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[[image - black & white photograph of General Davis]]
[[caption]] BRIG. GEN. BENJAMIN DAVIS
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--Associated Press wirephoto.

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