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## BRITISH PLANES SWARM OVER GERMANY

### Method of Aiding the Finns Causing Congress Headaches

#### They Don't Want a Union



Employees of the Endicott-Johnson Shoe Corporation, Binghamton, N. Y., surround Charles F. Johnson, Jr., vice-president, after it was announced that a poll of workers had crushed attempts by the C. I. O. and A. F. of L. to unionize them. The vote showed 1,612 for the A. F. of L.; 1,670 for the C. I. O., and 12,993 against any unionization whatever. (Central Press)

Approach to Problem Is With More Precaution Even Than Huge Expenditures; Opposition to Defense Fund Growing.

Washington, Jan. 13.—(AP)—Congress seemed today to approach Finnish aid proposals with as much if not more precaution than is being displayed with respect to huge defense expenditures.

Fear of possible violation of American neutrality dominated the reaction in both parties to President Roosevelt's suggestion that the lawmakers work out the legislation in a spirit of non-partisanship to give the little republic financial assistance.

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

Considerable opposition to appropriating the \$1,800,000,000 which the President has recommended for defense in the next fiscal year beginning July 1, has been expressed in both houses. This attitude on the part of several legislators, has been even more emphatic with respect to the Vinson bill, which would authorize—but not actually appropriate for—another \$1,300,000,000 of naval building.

Committee action on half a dozen pending bills to authorize loans and other support for Finland will await reports on them from the State and Treasury Departments and the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. Bills so far introduced provide for a \$60,000,000 loan, refunding the Finnish debt to this country, sale of the army's new semi-automatic rifles to Finland at \$1 each, and cancelling the remainder of the republic's post World War obligation to the United States as of December 1, with retention of its December 15 payment.

### Anxious Vigil for 87 Entombed Miners



Central Press Photo

Tight-hipped wives, children, fathers and brothers wait outside blast-wrecked coal mine at Bartley, W. Va., for news of 87 miners trapped in the gas-filled depths. Earlier, four bodies had been removed from the mine.

## Major Battle Seems Imminent Between Finns and Russians

### Mine Families Resigned To Loss of Loved Ones

Bartley, W. Va., Jan. 13.—(AP)—Mine families, ever conscious of the danger of losing their loved ones, displayed little hysteria while preparing today for burial of the 92 men given up for dead in the Bartley No. 1 mine explosion. They made ready to claim the victims as rescue crews dug deeper into blast-torn corridors 600 feet underground, no longer seeking living men but the bodies of coal diggers, apparently killed in their tracks.

Thirty victims had been found, leaving 62 still in the debris-clogged rooms of the various mine entries. None of the bodies had been brought to the surface and only three were identified. Rescuers planned to move them to the foot of the shaft for identification before starting them out today. Finally breaking through to the center of the blast scene, after 38 hours of tunneling, workers yesterday found only battered bodies, and abandoned hope for miners caught farther back in the workings.

### Plane Crash Kills Four In Illinois

Casey, Ill., Jan. 13.—(AP)—Four persons were killed when their small plane plowed into a muddy cornfield and burst into flames last night. The mangled bodies, found 169 yards from the wreckage, indicated the victims met almost instant death. E. A. Lathmer, deputy Cumberland county coroner, identified three of the victims as members of a Detroit, Mich., family.

### Expense And Huge Debts Cause Worry

BY CHARLES P. STEWART  
Central Press Columnist

A financial wizard who can tell Congress how to cut down the cost of government, as a whole, without reducing any single item on its expenditures. Or, if the wizard can't do that, let him explain how it can go on spending at its present rate without running a few annual billions into the red, as it's been doing for the past decade but also without any increase in taxation.

A wizard who can solve one of the other or both of these two problems can count on a liberal reward.

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### France Has 126 Warships In Building

Paris, Jan. 13.—(AP)—France now has 126 warships under construction, Naval Minister Cesar Campinchi disclosed today.

Summing up the French navy's achievements since beginning of the war, he declared that France's sea lanes to her empire have been kept open despite the menace of German submarines and mines.

The nation's shipping losses to date, he asserted, amount to eleven vessels, totaling 53,771 tons, or approximately ten percent of the French pre-war merchant fleet.

Seven of the eleven, aggregating 46,850 tons, were sunk by submarines.

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### Weather FOR NORTH CAROLINA.

Cloudy, light rain, mist and fog tonight; rain and warmer Sunday.

WEEKLY WEATHER. South Atlantic States: Mostly fair weather during week, except rain or snow over north portion Wednesday; temperatures will be lower first half and rising near end of period.

