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Wisconsin Counties Al-
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kee—(P)—Byron B. Con-
Visconsin Rapids, chair-
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announced today that

more Japanese and took one pris-
oner. Total enemy dead or captur-
ed on the bloody island has reach-
ed 119,762.

(At Pearl Harbor, Adm. Chester
W. Nimitz announced an ineffec-
tual raid Monday by a lone twin-
engined Japanese bomber on Sai-
pan, the Marianas base for the
Tokyo-raiding Superfortresses.

(He reported another bombing
of Iwo Jima, Japanese air base 750
miles south of Tokyo.)

FRED GRASSMAN, 17 REPORTED MISSING

Parents Get Word Yester- day; Youth in Service Less Than Year

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Grassman
Sr., 311 Palmetto street, received
a telegram yesterday afternoon
from the War Department inform-
ing them that their son, Frederick
Grassman, seaman second class, is
missing in action.

The 17-year-old seaman has
been serving with the U. S. Navy
on the Pacific. He enlisted in the
Navy at Milwaukee May 12, 1944,
and received his training at Great
Lakes Naval Training Station,
Great Lakes, Ill.

Mrs. Grassman had received a
letter from her son early in De-
cember.

TURKEY VOTES TO BREAK RELATIONS WITH JAPAN

London—(P)—The Ankara ra-
dio announced tonight the Turkish
Grand National Assembly had
voted unanimously to break off
diplomatic and economic rela-
tions with Japan, effective next
Saturday.

TAKE BURMA ROAD TOWN

Chauking—(P)—Chinese
troops today recaptured the Burma
Road border town of Wanting,
putting the entire Chinese section
of the Burma Road in their hands.

city east of the Danube, and 53
blocks in Buda on the opposite
bank.

On the basis of preliminary re-
ports it is believed in Moscow that
the enemy garrison already has
lost 10,000 dead and possibly 30-
000 wounded.

1,000 Taken Prisoner

Col. Gen. Janos Voros, minister
of defense of the provisional Hun-
garian government recently set up
in Russian-held territory, said the
strength of the trapped garrison
may run as high as 75,000 to 100-
000 Germans, plus 30,000 Hungar-
ians.

With yesterday's advances,
which brought in approximately
1,000 prisoners, the Russians now
hold nearly 1,000 blocks of the
battered city.

Nazis Drive Repulsed

How 2,000,000 civilians, estimat-
ed to be cowering inside the city
are surviving the struggle could
only be imagined.

It now appeared likely that the
Russian Armies would not resume
offensive operations in great force
in the direction of the Austrian
frontier until Budapest is largely
overwhelmed.

Forty-two miles northwest of
Budapest and 10 miles southeast
of the Danube communications
center of Komarom, fresh German
armored forces drawn from Aus-
tria lashed out yesterday at the
tip of the Russian salient on the
main road to Vienna. It was an-
nounced officially the attack was
repulsed.

COUNTY FAIRS ASSURED OF MIDWAY ATTRACTIONS

Milwaukee—(P)—Organization
of at least two county fair cir-
cuits to assure Northern and Cen-
tral Wisconsin expositions of car-
nivals and midways shows was
made public at the opening of the
Wisconsin Association of Fairs to-
day.

Under the plan shows will be
hooked for the entire circuit.

The proposed new loops include
Merrill, Antigo, Ladysmith, Neills-
ville, Mauston, Mondovi, Wausau-
kee and Shawano in one and the
other Medford, Athens, Sey-
mour, Gillett, Crandon, Phillips
and Black River Falls.

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