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## Frozen Russians Captured by Finns



This exclusive picture, one of first shipment of original pictures from the Karelian front to arrive in the United States, shows three Russian prisoners taken by the Finns. The prisoners' hands and feet were frozen, and they were extremely ill clad against the Arctic cold of the Finnish winter. (Central Press)

## May Divert Defense Funds To Farmers

### Feeler Thrusts In Air Are Continuing

### British Make Flights Over German Area

Germans Claim Sinking of Four More British Ships And Warding Off of British Air Attack on German Island.

London, Jan. 12.—(AP)—The Royal Air Force, engaged with German aviators in a tit-for-tat war of feeler thrusts, was reported today to have made successful reconnaissance flights last night over western and northeastern Germany and over seaplane bases in Heligoland Bight.

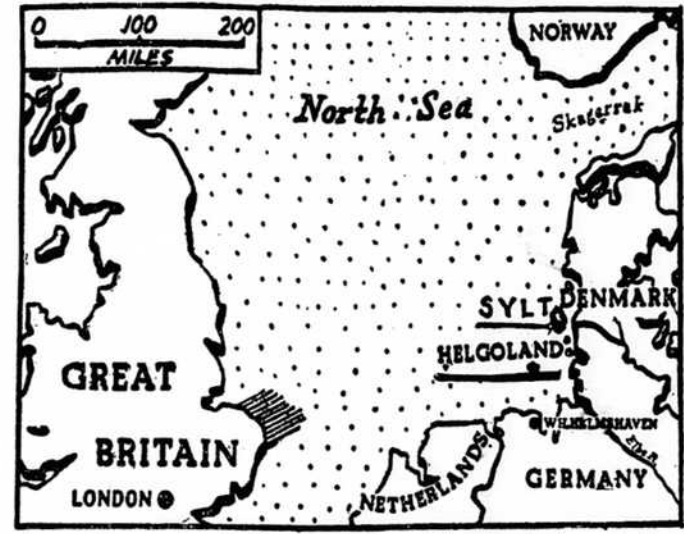
The latest operations were reported in an air ministry communique.

A German Heinkel plane fled seaward from the Workshire coast today when British planes swooped toward here. Machine gun fire was heard and there were scattered reports of considerable air activities over Yorkshire towns.

Another plane believed also to be German appeared at a great height over the Thames estuary and was challenged with anti-aircraft fire. What was described as a Heinkel bomber flew high over Suffolk coast and disappeared in a southeasterly direction when defense batteries

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### Air Fleet Raids Nazi Bases



Aroused by a series of ship disasters caused by air attacks and mines, Britain struck at German air bases with violent aerial raids on the Island of Sylt and Heligoland, shown on this map. Shaded area off British coast shows where the Nazi shipping attacks centered. (Central Press)

## May Restore Budget Cut In Benefits

Some Congressmen Not Convinced Huge Sums Asked By President Are Now Necessary For Defense of Nation.

Washington, Jan. 12.—(AP)—Sentiment in favor of diverting the \$460,000,000 asked by the administration for defense purposes to restore budget cuts in farm benefits increased today as Congress bogged down to its customary early session pace after a spirited start.

The House was expected to pass before nightfall a deficiency bill providing \$267,000,000 for the army, navy, and the anti-spy force, which President Roosevelt augmented under his September emergency proclamation.

Picking up the suggestion of Senator Adams, Democrat, Colorado, that the emergency defense item be transferred to non-military activities, Senator Lucas, Democrat, Illinois, said:

"It might be possible to cut several hundred million dollars from defense appropriations and use it for farm parity payments. That would make unnecessary any additional taxes for financing farm payments."

Senator Reed, Republican, Kansas, joined Lucas in suggesting transfer of money from defense to farm purposes. A proposed \$5,000,000 expenditure to improve the Guam harbor, he said, could be well spent for farm relief.

"I want to have an adequate defense, but I have yet to be convinced that the amount asked by the President is necessary," Reed added.

## Jap Cabinet To Quit Over U. S. Crisis

Tokyo, Jan. 12.—(AP)—Premier General Nobuyuki Abe announced today that he would resign Sunday, bearing out predictions that his government would fall if the United States failed to react favorably to Japanese proposals for reopening the lower Yangtze river to third power trade.

The entire cabinet was expected to resign and there were indications a "stop gap" cabinet would be chosen because of the inability of military and civilian factions to agree on a strong premier.

Sources close to the government, however, said that Foreign Minister Admiral Nomura might be re-appointed because of the progress he is considered to have made toward improving Japan's relations with the United States. Abe announced he would file his resignation at a special cabinet meeting Sunday morning.

## FDR Seeking Congress Aid For Finland

Washington, Jan. 12.—(AP)—President Roosevelt said today he had asked congressional leaders of both parties to work out the problem of giving assistance to Finland. The chief executive had disclosed Tuesday that he was discussing the matter of aid to Finland with the State Department.