## Bohemia And Austria Are Penetrated

### German Planes Roar Along British Coast Again And Reports Conflict of Number of Ships Shot Down on Each Side.

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 communiqué. In the west no special activity was listed.

London, Jan. 13.—(AP)—British fighters, "in the greatest wartime survey flight," 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 in a series of communiqués.

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

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

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 "intrude" a Nazi high command announcement that two Royal Air Force planes were shot down.

Sabotage Feared. At the same time, fears of sabotage were expressed as sentries fired on prowlers at Hendon air-drome, northeast London. An attempt apparently was made to cut

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## Red Bombers Again Blast Finn Cities

Helinki, 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 Russians carried out two attacks. About 30 bombs fell on Helsinki. One of the bombers was reported forced down.

The raiders took advantage of perfect weather for their purposes—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., and ending about two hours later.

At Rovaniemi, in north central Finland, radio stations broadcast warnings to civilians to be on the alert against Russian saboteurs and secret agents who drop out of the sky by parachute. At the same time extensive air raid precautions were being taken in northern Finland, following yesterday's large air raid attacks by Russian planes.

Reports indicated the bombers ranged over a wide area in the north but caused little damage.

### Denial by Martin Of Affidavit That Ford Offered Aid

Washington, Jan. 13.—(AP)—Publication of an affidavit naming Homer Martin, president of the AFL automobile union, as saying that "Ford" had promised him "financial help" brought a vigorous denial from Martin today.

The affidavit came to light yesterday in a House committee's investigation of the Labor Relations Board, Edmund M. Taland, committee counsel, said it had been placed in the board's files after hearings and been conducted in a labor board case brought at St. Louis by the United Automobile Workers of America (CIO) against the Ford Motor Company and the United Automobile Workers (AFL). The case, which is still pending, involves charges of interference with the CIO union's bargaining rights.

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## Defense Outlay Already Has Started To Expand

Washington, Jan. 13.—(AP)—A possibility developed today that "emergency" outlays for national defense, which President Roosevelt has recommended be financed by special taxes, might exceed the \$460,000,000 estimate made in the President's budget.

Chairman Vinson, Democrat, Georgia, 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 75 new warships involved as the nation's building facilities would permit.

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## Gravelly Sales Tax Stand Is First Campaign Issue

### Fourth Announced Candidate For Governor Wants Levy Repealed; Outlines 12-Plank Platform on Which to Make His Campaign.

Daily Dispatch Bureau. In the Star-Walter Hotel. By HENRY AVERILL. Jan. 13.—North Carolina gubernatorial campaign now has definite candidates and one issue: Gravelly of Rocky Mount, whose name was released at a press conference confirming the announcement of several weeks ago that he would, if living, apply for the proper time for the governor's new issue: just another sales tax question which has plagued the state from the time proposed through 1936's successful primary campaign. Gravelly, four times a member of the state senate, stressed that his issue is consistently anti-sales tax; he said it ought to be an abomination that it ought to be tossed out of the state at the very earliest possible moment; and that he believes it can "probably" be reduced to two per cent the very next time the General Assembly gets a whack at it (which will be next January).

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## Lewis Bid To Wheeler New Puzzle

Washington, Jan. 13.—(AP)—John L. Lewis created a new political puzzle today with an invitation to Senator Wheeler, Democrat, Montana, a potential candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination, to address the golden anniversary convention of the United Mine Workers at Columbus, Ohio, January 23.

Politicians recalled that the mine workers supported President Roosevelt in the 1936 election as the "greatest humanitarian of our times." They wondered whether Lewis' invitation, in which he called Wheeler "one of the most eminent of our contemporary statesmen," and asked him to speak "upon such public questions as you may consider germane," might mean that the CIO chief would back the westerner this year.

Not all of the speculation was along this line, however. There was talk in the capital also that the invitation might be intended to express dissatisfaction with the recent policies of the Roosevelt administration. Lewis has been critical lately of some New Deal policies, including the reduction of relief outlays.

## One Dead In Crash of Two Navy Planes

San Diego, Cal., 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.

The five other aviators in the collision were reported safe, but one official said only four had shown up, and one was still missing. 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.

The torpedo bombing planes, carrying three men each, were circling over barren Borego valley, 87 miles northeast of here, in regular formation, when shifting currents, the survivors said, brought them too close together.

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## Neutral Zone To Be Made Much Tighter

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 de Janeiro.

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## Big Gains In Beef Imports Arouse Foes

Washington, Jan. 13.—(AP)—Customs officials reported a 44 percent increase in the first eleven months of the year over the first eleven months of 1938. The increase was reported in a report provided fresh to the House today.

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