

Napalm Attack Burns Supplies In Hidden Base

'Looked Like Hell,' Jet Pilot Asserts

SEOUL, Korea — (AP) — American jet pilots turned a huge camouflaged Red supply base into blazing ruins Tuesday in the most intense attack of the Korean war with flaming gasoline.

Flames spread over a four square mile area of the supply depot.

"IT LOOKED like hell itself," said some of the pilots, who flew a total of 250 sorties in waves. Swarms of Red jets streaked down from Manchuria to try to protect the base near Sinmak, 30 miles northwest of the truce village, Panmunjom.

U.S. Sabre jet pilots shot down three MIGs in air battles, probably destroyed another and damaged five.

That blasted Red planes downed or damaged to 10 in two days. The Air Force reported seven MIGs downed and three damaged Monday. U.S. losses, if any, are reported only weekly.

F-80 Shooting Stars attacked the western supply depot, camouflaged so it "looked like an innocent farming village." Pilots said they could see it was a fake. Then they let loose.

THEY POURED 33,300 gallons of searing napalm jellied gasoline on the area, blasted it with 300,000 pounds of explosives, and raked it with 45,000 machinegun bullets.

They attacked through a curtain of antiaircraft fire. The Shooting Stars unloaded their bombs, roared back to base and came back with new loads.

Pilots said they demolished at least 32 Red antiaircraft positions but lost count of the number of installations and Red troops destroyed.

The U. S. Fifth Air Force said they still were attacking the flaming area at nightfall. The entire Eighth Fighter-Bomber Wing aided in the record strike. Lt. Col. Levi R. Chase of Courtland, N. Y., said every officer and man in the outfit was loading or flying.

Majors and colonels were on the air strip helping load the jets with napalm, bombs and bullets, and refueling them for renewed attacks.

"THERE ISN'T much of anything left of that place," one pilot said.

When the jets first flew over the base, they saw "stacks of boxes covered with straw roofs," said Capt. Van J. Kraft of Altadena, Calif. "They had no sides and the supplies were plainly visible as we went in."

There were many close calls as the F-80s pushed their attack through heavy flak.

The engine conked out a 1000 feet on the jet flown by Lt. William R. Chapin of Los Angeles. He said:

"I WAS about ready to give up when I got down to 500 feet—too late to jump.

"Then I looked down at all of those flames shooting up and it looked like hell itself. I think it was sheer will power that made my engine start, but, thank God, it did."



LUCKY THIRTEENTH—Second Lieut. Karl K. Jacobson, Williams, Ariz., stands in a three-foot hole in the wing of his Thunderjet made by a 20mm shell while he was on his thirteenth mission over North Korea. Jacobson, with 49th Bomber Group, was hit while making a bombing run over a rail line. When he returned to base in South Korea, 84 other holes were found in his plane.

Disturbed Girls Blame Fumes For Hose Runs

NEW YORK — (AP) — Big scale stocking troubles beset women shoppers Monday in the neighborhood of Pennsylvania Station—their nylons disintegrated before their eyes.

There was no unusual smell in the air, but it may have been the atmosphere that caused the trouble.

About a fourth of the women passing one street corner had holes and runs in their hose.

"It's terrible," complained one stenographer, "about 20 girls in the office here have 10 or 12 runs each. They all started after we went out to lunch. The girls that didn't go out to lunch don't have any runs."

About a fourth of the 1000 well-dressed women attending the International Beauty Show at the Statler Hotel were astounded to find runs and holes in their hose.

The city's Smoke Control Board said Monday was a bad day for fumes in the city, because there was little wind and a lowering atmosphere to keep city odors close to the ground.

Atmospheric attacks on nylons have been reported in other cities where heavy concentrations of sulphuric fumes collected.

Rioting Kills 11 in Africa

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — (AP) — Eleven persons have been killed and nearly 200 injured in two days of rioting which has terrorized the native township of Newclare in the Johannesburg area, police said Monday.

Gangs of thugs roamed the township all day Sunday. Native vigilantes fought them. Sunday night thousands of native families barricaded themselves, terrorized, in their darkened shacks praying that the thugs would pass them by.

It was believed the outbreak was a sequel to riots which started Christmas Day and caused the death of 37 persons and injuries to 600. There have been minor clashes since then between rival tribal factions.

South Africa Riots Point Up Problem

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The Union of South Africa—an area not quite three times the size of Montana—is the world's richest gold and diamond country with one of the world's worst social programs.

The difficulty was pointed up again this week in the native rioting at Johannesburg.