Asked at his press conference today whether the conversations had resulted in any decisions, he replied in the negative.

He went on to say, however, that the question of providing assistance to the Finns ought not to become one of partisan politics. In other words, he said, the Russian attack on Finland, the destitution of large numbers of people and the need for maintaining Finnish independence should not be a party matter over here. He said he understood that at his suggestion congressional leaders were trying to get together to see what might be done.

But, asserting that he had not the faintest idea of specific steps that might be taken, he turned aside questions about whether aid might be extended in the form of loans or the selling of the army's surplus rifles to the Finns at a nominal sum.

## Emergency Defense Fund Passes House By Tremendous Vote

### Transport Liner Lands In the Ice

Moline, Ill., Jan. 12.—(AP)—Ten-inch ice and some dexterous piloting saved five passengers and a crew of three from possible death early today when a United Air Lines plane made a forced landing on a narrow stretch of the Rock river.

The plane, with one of its two motors disabled, slid across the ice and smashed into a concrete retaining wall on the river bank. Four passengers and the two pilots sustained only minor injuries.

The 14-passenger sleeper, enroute from New York to San Francisco, developed motor trouble about midnight while near Iowa City, Iowa.

### Long Regime Foe 'Parades' Its Leaders

New Orleans, La., Jan. 12.—(AP)—Governatorial Candidate James H. Morrison's "convict parade" on Broad Canal Street last night blocked downtown traffic for two hours and drew a Mardi Gras-like crowd of 100,000.

The greatest political throng in the history of Louisiana jammed from store front to store front, chucked, cheered and guffawed as it saw its leading State politicians caricatured in convict strips.

Morrison, 31-year-old Hammond attorney, is one of four "reform" candidates trying to smash the old regime of the late Huey P. Long in the Democratic primary next Tuesday.

Seeking to continue the administration power is Governor Earl K. Long, brother of Huey.

Many of the top lieutenants of the Long organization have been indicted in the Federal and State investigations, including former Governor Richard Leche, Seymour Weiss and Abraham Shushan.

Morrison's parade was headed by a float depicting Mayor Robert S.

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### Spain, Italy And Southeast Europe Supplying Finns

Paris, Jan. 12.—(AP)—Spain, Italy and southeastern European countries are shipping war materials to embattled Finland through France, an official spokesman said today.

"The material from these countries is considerable," he said, adding that volunteers are enroute with them to join the Finnish forces.

Observers understood the Spanish were sending the Finns German and Russian guns which opposed each other during the Spanish civil war.

The spokesman did not name the southeastern European countries, he said were rallying to Finland's aid.

## 23 Bodies Are Recovered And 68 More Feared Dead

### Hope About Gone For Safety of Men Still Entombed in West Virginia Coal Mine Shaft Following Explosion.

Bartley, W. Va., Jan. 12.—(AP)—With more than a score known dead, the Pond Creek Pocahontas Coal Corporation today virtually gave up hope for the survival of any of the 91 men trapped in Wednesday's explosion in the Bartley No. 1 mine.

Twenty-five bodies had been found and 66 still were missing, approximately 48 hours after the blast ripped through the corridors 600 feet underground. As rescue workers pressed their search for more victims, the company issued this statement: "Any one would have to say hope is all but abandoned for any of the 91 men in the explosion coming out alive."

A death toll of 91 would make the Bartley explosion the nation's worst mine disaster since 1935 were killed in 1928 at Mather, Pa. A blast that killed 361 miners at Monongah, W. Va., in 1907, holds the all-time record.

Bartley, W. Va., Jan. 12.—(AP)—Recovery of 23 bodies from the blasted Bartley No. 1 mine shattered hope today for the safety of 68 other

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### Raeferd Girl Is Killed In Crash Near to Sanford

Sanford, Jan. 12.—(AP)—Miss Virginia Davis, of Raeferd, died of a broken neck last night in a highway accident near here, in which four others persons were hurt.

State Highway Patrolman J. C. Halthcock said a light coach driven by Sergeant Johnny Cox, 25, of Fort Bragg, struck the trailer of a truck that Frank Hinsley, 28, of Jonesboro, had stopped beside the highway to repair. Halthcock said flares were placed about the truck.

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### Granville School Bus Overtaken

Oxford, Jan. 12.—(AP)—A Granville county school bus carrying three students to the Wilton school stopped of a muddy road on a curve and overturned down a ten-foot embankment today. No one was seriously hurt.

## New Plastic Inventions Aid Farmers

### Babson Calls Chemical Wonders "War Of Substitutes" And Shows How New Products Are Finding Favor.

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Babson Park, Fla., Jan. 12.—As just as guns and far-reaching uses, implications as those raging Europe and Asia is being fought in every factory in North America. It's the war of the substitutes—against silk and rayon, plastics against rubber and cotton, plastic against wood and sheet metal. So far the chemists have won one decisive victory after another. Their new nylon children, conceived in research and assembled, are now used in 2,000 ways, never dreamed of five or ten years ago.

