

# THIRD INVADERS CZECHOSLOVAKIA

## Gerald and News

In The Shasta-Cascade Wonderland  
Klamath Falls, Oregon, Wednesday, April 18, 1945

### Weather News

April 18

Max. (April 17)	69 Min.	37
Precipitation last 24 hours		.00
Stream year to date		8.14
Normal	9.78	Last year 8.68
Forecast: Cooler Thursday with light rain.		

## Sudetenland Push Slices Reich In Two

By JAMES M. LONG

PARIS, April 18 (AP)—Tank-riding U. S. third army infantrymen invaded Czechoslovakia today, bisecting Germany with a plunge into the Sudetenland, which Hitler annexed to the reich after Munich in 1938.

The 90th division invaded Czechoslovakia northwest of Aach in the northwestern tip of the country. The Americans had dashed eight miles from the area of Hof, which is about 10 miles south of captured Plauen.

The last lap of the drive to cut Germany in two was made without opposition except for a brief flurry of gunfire in the German village of Prex, less than a mile from the border, a front dispatch said.

The 90th smashed two miles beyond the border to the vicinity of Gottmasgrun.

As Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's troops crossed the Czechoslovak frontier, the first army stormed to within 4000 yards of the center of surrounded Leipzig and the seventh army cleared half the Nazi city of Nurnberg.

All along the front, Gen. Eisenhower's armies were gathering strength for the final drive eastward to meet the Russians.

The Ruhr triumph assumed proportions of the greatest victory of the war, even more costly to the Germans than the defeat at Stalingrad. Already 309,484 prisoners have been taken from the industrial trap and 50,000 more were expected to surrender today. The Germans lost 330,000 in killed and captured alone three years ago at Stalingrad in one of history's decisive battles. The allies may have as many as 359,000 prisoners from the Ruhr by night, an annihilation pocket in which the enemy also lost countless dead.

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## Ernie Pyle Killed On Ie Jima

### BERLIN FIGHT AT CRESCENDO, SAY GERMANS

By RICHARD KASISCHKE

LONDON, April 18 (AP)—German broadcasts declared today the battle for the eastern approaches to Berlin had "reached its climax," with Russian troops breaching defense lines only 18 or 20 miles from the capital, and that the Soviets had launched a third offensive south of Stettin aimed at linking with the allies on the north German plain.

Front dispatches to Moscow asserted the Russians could see Berlin burning, but did not yet specify that any offensive was underway.

Smash Near City

Nine Russian armies are smashing toward Berlin, the Germans said, conceding red army gains through the strong hedgehog positions in the blazing east and northeast of the bomb-shattered city.

The enemy declared Stalin had thrown in a third offensive on a 17-mile Oder river front south of Stettin, intending to slice in between the Baltic port and Berlin, and join the western allies north and west of Berlin. This drive has assumed (Continued on Page Two)

WLB Orders Five Workers Re-Hired

DETROIT, April 18 (AP)—In a precedent-shattering move to end a strike that has made idle 5000 employees of the Kelsey-Hayes Wheel Co., the regional war labor board today ordered the company to reinstate five employees whose discharge precipitated the strike nine days ago.

The board's action was taken with management representatives dissenting. WLB and union officials said it was the first time the board had directed reinstatement of workers while a strike was in progress.

Red River Flood Remains Acute

NEW ORLEANS, April 18 (AP)—The flood situation on the Red River below Alexandria remained acute today while army engineers continued their 24-hour vigil along the lower reaches of the swollen Mississippi.

Part of the 8000 families driven from their homes by the rampaging Red prepared to return as the water receded from Shreveport southward to Alexandria.

### Machinegun Bullets Take Life Of Famed War Correspondent

By LEIF ERICKSON

GUAM, April 18 (AP)—Ernie Pyle, the GI's columnist, was killed today by Japanese machinegun ambush on Ie Jima, a 10-square mile island just west of Okinawa.

Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz' headquarters said Pyle was killed instantly by a surprise machinegun attack at 10:15 a. m. on the southern side of the island, while observing the advance of 10th army troops who had invaded the island Monday.

Pyle when hit was standing with a regimental commanding officer of headquarters troops when a Japanese machinegun opened fire.

