

# ST ENTERS LEIPZIG SUBURBS

The Day's News

by FRANK JENKINS  
battle of Berlin seems to be in earnest today.

German military command... to Hitler's order of the day... to take his personal watchword...

STAIN LUDWIG SERTOR... one of the best-known German military commanders...

date, we have conquered more than HALF of pre-war territory... only 84,000 miles...

GENERAL EISENHOWER... against the V-E Day... the fighting in Europe...

and Office Dismisses... Timber Exchange Protests... changes, and that consent of the county or state timber conservation...

Exchange Plan... offered to the government... 46 acres of land in Klamath...

## Gerald and News

In The Shasta-Cascade Wonderland  
KLAMATH FALLS, OREGON, TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 1945

**Weather News**  
April 17  
Max. (April 18) 64 Min. 33  
Precipitation last 24 hours .00  
Stream year to date 6.14  
Normal 9.75 Last year 6.68  
Forecast: Clear Wednesday. Little change in temperature.

### 30,000 NAZIS ATTEMPT LAST DITCH STAND

German Says Reich Cut in Two by Drives

By JAMES M. LONG  
PARIS, April 17 (AP) — The 69th division of the U. S. first army fought today into the eastern suburbs of Leipzig, 2 1/2 miles from the heart of the city where a scrapped-up German force of 30,000 men had attempted a Stalingrad-like stand behind a formidable ring of anti-aircraft guns.

Other first army divisions, following the same tactics by which Blucher destroyed Napoleon's army at Leipzig, fought around the city on the west and south and speared 12 miles to the east, where they were less than 90 miles from Russian lines.

Reject Ultimatum  
Chemnitz, to the south and only 45 miles from Dresden, rejected a U. S. third army ultimatum to surrender.

Attack Bridgehead  
The Germans launched a heavy attack tonight on the ninth army's Elbe bridgehead pointing towards Berlin, but the Americans beat off the attack without losing ground.

NLRB Hearing Set for WTC  
The national labor relations board is holding a hearing today involving the Weyerhaeuser Timber company here to determine whether an election to establish a bargaining agency is necessary.

Japs Accused of Barbaric Action  
The Japanese were accused of "barbarous and appalling atrocities" during the defense of Manila in a report by Gen. Douglas MacArthur released today by the war department.

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## Allies Blitz Luftwaffe; Reds 20 Miles From Goal

### 1116 PLANES KNOCKED OUT IN ONE DAY

By HENRY B. JAMESON  
LONDON, April 17 (AP)—Approximately 1000 American heavy bombers ripped German railroads at Dresden and along the Czechoslovakia frontier to the south today while the destruction of the Luftwaffe was continued by fighter pilots who knocked out a total of 1116 planes yesterday.

Revised totals showed that during the first 16 days of April 3699 German planes were destroyed, of which 485 were shot down in air combat. Allied losses for the same period totaled 485 planes.

Half Entire Force  
Enemy plane losses represent about half of the estimated reserve strength of the German air force at the time of the Rhine crossing.

Verified Claims  
All claims were verified by combat films. (Cameras on fighter planes are synchronized to the guns.)

There was no letup in the heavy bombing campaign which Gen. Carl A. Spaatz, commander of the U. S. strategic air forces in Europe, declared last night had switched from strategic to a purely tactical job in support of the ground forces.



Units of the American first reached the suburbs of Leipzig to the west as Russian troops were smashing ever nearer the Nazi capital of Berlin.

### GERMANS SAY RUSS TROOPS NEAR 3RD ARMY

LONDON, April 17 (AP)—Russian spearheads have cut the Seelow-Alt Friedland road less than 20 miles from Berlin, and penetrated the deeply-staggered defenses beyond, a German broadcast declared tonight.

Simultaneously, the German high command said the Russian first Ukrainian army of Marshal Ivan Konev had surged across the Neisse river farther south, and the German radio said the soviets had reached a point only 75 miles from a junction with the American third army knocking toward Dresden.

Three-Way Push  
The enemy said the massive soviet drive on Berlin had reached points 20 miles north-east and 28 miles southeast of the capital, as well as plowing in from due east of Berlin.

Tank Warfare  
An afternoon German broadcast declared Russian tanks were in action "east of Eberswalde," only 20 miles north-east of Berlin on the main highway and railroad to Stettin.

Fifth Meets Stiff Nazi Resistance  
ROME, April 17 (AP) — Fifth army troops fought through bitterly defended and heavily mined areas south of Bologna today, measuring their advances by yards in the second day of the general allied offensive to drive the Germans from Italy.

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## President Truman Wants To Meet Big Five Chiefs

By JACK BELL  
WASHINGTON, April 17 (AP) President Truman told a news conference today he will be very happy to meet the heads of the other big five allied powers as soon as possible.

De Gaulle Meeting  
Mr. Truman added that he also would be glad to see General Charles de Gaulle, provisional president of France, if De Gaulle cared to arrange a conference with him.

Foreign Relations  
On the foreign front he said—He is backing to the hilt the American delegation to the San Francisco United Nations conference.

Domestic Matters  
On the domestic front he said—He supports wholeheartedly President Roosevelt's program by international monetary agreements as included in the Bretton Woods pact.

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## Army Plane Drops In On Navy Air Station

When a medical army evacuation transport plane was forced down at the Klamath naval air station Monday afternoon, the station dispensary found itself the unexpected host to 14 wounded army overseas veterans.

In Dispensary  
Patients were removed to the NAS dispensary and there found themselves the center of attraction.

More Efficient  
Improvements on both roads, as drawn up in the state highway engineer's 15-year program, would make the Eugene-Klamath Falls route seven miles shorter and—because of better grades and less snow hazard—much more efficient, he asserted.

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## The Ones That Got Away

Klamath Falls housewives were still buying fish today at the meat markets and the fish stores. Notwithstanding last week's opening of the fishing season, the supply of sports fish from nearby streams and lakes was sadly short of the demand.