Plastics, these new materials are called. They are a combination of chemicals, used in various compounds by the chemists. Manufacturers put these compounds into molds, dies, and the like and under heat and pressure they are formed into various designs. From the molds, for instance, comes the plastic in its final form ready for use.—telephone covers, steering wheels, radio cabinets, party gloves, buttons and thousands of other products. Or the compound may be cast into rods, sheets, or tubes. Then these are saved, m-

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## Wage-Hour Enforcement Gang Swoops Into State

Daily Dispatch Bureau. In the Sir Walter Hotel.

Raleigh, Jan. 12.—Almost on the heels of launching a completely new wage and hour law enforcement unit, Commissioner of Labor Forest Shuford today urged all concerned to cooperate with him.

The law affects the entire industrial population of our State. We encourage that our people want it enforced quickly, fairly and honestly, upon all alike, and that the best way to accomplish this is through your own State Department of Labor. He said as seventeen inspectors prepared to begin on January 15 a program of intensive inspection, which Com-

missioner Shuford believes will be far more productive in enforcement of the act than the mere investigation of complaints.

Throughout a long talk on the subject, the commissioner stressed the fact that the inspectors will be employees of North Carolina and not of the Federal government, despite the fact it is a Federal statute they will be primarily concerned with enforcing.

On the 15th the State's present forces of inspectors will be slightly more than doubled. Where there are now seven district inspectors, there

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### Mine Collapses



Cross indicates Bartley, West Virginia, where approximately eighty miners were trapped 600 feet underground by an explosion in mine No. 1 of the Pond Creek Pocahontas Coal Co. Seven bodies were removed immediately after the explosion which occurred two and a half miles from the mine entrance.

## Roumania And Yugoslavia Seek Accord

Bucharest, Roumania, Jan. 12.—(AP)—King Carol of Roumania and Regent Prince Paul of Yugoslavia were reported in official circles today to have held a secret conference two days ago in a town near the frontier. It was understood that King Carol sounded out Prince Paul on Yugoslavia's attitude toward the Italian-Hungarian offer of support of Roumania in return for a Roumanian promise of territorial revision with Hungary after the current war.

It was believed he also tried to ascertain what support Roumania could expect in her negotiations with Italy and Hungary, and also in event of Russian attack. Italy and Hungary are understood to have agreed to a defensive alliance in anticipation of a possible Russian thrust in the Balkans. Yugoslavia, it was believed, has been asked to approve the passage of Italian troops over her territory in such an event.

## Soviet Airplanes Drop Bombs Over Southern Finland

Helsinki, Jan. 12.—(AP)—Russian war planes rained over southern Finland this afternoon, interrupting Helsinki's foreign telephone connections by bombs dropped near the city. No planes were seen over Helsinki, but the capital had its first air raid alarm of 1940. Slight vibrations were felt here, and were believed due to bombs which the enemy raiders dropped on some islands about 30 miles to the south.

It was reported that Turku, port on the southwestern coast, was raided during the afternoon, but no details were available.

The renewal of Russian air raids followed a day of comparative quiet or inactivity yesterday, when a snowstorm held most of the planes at their bases. However, the Finnish army communique reported one enemy plane shot down yesterday.

## Record Crop Of Tobacco Is Marketed

Raleigh, Jan. 12.—(AP)—North Carolina farmers had sold a record 740,954,145 pounds of tobacco at an average of \$15.84 per hundred pounds through December 31, the Federal and State Departments of Agriculture reported today. In the same period in 1938, 498,415,541 pounds were sold at an average of \$22.97.

"This represents the greatest poundage ever sold on markets in this State, and is an increase of 49 percent over sales to this same date a year ago," the agricultural agencies reported.

The price average was the lowest since 1933.

Through December 31, the New Bright Belt had sold 382,211,361 pounds for \$15.96, compared with the 267,903,174 pounds sold in 1938 for \$23.15 per hundred.

## Graham Sees Prosperity For South

Raleigh, Jan. 12.—(AP)—"We are on the verge of balanced prosperity in the 13 southern states, and if fair rules are made the people of the South will come through," President Frank P. Graham, of the University of North Carolina, told North Carolina State College Extension workers today. Dr. Graham outlined the program of the Southern Governors Conference for a decade of prosperity in the South, and outlined ways he thought it could be accomplished.

Recognizing a pledge of county agents, home demonstration agents and other workers to support the ten-year campaign, Graham said: "These are the things you have been trying to bring about, and with united support we will succeed."

"When President Roosevelt called the South the 'economic problem number one,' he was not depreciating our section, but instead was appreciating the struggle of our people," Dr. Graham continued. "One of our great problems is that we are a wealth-producing region, but not a wealth-retaining region. But with the

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### Weather

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Rain tonight and Saturday; probably changing to snow flurries in the mountains; slightly colder in the mountains tonight.