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ported by U. S. and British bomber fleets, are rumpant in a lightning drive, laying open the flanks of German defenses before Dresden and Berlin. Nazis admitted Konev's Army and that of Zhukov had joined southeast of Berlin. In the west, Canadian forces, driving across the desolate floodlands east of Nijmegen have reached the Rhine in a drive to flank Germany's northern Western Front defenses. (NEA Telephoto)

German Targets Hit by Force of Over 1,000 Yank B

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MILK SUBSIDY RATE CHANGED

Plan, Effective in April, Designed to Increase Butter Output

Washington—(AP)—A shift in rates under the Government's \$500,000,000 dairy production subsidy designed to encourage larger butter output was announced yesterday by the War Food Administration.

Despite record milk marketing, butter production has dropped to the lowest level in many years. Government price ceilings and subsidy payments heretofore have encouraged the diversion of milk into fluid markets, evaporated milk, dried milk and various dairy products other than butter.

The rate alteration offers dairymen a higher payment for butterfat in relation to whole milk. The WFA said the change is expected to slow down any further shifts away from butterfat delivery to whole milk delivery and to encourage greater farm production of milk in major butter-producing areas of the Midwest.

Organized butter manufacturer—See—MILK—Page 6

London—(AP)—More than 1,000 American heavy bombers from Britain, continuing their record air offensive against the Reich, switched their attack back to western Germany today with seven simultaneous blows at oil targets and railroad yards in six cities.

At the same time U. S. 15th Air Force bombers from Italy smashed at the Oberstraubling air-drome at Regensburg in southern Germany, where jet-propelled planes are based.

After a night full of the offensive in which 16 cities from the Rhine to the Russian front were rocked with heavy loads of explosives, the American bombers from Britain attacked two benzol plants at Dortmund and Gelsenkirchen in the Ruhr, two oil refineries at Dortmund and Salzbirgen, and three large freight yards at Hamm, Osnabruck and Rheine.

The co-ordinated attacks on Nazi war-making machinery reached a scale without precedent between Tuesday and Thursday nights when more than 5,100 American and British four-engine bombers from Britain dumped more than 15,000 tons of bombs on Germany.

The main weight of these blows, aiding the Russian smash toward Berlin, was directed at Dresden, Chemnitz and neighboring "snelter cities" in the southeast corner of the Reich.

A Berlin broadcast said a large part of Dresden had been reduced to rubble and that Chemnitz, equally important to Nazi defenses, suffered almost the same fate.

Of 1,100 U. S. Fortresses and Liberators which hit Dresden yesterday for the fourth time in 48 hours and raided Cottbus, near the Russian front, 15 failed to return. Six escorting fighters also were reported missing, but several of the planes were believed to have landed safely on the Continent.

CHALLENGE ISSUED TO JAPANESE NAVY

Admiral Spruance's Fleet Called More Than Match For Enemy

Washington—(AP)—A naval spokesman said today "now is the time" for the Japanese fleet to meet the challenge of Admiral Raymond A. Spruance's mighty force hurling its air power against the enemy's homeland.

Voicing confidence that Spruance's forces are more than a match for anything the Japanese are capable of bringing out, the spokesman told reporters the Navy has a "pretty good idea" where the entire Nipponese fleet is.

"Presumably it was being held for defense of the homeland and now is the time," he asserted. "It is going to be interesting to see if the Japanese fleet will come out

LARGE PRE-INDUCTION GROUP LEAVES TODAY

Leader Unwittingly Left Behind as He Gets Papers

Approximately 90 pre-inductees left in three buses shortly after 10 a. m. today for Milwaukee, where they will receive their pre-induction examination tomorrow morning.

The three bus loads of pre-inductees unwittingly left without the group leader, LeRoy Dahms, who was in the Selective

JAMES MILLER REPORTED DEAD

Marshfield Serviceman Is Killed in Action in Belgium Jan. 4

Cpl. James V. Miller, 30, was killed in action in Belgium Jan. 4, according to a War Department telegram received yesterday by his wife, who, with their five children, resides at Hewitt. Cpl. Miller was previously reported missing.

Cpl. Miller, an Army paratrooper, who had been overseas since last July, entered the Army July 20, 1942, received gunnery training at Fort McClellan, Ala., and won his "boots and wings" at Fort Benning, Ga. He went overseas in July and served in England and France, before going to Belgium.

The soldier was born in Minneapolis, Minn., on Nov. 1, 1915, and his family moved to Marshfield in 1930. He was a graduate of McKinley High School, where he was active in football and basketball. He was employed at the Kaiser Shipyards in Portland, Ore., prior to entering service.

Cpl. Miller is survived by his wife, five children, James S., Donald V., Marlene S., Judith K., and Peter L.; his father, Chester P. Miller, Marshfield, and a brother, S/Sgt. Robert, a paratrooper now in the Philippine Islands.

CHINESE BREAK JAP HOLD ON RAILROAD

Defenders Also Break Ring Forged by Invaders At Chihing

Chungking—(AP)—Chinese troops counterattacking in southern Hunan Province have broken the Japanese hold on the Canton-Hankow railway for almost 25 miles, an army spokesman said today.

Ma, Gen. Kung Chi-kuang, the army spokesman, said the Chinese now held the area on the railway between Pingzhek in

Mitscher's carrier forces, by ships, cruisers and destroyers. Adm. Raymond A. Spruance's Fifth Fleet spread out in a mile column in Japanese waters during the enemy fleet to out.

Two Jima Shelled
Seven hundred miles to south another task force, Tokyo said, was comprising more than 30 warships, including battleships and carriers, at two Jima in co-ordination land-based bombers which been attacking the island of daily for more than two months.

A Japanese imperial communiqué reported that "carrier-planes of a powerful enemy force which appeared in the adjacent to our shores" attacked airfields in and around Tokyo successive waves from 7 a. m. to 4 p. m. today (Japanese).

The enemy Dornier news added that heaviest blows rained on bases from which operations take off against the fortresses raiding the Nippon capital.

Tokyo's seven million, lo miller with Superfortresses had never seen anything like day's carrier attack.

Tremendous Undertakings
Something tremendous is folding.

The long-planned and massive operations threatened heart of the Japanese Empire:

1. The probability of blocking it into a condition for eventual invasion.
2. Continuous pounding duce its airplane factories.

Rocket and bomb-bearing cats and Helldivers and A-torpedo planes, swinging low over the 214 square miles, for airfields and military defenses. They tangled over the with the Japanese air force fierce sky fights.

Mitscher appeared her knocking out the bulk of the home-based air force as his diatribe objective:

History's Largest Arms
"This operation has long planned and the opportunity accomplish it fulfills the cherished desire of every man of the Pacific Fleet suddenly announced five-star (Chester W. Nimitz) at his Guam headquarters, within miles of Tokyo.

The close approach to Japan the largest mass of American ships and carriers ever in the Pacific. There was in fact, it had been accepted.

Tokyo radio gave the hope the shaky assurance that the force was parrying the Japanese by Tokyo's own admission Japanese fleet had full opportunity to move out and meet the American armada. But acknowledged "enemy" movements have been of during the past few days.

Vernon Hayward, Associated Press correspondent who is about to assemble for the Tokyo air, described it as "the war fleet in history."

Over 1,200 Planes
It includes the largest and most aircraft carriers, battle light carriers, escort, and

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