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British Fliers Penetrate Bohemia, Austria

Soviet Fliers Bomb Helsinki And Other Cities

At Least One Raider Shot Down—Russian Troops Withdraw in North

Helsinki, Jan. 13 (AP)—Soviet Russian bombers raided southern Finland today, killing two persons and wounding four in Helsinki alone.

Some buildings were destroyed and others damaged in the southwestern section of the capital, which had escaped being bombed in yesterday's raids.

Other cities struck included Hyvinkaa, north of Helsinki, where the Russian squadrons carried out two attacks.

(Hyvinkaa is about 30 miles airline due north of Helsinki. It is on a railroad line running inland from the capital.)

About 40 bombs fell on Helsinki.

Perfect Weather

One of the bombers was reported forced down.

The raiders took advantage of perfect weather for their purpose—excellent visibility and high riding clouds which permitted them to appear and disappear almost at will.

Their attacks brought air alarms for 50 miles around Helsinki, beginning shortly before 2 p.m. (5 a.m. Pacific standard time) and ending about two hours later.

Copenhagen, Jan. 13 (AP)—Withdrawal of Soviet Russian troops from part of Linnahamari, the Arctic port of Finland's Petsamo district, was reported today in Stockholm dispatches, while Scandinavian correspondents said reinforcement of Finns and Russians on the Salla front indicated imminence of a major battle.

Cruisers Leave

These dispatches said all except one Russian cruiser had left Linnahamari, and that the Finns had cut the road to Salmijarvi, also in the Arctic area, thus complicating the Russian service of supply.

In southeastern Finland, on the Karelian isthmus, the Russians were said to have set up loudspeakers advising the Finnish defenders to "surrender within 48 hours, or the Germans are coming."

In Salla Sector

In the Salla sector, one report from a Danish newspaper correspondent said the Red army had at least 40,000 men there and had been bringing up more in the past few days. He said the Finns also were reinforcing and preparing an attempt to encircle the invaders.

A Swedish correspondent said large numbers of fresh Russian troops were being dropped by parachutes from planes.

Similar tactics were reported on the Karelian isthmus yesterday, but the Finns said their crack marksmen had picked off many of the invaders in mid-air and had overpowered the others as they touched earth.

Wade Still Missing

Bandon, Ore., Jan. 13 (AP)—Relatives were anxious today concerning the whereabouts of Lester E. Wade, operator of a credit bureau here, who disappeared December 12. His wife and two children have heard nothing from him since that time.

Navy Planes Collide Over Desert, 1 Killed

San Diego, Calif., Jan. 13 (AP)—Two navy airplanes collided in mid-air over a southern California desert, and early today one of the wrecked ships was found with a flier's battered body inside.

Five other aviators in the collision were safe.

Ensign Walter G. Barnes, Sr., of Denver, Colo., missing for several hours after the crash, telephoned today from the old mining town of Julian, 60 miles northeast of here, that he was safe and unharmed.

Identified by the light of lanterns and flashlights, at the scene of the wreck, as the dead man was James Addison Crowson, 24, radioman first class.

Deputy Sheriff Ernest Cox returned to El Centro, 70 miles east of here, to report that his party had reached the wreckage of one plane after sighting smoke, and had found the body in the charred ship. It lay in a ravine near the top of a hill. The other plane apparently fell a mile or more away, Cox said.

Cox insisted that nothing had yet been seen of Ensign Walter Glen Barnes, Jr., pilot, United States



Swedes Fight for Finland—Four contingents of Swedish volunteers—men as hardy as this Swedish soldier shown on duty in a snow spot in his homeland—have gone to Finnish fronts to aid the Finns in their war with Russia. — Associated Press Photo.

Congress Cautious In Aid to Finns

Washington, Jan. 13 (AP)—Congress seemed disposed today to approach Finnish aid proposals with as much, if not more caution than is being displayed with respect to huge defense expenditures. Fear of possible violation of American neutrality dominated the apparent reaction in both parties.

President Roosevelt's suggestion that the lawmakers work out legislation in a spirit of non-partisanship, to give the little Baltic republic financial assistance.

Republicans contended it was the responsibility of the chief executive to initiate a specific plan.

House and senate recessed until Monday following house passage yesterday of the first appropriation bill of the session.

This was a deficiency measure providing \$264,611,273 for increased made during the current fiscal year, which ends June 30, in the army, navy, coast guard, anti-air and neutrality patrol personnel.

These increases were ordered by Mr. Roosevelt under an emergency proclamation issued after the war broke out in Europe last September.

This will be considered by the senate appropriations committee next week.

More Money Sought For Tongue Point

Washington, Jan. 13 (AP)—Representative Mott, Oregon republican, was advised by naval officials today that additional money to develop Tongue Point, Columbia river base, would be sought in regular departmental appropriations.

