDY OFFENSIVE -- British and Canadian troops commanded by General Montgomery broke through into the area east of the Orne River and southeast of Caen Tuesday morning, following the liberation of St. Lo by American forces.

The British-Canadian breakthrough was supported by a "very great weight of air power." The town of Vaucelles, on the south side of the Orne opposite Caen, has been cleared of enemy troops. Strong armored and mobile Allied forces are now operating in open country farther to the southeast and south. Heavy fighting continues.

Reuters reports from Supreme Allied Headquarters that Allied aircraft dropped between 7,000 and 8,000 tons of bombs in a little over four hours in support of General Montgomery's attack.

The dispatch said that more than 1500 bombers and hundreds of fighter planes participated in the supporting attack on an area 75 miles square.

HULL REPORTS DETAILS OF SECURITY ORGANIZATION TALKS -- U.S. Secretary of State Cordell Hull told his press conference Tuesday that he is preparing the mechanics of the four power conference to be held in Washington in August. He said that the precedent under which Chinese and Soviet representatives will attend separate meetings was set at the Cairo and Teheran Conferences.

Mr. Hull said that the conference will be informal and that the findings reached will go back to each government for formal action, and to the U.S. Senate. He said no one could tell whether a draft of postwar agreement would result from the August meetings.

Secretary Hull added that Michael J. McDermott, his Special Assistant, will be in charge of news coverage at the conference.

THREE-POWER RUBBER CONFERENCE PLANNED -- The U.S. State Department announced Tuesday in Washington that it has accepted an invitation to send U.S. officials to London to meet with officials of the Governments of the United Kingdom and the Netherlands for exploratory talks on postwar rubber problems, both crude and synthetic.

The Department of State is prepared to engage in similar discussions with any other interested government, as occasions may arise.

FCC -- The U.S. Federal Communications Commission Monday gave permission to the Western Union Telegraph Company to establish rates for commercial messages from the United States to territory in France liberated by Allied forces.

NEW SOVIET OFFENSIVE SCORES MAJOR GAINS -- Marshal Stalin in an Order of the Day, announced Tuesday that a new Soviet offensive in the Lvov Area has pierced the fortifications guarding that great German fortress and supply base and has advanced as far as 50 kilometers in three days on a 200-kilometer front.

The offensive is being mounted by the First Ukrainian Army, commanded by Marshal Ivan Konev. More than 600 localities have been captured in the offensive thus far.

ALLIES OUTFLANK LEGHORN IN ITALIAN DRIVE -- American troops of the Allied Fifth Army, in a swift thrust northward towards the Arno Valley in Western Italy, have captured Pontedera, 20 kilometers east and slightly south of Pisa. Ponascco, 6 kilometers south of Pontedera, has also fallen to the Fifth Army.

In their drive towards Pontedera, American troops outflanked the key Italian west coast port of Leghorn. The strategic port is now threatened from both the south and east.

Polish forces of the Allied Eighth Army, on the Adriatic coastal shore of the Italian battlefield, have driven through the German positions southwest of the important enemy-held port of Ancona.

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