

Finn Patrols Enter Russia

Encirclement of Russian Division Is Object of Fleet Defenders

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declaring the Finns were fighting only to defend their independence. The newspaper said pamphlets also were scattered over soviet lines on the Karelian isthmus.

(Press dispatches from Copenhagen reported further that Finnish bombers attacked and partly destroyed the new Russian air bases on the islands of Dagoe and Oesel, off the coast off Estonia near the southern side of the entrance to the Gulf of Finland. Estonia last fall gave the USSR the right to fortify these islands. The newspaper Aftenavis speculated that the Finns might have used new English and Italian planes on these raids.)

Helsinki officials said Red army planes bombed Hanko, Finland's "Gibraltar of the Baltic," twice today. Two bombers inflicted slight damage during the morning and a larger number of raiders dropped between 40 and 50 incendiary bombs in the afternoon. No loss of life was reported.

Activity on Karelian Isthmus "Quiescent"

Today's raids followed air attacks which a general staff communiqué said the Russian air force directed yesterday at the southwestern naval base and the nearby Turku district.

On other fronts, the communiqué said that Finnish troops had repulsed a Red army attempt to recapture a strong position north-east of Lake Ladoga while activity was reported "quiet" on the Karelian isthmus.

(Pekka Niemi, champion ski runner, was reported from Copenhagen to have been the leader of a ski patrol which carried dynamite to one section of the Mursmank railway and blew it up. Copenhagen dispatches said a spur line of the railway also had been dynamited.)

Sea Domination Held 'Real Prize'

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bility that Germany would attempt to gain a decision over England and France early this spring by a "terrific attack by land, air and sea," and that she would "use every weapon in her armory."

"The object of war is to reach a decision and Germany cannot afford to wait," he added. "Moreover, from the point of view of the National Socialist party, and the militarists who support it, not only is there a chance of a rapid decision today but it is a decision which may give them the supreme prize, world empire. That chance may never come again. Nazi Germany is in a better position to win it today than she was in the last war."

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FR Makes Plea for National Unity



President Roosevelt is shown on the rostrum at the joint session of congress when he made an emphatic plea for national unity in the face of war-born disintegration abroad. Behind the president are Speaker William Bankhead (D-Ala., left) of the house and Vice President John Garner of the senate.

French, Germans In Long Skirmish

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side were drawn into the fighting.

The skirmishes, in which the raiding parties employed hand grenades, was accompanied by steady machine gun, trench mortar and artillery fire.

One French patrol, military advisers said, penetrated nearly two miles into enemy territory and returned with valuable information. Another patrol in the Vosges mountains was said to have engaged two German detachments totaling about 200 men, and although greatly outnumbered, met the nazis with a withering cross fire that forced them to retire with heavy losses.

Clear weather brought a resumption of aerial activity by both sides. Four French air force units were reported to have flown 250 miles beyond the border into western Germany, while several nazis scouting planes approached the Paris area.

Premier Daladier and Wladyslaw Sikorski, premier of the Polish government in France, signed an accord reconstituting the Polish army on French soil. General Victor Denain was designated to supervise relations between the French and Polish units fighting together on the western front.

Bureau of Mines Employees Scored

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in a trans-Atlantic dirigible. The United States has a monopoly on the gas, and Ickes refused to permit the sale on the ground that the congressional act controlling helium sales forbade exports in amounts of military importance.

"The bureau of mines clique," Ickes continued, "actively and openly opposed me on helium, and

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Westerners to Fight for Fund

Appropriation Slashes Are Opposed by Group of Coast Men

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deplored the government "cutting regular activities" and "piling it for emergency programs" while Representatives Pierce (D-Re) and Angell (R-Ore) said they could see no reason for the cuts as the projects were needed "more than big ships."

Senator Clark (D-Idaho) and Representative White (D-Idaho) said they were shocked and White predicted congress would restore at least part of the money. He added the house appropriations committee was not in entire sympathy with the president's budget recommendations.

Representative Robinson (D-Utah) said he believed congress should restore funds needed by reclamation and irrigation projects. Representative Buck (D-Calif) said the \$12,000,000 allotted the central valley projects was not enough, adding he had been informed the reclamation bureau had set \$22,000,000 as the minimum needed for the work in the next fiscal year.

Farm-State Group Opposes Slashes

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the current year. The big item left out was provision for parity payments on cotton, wheat, corn, rice and tobacco, for which \$225,000,000 was voted this year despite the fact it too was budgeted. Senators Hill (D-Ala) and El-

lender (D-La) warm administration supporters, voiced opposition to farm cuts.

"I would not favor any reduction in farm benefits," declared Hill.

Ellender said: "If they cut farm benefits, we'll put them back. We won't stand for it."

Court Nomination Sent to Senators

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appointment of Solicitor General Robert H. Jackson to be the new attorney general and Judge Francis Middle of the third circuit court of appeals to be solicitor general.

Other nominations which President Roosevelt sent to the senate today included:

Charles Edison, son of the famous inventor, to be secretary of the navy. (He had been given a recess appointment to the post previously.)

Daniel W. Bell, former acting director of the budget, to be undersecretary of the treasury, in place of John W. Hanes, business man, who resigned.

John L. Sullivan, of Manchester, N.H., to be assistant secretary of the treasury.

Alvin J. Wirtz, Texas attorney, to be undersecretary of the interior.

Grover Bennett Hill, another Texan, to be assistant secretary of agriculture.

Harry Slatery, of South Carolina, former undersecretary of the interior, to be rural electrification administrator.

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