

AIR RAIDS ON FINNS PRESSED BY SOVIET

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Schoenfeld Reports on Escape of New Helsinki Legation

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 15—Official confirmation was received by the State Department today from H. F. Arthur Schoenfeld, American Minister to Finland, that Russian bombs had damaged yesterday a villa outside Helsinki that he and two secretaries had occupied until a week ago.

He also reported that on Saturday several bombs fell within 250 yards of the new \$300,000 American Legation Building in Helsinki that has just been completed but is not yet occupied by the legation staff. However, Frederick Larkin, chief of the Foreign Service Buildings Office of the State Department, and B. B. Montell, department su-

pervisor of construction, were at work in the building at the time. Some civilians were killed in the attack.

The villa was occupied by the Minister until Jan. 7, when he moved to Grankulla. Mr. Schoenfeld said "no military objective is known to be in the immediate vicinity of the villa". Eight or more Soviet planes, he reported, flying in a southerly course at an altitude of about 3,000 feet and below the clouds, dropped not fewer than twenty incendiary and explosive bombs of varying size and apparently closely grouped over the villa.

"One small incendiary bomb," he said, "passed through the roof of the villa and entered the living room, destroying furniture, but the fire was extinguished by a watchman, while numerous holes in various parts of the house were caused by splinters from three large bombs, which exploded within twenty-five yards of the villa. I counted sixteen craters of large and small diameters within 100 yards of the house."

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WHEN SOVIET FLIERS 'VISITED' U. S. ENVOY IN FINLAND

Crater made by Russian bomb that fell near residence of H. F. Arthur Schoenfeld, who is seen examining the hole. Windows in the house were shattered by the explosion.

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