The last congress appropriated \$1,500,000 but Mott said more was needed to carry out the complete program.

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Pan-America To Safeguard Security Zone

Inter-American Neutrality Committee to Meet Monday at Buenos Aires

Washington, Jan. 13 (AP)—The inter-American neutrality committee is planning to put cutting edges around the western hemisphere security zone when it meets Monday in Rio Janeiro.

The committee's chief task is to prevent the recurrence of belligerent acts inside the security zone such as the recent Anglo-German naval battle off Uruguay which led to the scuttling of the German pocket battleship Graf Spee.

It expects to do so by making it unprofitable for belligerent warships to operate inside the zone.

The committee, consisting of seven experts appointed by the Pan-American union governing board and including Charles G. Fenwick, professor of international law at Bryn Mawr, will consider the following means of promoting respect for the security zone, even if the belligerents refuse to acknowledge its validity.

Proposed Program

1. An agreement among the American republics to prevent belligerent warships from obtaining any supplies in Pan-American ports or making any repairs after they have committed belligerent acts inside the security zone.

2. A similar agreement to keep merchant ships from carrying supplies from Pan-American ports to belligerent warships operating inside the zone.

3. An accord to keep submarines from entering Pan-American harbors. This might follow the lines of President Roosevelt's proclamation banning submarines from United States ports except in emergency cases such as storms, in which case they would have to enter on the surface.

4. A coordination of interpretation of international law relating to neutrality, so that all the American republics would have, in effect, a Pan-American code of neutrality.

Chairman Vinson (D., Ga.), of the house naval committee said that if congress authorized the navy's \$1,300,000,000 expansion program in time, funds would be sought to start as many of the 77 new warships involved as the nation's building facilities would permit.

The president made no allowance for funds to start these ships when he advised congress that the national defense bill would be increased \$460,000,000 as a result of the emergency created by the European war. Legislators conjectured, therefore, whether the politically distasteful job of voting new taxes in an election year might be even more difficult by the naval expansion program.

Questioned about the cost, Vinson told reporters:

"We've just got to have some additional taxes."

Meanwhile, Senator Byrnes (D., S. C.), said he would ask navy officials to "add up the score" on the construction program so that congress might know how many ships already authorized actually were being built, how many were covered in contracts awarded and how many were still on paper.

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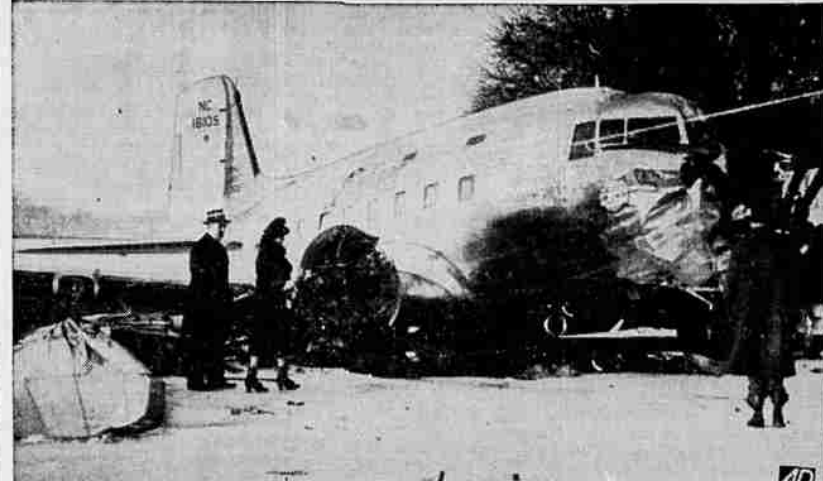
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Six Hurt When Airliner Makes Forced Landing on Ice—In a forced landing in which four passengers and the two pilots sustained minor injuries, a United Airlines mainliner, en route from New York to San Francisco, came down on the Rock river near Moline, Ill. The stewardess and a fifth passenger were unhurt. The plane, which overshot the airport, slid across the ice on the river and smashed into a concrete retaining wall on the river bank. — Associated Press Photo.

Konoye Asked To be Premier

Tokyo, Jan. 13 (AP)—Minister of War Gen. Shunroku Hata appealed today to Prince Fumimaro Konoye to resume the premiership of Japan as the deadline neared for the weekend government crisis.

Premier General Nobuyuki Abe is expected to hand the cabinet's collective resignation to Emperor Hirohito tomorrow morning.

He has summoned the cabinet for a special session at 9 a. m. and, Domei, news agency with close government connections, quoted the premier as declaring he would take his resignation to the palace after this session. "All ministers are expected to quit with him."

Konoye's name suddenly came to the front after names of other leaders were said to have been discarded. The prince was understood to be reluctant to take the office, but it was indicated a movement would be started to draft him.