RAMPAGING gangs of blanket-clad Basuto tribesmen ranged through the native township of Newclare, attacking with sticks, stones and knives, killing and looting.

Thirty-seven persons were killed and 600 injured in similar riots which started last Christmas Day.

The Union of South Africa, a country of two languages among its white population and of many dialects, traces its social difficulties to the differences between its three main population groups—European white, native African and Indian.

The 2,000,000 Europeans are in control of some 9,000,000 Negroes and about 250,000 Indians, and frankly intend to stay that way.

Only whites of European descent may serve in the country's parliament, the others having only strictly advisory representatives.

Strict segregation laws have brought bitter protests from both India and Pakistan which have charged that Indians in the South African Union are subject to the worst kind of "Jim Crowism."

Riots have been frequent. Indians and Zulus clashed in Durban in January, 1949, and more than 100 were killed and nearly 1200 injured.

The Capetown riot was a direct result of the white supremacy policy followed by the Nationalist government of Dr. Daniel Malan.

THE MALAN government

Air Force Alters Defense Plans

New Identification Safeguard Tested

HAMILTON FIELD, Calif.—(AP) —The Air Force is testing a radical new aircraft identification system which appears to be capable of tightening air defenses.

The 28th Air Division, a defense unit, is pioneering the new system in the Northern California coastal area and, if it works as well as indicated, it will be adopted as a safeguard of all the nation's frontiers.

THE NEW system is different than old procedures, in that responsibility for identifying a plane is placed on the inbound pilot. Previously the Air Force did the identifying.

This permits maximum concentration on detection and identification of possibly unfriendly aircraft by radar and radio.

"Operation Porpoise," as the testing project is called, started Monday with planes leaving Hamilton on flights by scheduled airlines, Air Force and Navy units.

Here is how the system works, according to Lt. Col. A. T. House, director of operations for the air division, who developed the idea:

TO PROCEED unchallenged by jet interceptors, an aircraft must travel through an assigned corridor, give a specified code word and execute a prescribed maneuver.

Failure of incoming pilots and planes to conform to any one requirement, or all three, can be detected immediately by radar. Fighters then would take off to intercept.

A hostile plane, or group, to penetrate defenses undetected, would have to guess correctly the corridor number, the specific code word and the precise maneuver.

After a plane passes through the system it is relieved from further identification responsibilities.

Mayoral Prospect Quits Race in Portland

PORTLAND — (AP) — W. T. Searley Jr. withdrew his name Monday from the list of candidates for mayor of Portland.

Searley's action reduced the number of candidates to seven, including incumbent Dorothy McCullough Lee, Fred L. Peterson, J. E. Bennett, Lew Wallace, Arnold Lillie, Maurice Willinger and Rue V. Kerley.

Deadline for withdrawal is 5 p.m. Monday.

'A Few Slimy, Filthy Votes'

Senators Trade Volleys

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WASHINGTON — (AP) — Enlivening the political war of words, Senators Taft of Ohio and Connally of Texas traded sharp verbal volleys Monday from a shooting distance of about 1200 miles.

Taft, a candidate for the Republican presidential nomination, fired first from Houston, in Connally's home state.

In a campaign speech, the Ohioan ripped the administration's handling of foreign policy and said Connally had declared a month before the Korean War started that "we wouldn't do anything about it if the Communists moved into South Korea."

CONNALLY, a Democrat running for re-election to the Senate, promptly let fly with an answering barrage from the Senate floor. Taft then declined to return the fire, saying he had no comment on Connally's Senate speech.

The tall Texan accused Taft of being a "chameleon senator," willing to "subordinate his integrity and his truthfulness in order to grasp a few slimy, filthy votes."

Connally, shouting angrily and waving his arms, said Taft had charged that the Truman administration "invited the Communists into Korea," with "an assist" from Connally as chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Connally's blast kept his Senate colleagues late for dinner by touching off a lengthy and stormy debate. Democrats came to Connally's defense and Republicans lit into the Texan.

Coming on the eve of today's presidential primary in New Hampshire, the exchange took on added interest.

TAFT is entered in that contest—a front-runner along with Gen. Eisenhower on the Republican ticket.

In Houston, Taft's mention of Connally's name brought scattered boos.

And there was laughter and applause when Taft tore into Connally on the foreign policy issue. The Ohioan said the Communists had taken Connally and Secretary of State Acheson "at their word and moved in" to South Korea. Taft said both Connally and Acheson had declared in advance that the United States would let them.

Connally roared back that Taft's remarks were "outrageous, preposterous and untrue."

The Texan added that instead of "inviting" the North Korean Communists to move in, the army helped train the South Korean army for defense against aggression.

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