

# U. S. Saberjets Outnumbered 4 to 1 in Korea Area Battle

By MURRAY FROMSON  
KUNSAN, Korea (U.S. Sabre jet pilots, who turned the cold war hot for a few minutes Tuesday said Thursday the Chinese Communist MIG force from which the attackers came, outnumbered them four to one.  
They said there were at least 32 MIGs in the force. From 12 to 17

MIGs attacked the 8 Sabres off the West Coast of North Korea while the rest of the Chinese Reds flew high cover.  
The Air Force said the MIGs attacked the Sabres on a patrol flight. It reported the Sabres knocked down two MIGs, probably bagged two more, and returned to base without a scratch.

In Tokyo, Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, U. S. Far East commander, ordered a strong protest laid before the Military Armistice Commission against "the hostile and illegal attack."

In Peiping, the official Chinese People's Daily asserted U. S. Sabres invaded China's territorial air. It called this "part of the criminal plan of U. S. aggression to prevent the liberation of Taiwan (Formosa) by intimidating the Chinese people."

**Over No Red Isles**  
Lt. Col. Robert E. Dawson, Dayton, Ohio, squadron commander, told a news conference the Sabres never were closer than 25 miles to Chinese territory and flew over no Red islands, as Peiping charged.

"It was impossible for us to make a hostile act toward them," he said. "They were above us. But if they're going to come down and shoot at us and think it's for fun, they're just plain crazy."

Capt. Robert J. Fulton, Bernardsville, N. J., and Lt. Burt C. Phythyon, Wadsworth, Ohio, were credited with positive kills. Lt. James E. McInerney Jr., Garden City, Long Island, had a probable.

Dawson said Lt. Robert M. Donahue, Montgomery, Ala., also was credited belatedly with a probable. Donahue ran out of ammunition, lost radio contact, and landed at a different base.

Fulton, Phythyon and McInerney told the news conference about their encounters.

**Making Pass**  
Fulton said he saw a MIG making a threatening pass at lead elements headed by Dawson.

"I started boring on him (the MIG) and he made a descending left turn," Fulton related. "I fired and noticed explosions on his wings and on his tail. A large part of the tail came off and came close to hitting my aircraft."

Phythyon said his wingman warned him by radio there was a MIG above him.

"I got in behind him and hit him in the tail," he said. "He began trailing white smoke and pieces of the plane were falling off. I saw the pilot come tumbling out of the aircraft."

McInerney said of the MIG he shot up:  
"They overshoot us and I chased him for five minutes. I hit him with three different bursts and he started to smoke. I shot up his tail bringing blue smoke. He was on fire."

## Shows Off New Baby



LOS ANGELES — Actress Madge Meredith, the wife of Dr. Charles S. Corley, holds her day-old baby, Christina, at Good Samaritan hospital Los Angeles as she tells friends of the arrival. Miss Meredith, who served two years and two months in prison on a charge of conspiring to kidnap and beat a man before Gov. Earl Warren commuted the sentence to time served, has been active in television recently. (AP Wirephoto).

## Salem Youth Credited With Finding Kaser Murder Gun

(Story also on Page 1)  
The alert eyes of a 12-year-old Salem boy are responsible for discovering a vital piece of evidence in the most baffling murder case to confront state and Marion County authorities in years.

When Ervin Kaser was shot to death near Silverton on the night of Feb. 17 by an unknown assailant, a big obstacle in the path of officers from the start was the lack of a murder weapon.

And last Sunday, three months after the shooting, Larry Wacker, 853 Gaines St., found a rifle in the Pudding River east of Salem. Thursday District Attorney Kenneth Brown identified it as the murder weapon.

Because of this and other evidence Brown will ask a Marion County Grand jury Monday to indict Casper A. (Cap) Oveross in the case. A previous grand jury refused to indict Oveross on a murder charge shortly after the shooting.

Oveross, a part-time Silverton carpenter and farmer, was born near Rocky Four Corners on Abiqua Creek north of Silverton and has lived in the Silverton area all his life. He is now visiting relatives in Northern California.

**Lived in Evergreen**  
He and his wife, Ethel, lived for 20 years in the Evergreen community about a quarter mile from the scene of the killing, before they were divorced last fall.

Police indicated that Oveross blamed Kaser, himself separated from his wife, for the split up of his family. Mrs. Oveross is a twin sister of Mrs. Harvey Kaser, whose husband is a brother of the slain man.

Oveross is generally well-liked by his townsmen and neighbors and exhibited few traits that drew attention to him.

His arrest touched off quite a legal battle between his attorney Bruce Williams of Salem and District Attorney Brown. Oveross appeared in Marion County District Court on Feb. 23 and was granted a preliminary hearing for the following Wednesday.

**Protest Fled**  
But before that could come off the grand jury was called. Williams protested strongly on the early grand jury hearing and said it deprived his client of a preliminary hearing. Brown said he was only trying to speed up justice. District Judge E. O. Stadler Jr., ruled in favor of Brown.

Since Oveross' release, the investigation has continued. Several persons, considered close to circumstances surrounding the murder, have submitted to lie-detector tests.

It is anybody's guess as to what the grand jury will do Monday when it meets to consider the evidence. But it refuses to indict, the chances are good that police files on the investigation will continue to grow.

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