The commanding general of the Ie Jima invasion troops officially reported Pyle's death as follows:

"I regret to report that War Correspondent Ernie Pyle who made such great contribution to the morale of our foot soldiers was killed in battle on Ie Jima today."

(A Blue network broadcast from Guam by Jack Hooley, heard in San Francisco, reported Pyle was en route to a sector where there was heavy fighting when he met his death. In company with Lt. Col. Joseph Coolidge of Arkansas, they were bumping along a narrow coral road in a jeep when an enemy machinegun opened fire as they rounded a corner.

Instant Death

(They scrambled into a ditch, the broadcast continued, and the gunfire ceased. After a few minutes they peered cautiously over the edge and there was another burst of fire. Colonel Coolidge ducked back and as he turned to Pyle saw that it was all over for the homely (Continued on Page Two)

### 8TH HAMMERS WAY TOWARD BOLOGNA

By LYNN HEINZERLING

ROME, April 18 (AP)— Polish troops of the eighth army, sweeping up the Po valley, advanced today to within 10 miles of Bologna, major German base in northern Italy.

Fifth army forces also fought slowly closer to the big Italian art and industrial center from the south, battering their way through enemy troops entrenched in scores of caves, tunnels and pillboxes along the mountain highway from Florence.

Other eighth army forces have advanced beyond Argenta on the extreme right, cutting the Germans off from this strong-point in the Argenta gap, the key to Ferrara and the Po valley.

The Germans were still holding out in Argenta, but they appeared to be trapped, with allied troops astride the railway a little more than a mile beyond the town.

The bridgehead over the Marina canal, next water barrier to Ferrara and the Po valley, was enlarged and strengthened, with heavy casualties inflicted on the Germans.

### Nazi Says Reds Set Date for Berlin's Capture

LONDON, April 18 (AP)—A German radio reporter quoted Russian prisoners today as saying that an order of the day by Marshal Stalin read to them at the start of the new eastern front offensive said the war would end April 25, with Berlin falling to the red army.

No order of the day broadcast from Moscow has mentioned a specific date for the collapse of Germany and such a forecast would be contrary to Stalin's previous policies.

### Navy Pilot Gets Ducking in Chilly Upper Klamath Lake

PORTLAND, April 18 (AP)—A timber rigger arrested at the camp where he had worked since January 13 today denied any knowledge of a suitcase found at Fort Bragg, Calif. containing a human head and hands.

State Police Capt. Wayne Gardane identified the logger as William Arthur Wellesley, an itinerant worker employed at lumber camps around the country and at the Kaiser shipyard in Richmond, Calif.

Gardane said the man was believed to be a former roommate of Austin C. Barber, who vanished from Oleum, Calif., two years ago, and whose papers were found in the suitcase.



Pyle Killed

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### HULL PLEADS FOR TRADE ACT BILL

WASHINGTON, April 18 (AP)—Cordell Hull sent to congress today a plea for continuation and expansion of the reciprocal trade act with added duty-cutting authority, as a contribution to world peace.

The former secretary of state sent his plea from the naval hospital at Bethesda, Md., where he has been a patient for some time.

First Battle

It reached congress as Assistant Secretary of State William L. Clayton told the house ways and means committee that failure to continue the reciprocal trade policy might well lead to a third World war and President Truman encountered his first pitched battle in congress.

"The action of congress" on (Continued on Page Two)

### PILOT LANDS IN COLD UPPER KLAMATH LAKE

"They must have cut off the ice just before I landed. It couldn't be that cold without freezing!"

This was the first statement made by Ensign R. G. Gehrman, 24-year-old navy pilot, who made a forced landing on Upper Klamath lake late Monday morning when his fighter plane, flying from the Klamath naval air station, developed engine trouble.

Landing on Lake

Gehrman's pre-season swim in the cold lake waters resulted when he was forced to make a landing and the lake was the only available spot. He put his plane down in the water with out difficulty and a life raft was dropped to him by a fellow pilot who observed his plight. Gehrman was rowing for shore when the Klamath naval air station amphibian plane, piloted by CAP C. A. Adams, arrived to pick him up.

The pilot, whose home town is Battle Creek, Mich., seemed little the worse for his experience today after making what is thought to be the first landing on this lake.