Japanese-American relations were expected to figure in the shaping of a new cabinet. Political sources expressed belief Admiral Kichisaburo Nomura would retain the foreign minister's portfolio to continue talks looking toward a new commercial treaty to replace the one the United States announced would be abrogated January 26.

Portland, Jan. 13 (AP)—James G. Morrow, biological survey enforcement officer, censured the absence of cooperation in the Oregon courts today in prosecuting game violations.

"We haven't got court cooperation worth a darn," he said in an Isaac Walton league address. "A game violator almost has to be a murderer as well before we can convict him here."

He criticized "inequitable justice" in some justice courts. Some courts impose practically no penalty and others remit fines, he charged.

"You do not need any research to find out what is happening to the Oregon blacktail deer," the federal officer stated. "The reason they are decreasing is because of the flashlight and gun."

He asserted he heard 12 shots one night in the Florence area but nothing was done about it.

Market hunters who use "slaughterhouse methods" have been found in the Sacramento valley, he added. "These market hunters kill more ducks in one week in the Sacramento valley than all the sportsmen in Oregon in the whole season."

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\$750,000 Blaze At Redding, Cal.

Redding, Calif., Jan. 13 (AP)—Flames fanned by a strong wind swept through Redding's main business district today, leveled eight buildings and caused damage estimated at \$750,000 to \$1,000,000. The fire was under control at noon, but still smoldering in the basements of the ruined structures. Insurance company officials estimated the loss at \$750,000. The larger estimate was made by William Clement, manager of the Pioneer store, the city's oldest business structure in which the fire originated.

Firemen began fighting in the ruins of the F. W. Woolworth building on a report a body was buried under bricks of the razed structure.

L. A. Hicks, a spectator who assisted firemen in fighting the flames, suffered a broken leg when he fell from a burning building.

The fire was discovered at 2:30 a.m. but firemen said the Pioneer building apparently had been burning several hours before the alarm was sounded.

Several explosions in the Pioneer store were attributed by firemen to combustion. A fire truck from Red Bluff and two from the state forestry service sped to Redding to strengthen the city's force.

The flames consumed the buildings on the east side of Market street, between Placer and Yuba streets. On the west side of Market most of the windows were shattered by the heat, and wood framework was charred.

The group was led by Lee Hall, 43, one of the three foremen lost in the blast last Wednesday. One of the bodies were huddled together; a few feet away were three others and still farther down the entry, two more.

But "after damp"—the gases that remain in a mine when an explosion burns up the oxygen in the air—caught and killed the group.

Italy's position was regarded by Turkish political leaders as "unambiguous opposition to Soviet intervention in the Danube basin or the Balkans."

Rome's efforts were viewed as being virtually in complete harmony with British and French aims—for a Balkan bloc that would be a barrier to both Russian and German expansion.

Turkey is allied with Britain and France in a mutual assistance pact.

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Nazi Destroyers Attacked in North Sea Area

German Air Raider Destroyed Firth of Forth—Activity Intensified

By Hugh Wagoner

London, Jan. 13 (AP)—British fliers in "the greatest wartime survey flights" penetrated Bohemia and Austria during the night, carried on the North sea warfare by attacking Nazi destroyers and today destroyed a German air raider over the Firth of Forth, the air ministry announced.

The exploit of scouting over greater Germany was the first of the war to be reported in that region.

From French Bases

A British war correspondent in France reported the British operated from French bases and flew over Vienna and Prague.

Fliers starting from their home soil would have had to cover the equivalent of the distance over the Atlantic from Newfoundland to Ireland for the reconnaissance.

As German planes roared along the east coast of Britain for the fifth successive day, the war of words kept pace with the accelerating war in the skies as the air ministry called "untrue" a Nazi high command announcement that two royal air force planes were shot down.

Try to Cut Cable

At the same time fears of sabotage were expressed as sentries fired on prowlers at Hendon airbase, northeast London. An attempt apparently was made to cut the Scotland-Northern Ireland cable at Donaghadee, Northern Ireland, and fire routed Northern Ireland's governor, the Duke of Abercorn, and his household from 300-year-old Baronscourt castle.

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Berlin Reports On Air Raids

Berlin, Jan. 13 (AP)—Unsuccessful British attacks on German destroyers and "important" reconnaissance flights over France and the North sea were reported today in the German high command's communiqué:

"In the west, no special events."

"The air force continued reconnaissance activity January 12 over eastern France and the North sea and obtained important results. Three individual planes were unsuccessfully attacked by enemy pursuers."

"Outside separate nocturnal flights which were partially under violation of Dutch neutrality, only a single enemy Bristol Blenheim was sighted over German territory January 12."

The plane, after a short flight, was shot down by German pursuit aircraft and crashed and burned on French soil.

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