The plane settled below the water just east of Eagle Ridge (Continued on Page Two)

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### Gandhi Blasts Indian Delegates

BOMBAY, April 18 (AP)—Mohandas K. Gandhi has assailed the delegation appointed to represent India at the world security conference in San Francisco as a "camouflage."

"Such representation will be worse than no representation," the Indian leader said in a statement last night. "Either India at San Francisco is represented by an elected representative or represented not at all."

Gandhi's secretary passed around copies of his 700-word statement. Because he is observing a period of silence he refused to enlarge on his comments.

### Umpires Cry 'Play Ball'

The crack of horsehide against ash and the cry of "Play ball" echoed over the nation yesterday as the major leagues teed off on their fourth wartime season.

With 4-F's and youngsters under 18 years of age composing the lineups of the big time circuits, there was no diminishing of enthusiasm as over 100,000 rabid fans crowded the bleachers and grandstands of the nation's ball parks.

Probably one of the most talked of occasions of the gala opening day was the debut of Pete Gray, the one-armed wonder who finally broke into the big time with the American League Champion St. Louis Browns.

Fans and players alike were behind him to a man as he drove out one single and was robbed of a sure double by a circus catch.

It seems that courage is well typified in the case of Gray and the fans honored his fighting spirit in surmounting a terrific physical handicap in true American fashion. So roll up your sleeves, the 1945 baseball season is on!

### Magdeburg Taken

The ninth army captured Magdeburg (334,358) securing a firm anchor on the Elbe river opposite Berlin. The industrial and commercial center was the 20th largest city of Germany before bombs and shells reduced it to the smoking ruins which the Hell on Wheels (second armored) and Old Hickory (30th) divisions captured.

Farther northwest, British tanks swept forward on a 40-mile front to within 18 miles of Hamburg and 12 of Harburg, which lies across the Elbe south of the great port. The British reached to within eight miles of the lower Elbe and drove into the outskirts of Lubeck, a city of 30,000, against scattered resistance.

The halving of Germany was of more geographical than immediate military importance, because the enemy still has cir- (Continued on Page Two)

### Klamath Marine Downs 3 Bombers

Three dive bombers were chalked up to the credit of Capt. Floyd C. Kirkpatrick, 27, Klamath Falls marine flyer, who pilots one of the newly arrived fighter planes of the marine second air wing based on Okinawa. The group destroyed 37 enemy planes in frustrating an attempted major air raid today.

The most exciting encounter was a 15-minute battle northwest of Okinawa in which a Corsair fighter formation accounted for more than 15 Japanese, a dispatch reports. Capt. Kirkpatrick got his trio of Jap bombers in that fight.

Capt. Kirkpatrick, who has made his home with his uncle, L. F. Kirkpatrick, 1900 Esplanade, since he was nine years of age, observed his 27th birthday overseas this month. He is a graduate of Klamath Union high school and entered the marine air corps just three months before he was to receive his degree from the University of Oregon in the spring of 1941. At school he was affiliated with Sigma Nu fraternity.

The marine flyer served overseas 18 months and received the rank of captain before returning to the United States for one year's training with a fighter group in North Carolina. Six months ago he went to the Pacific and while on Saipan served as operations officer for his outfit.

### Regular Federal Court at Klamath Object of Project

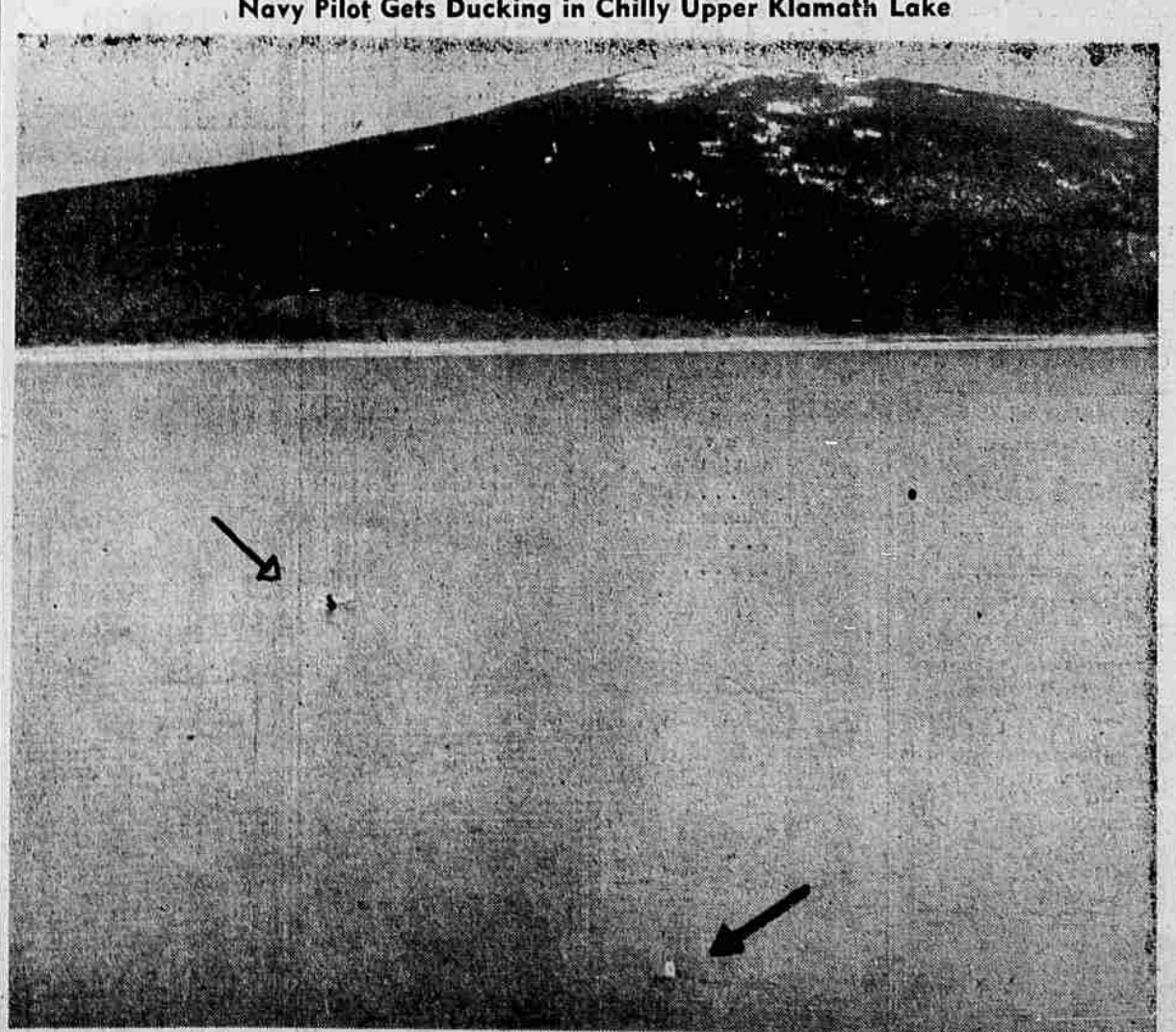
Station to provide for a federal court in Klamath Falls is to be sought through efforts of Klamath individuals and organizations learned today.

Klamath County Bar Association prepared a proposed introduction by Congressman Stockman, and today of commerce directors, have long backed the idea of federal court session here, and the bill and urged general support for the project.

Senator Ganong, H. C. Merriam and J. H. Carnahan are members of the bar association. The proposed bill of the state of Oregon one district, with terms of court at Portland, Pennington, Klamath Falls and Medford. Deputies would be appointed by the marshal and said district for each county where court would be held.

Carnahan Writes

Senator Carnahan, chairman of the committee on the judiciary, has written a letter to Congressman Stockman pointing out the need for a federal court in Klamath Falls. The local effort will be asked.



Ensign R. G. Gehrman, 24-year-old navy fighter pilot, made a forced landing on Upper Klamath lake Monday, climbed into a life raft and was paddling toward shore when an amphibian plane dropped down to pick him up. The black arrow, foreground, shows the tip of the fighter plane tail, the second arrow indicating the rescue plane from the Klamath naval air station. In the background is snow-capped Pelican butte. Official Navy Photo.