

Jets Damage 2 Red Planes

Van Fleet Marks Birthday With Son

SEOUL, Korea—(AP)—Outnumbered American Sabre pilots damaged two Red MIG-15s Wednesday in a jet battle fought above the clouds of Northwest Korea.

Eighteen Sabres fought 38 MIGs in a 15-minute afternoon battle that ranged from seven to 2½ miles above the ground.

Shooting Star jet pilots reported they started landings with their 1,000 pound bombs, burying large sections of Red railway tracks under tons of dirt.

Rain storms grounded the planes during the morning and soaked the quiet battlefield.

BUT IT WAS a bright day for Gen. James A. Van Fleet, U. S. Eighth Army commander. He celebrated his 60th birthday with his son, and Air Force lieutenant he had not seen for 15 months.

James Jr., arrived in Korea Friday. He flew to 8th Army headquarters at Seoul in one of the 30 all-weather planes to take the air this morning. He begins flying combat missions as pilot of a B-26 bomber next week.

General Van Fleet told visiting newsmen that Red infantrymen could break through the United Nations lines if they wanted to pay the price in casualties—but the Allies would pinch off any such thrust. Then, he said, the Allies would follow up with a counter-offensive of their own.

THE BATTLESHIP Wisconsin and two American destroyers stood off the eastern end of the 155-mile battle line Tuesday and hammered Red troops around the clock.

The Navy reported the Wisconsin's 16-inch guns destroyed Red bunkers, ripped trenches, blasted artillery batteries and wrecked a boat yard. The destroyers Duncan and Higbee also scored with direct hits.

'Terrible Mistake' In Primary Vote

ST. PAUL, Minn.—(AP)—"I've got to have my ballot back," the woman insisted. "I've made a terrible mistake."

Election judges in the Minnesota presidential primary told her it couldn't be done.

"Oh my," she muttered on her way out. "I just voted for myself for president."



MEET THE HOOFING TEAM of Durante, Truman and Jackson. The President's daughter finds little time for warbling as Jimmy "Schnozzle" Durante (left) and his veteran partner, Eddie Jackson, go into one of their zany routines during a practice session in Los Angeles for the trio's forthcoming television show.

Marine Reserve Group Formed

A new Marine Reserve outfit has been organized in Eugene to fill the void created a year and a half ago when Battery B, 4th 105mm Howitzer Bn., went to war.

The new unit is the 2nd 155 Gun Battery, commanded by Maj. Fene M. Williams of 1310 W. 5th Ave., Eugene. He is a veteran of 10 years' service with the corps during World War II and the Korean conflict. Prior to recall in August, 1950, he was a member of the Salem reserve unit.

The first meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. Friday in the training center at 1520 W. 13th Ave. The unit is open to veterans—it is expected many from Battery B will participate—and to those 17 and over without prior service. The Friday meeting will be devoted to organizational matters. All interested persons are invited.

Oregon Building Activity Booms in February

PORTLAND — (AP)—Building activity in Oregon during February spurted upward with a 51 per cent increase over January figures, according to the Equitable Savings and Loan Assn. here.

Highest rates of increase for the month were reported in St. Helens, Pendleton, Corvallis, La Grande, Albany, Klamath Falls, The Dalles and Medford, in that order.

'Mr. President' Subject To Regular Tax Rates

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The Internal Revenue Bureau said Tuesday royalties on the book "Mr. President" will be taxed at regular income tax rates.

The book, by William Hillman, was released Tuesday. It contains here to fore unpublished notes, letters and diary entries supplied by President Truman.

South Koreans Get Vaccine

U.N. Tries to Prevent Spread of Epidemics

WASHINGTON — (AP)—The United Nations has adopted stern measures to prevent the deadly epidemics sweeping the Communist forces from hitting South Korea, it was revealed Wednesday.

UN medical teams are working at top speed to inoculate South Korean civilians and thousands of refugees against cholera, typhus, smallpox and other diseases.

So far, officials said, they have prevented serious outbreaks. The situation is far grimmer behind the Communist lines.

Secret reports reaching the Allies indicate the Chinese and North Korean Reds have been hit hard by cholera, typhus, and even the dreaded bubonic plague which killed millions during the Middle Ages.

The epidemics have been so serious that Communist leaders have tried to shift the blame by charging the Allies with waging germ warfare.

Officials said 67 per cent of the South Korean population has been immunized against typhus, 67 per cent against typhoid, and 70 per cent against smallpox. Nearly 2,000,000 persons have been inoculated against cholera and about 15,000,000 dusted with DDT.

In addition, millions of Koreans have been treated for diseases or injuries. Medical units cared for about 700,000 cases a month.

WSB Drafts Plan For Steelworkers

WASHINGTON — (AP)—A high government official said Wednesday he is "very much afraid" there will be a nationwide steel strike.

The official, who asked that he not be named, said the government's top mobilization echelons, including the White House, are "determined" to hold the price line at all costs. That means the steel industry cannot get the price boosts it says it must have to grant a wage increase.

THE DISCLOSURE came as the Wage Stabilization Board promised to remain in session through the night if necessary to draft recommendations for settling the contract battle between the powerful CIO United Steelworkers and the industry.

The recommendations will not be binding on either side. Steel company officials have hinted strongly they will reject the proposals if they fail to pry from the government a much bigger boost than the \$2, or so a ton permitted by the so-called Capehart formula.

At the same time, the union has warned that it will strike unless a "satisfactory" agreement is reached by midnight Sunday. However, it meets Thursday to consider the government's request for a third postponement of the deadline, this time until April 8.

The union wants an 18½ cents

Shipping Leader Dies

LOS ANGELES—(AP)—Funeral services will be held Thursday for Hady R. Devol, 52, World War II head of the War Shipping Administration, it was announced Wednesday.

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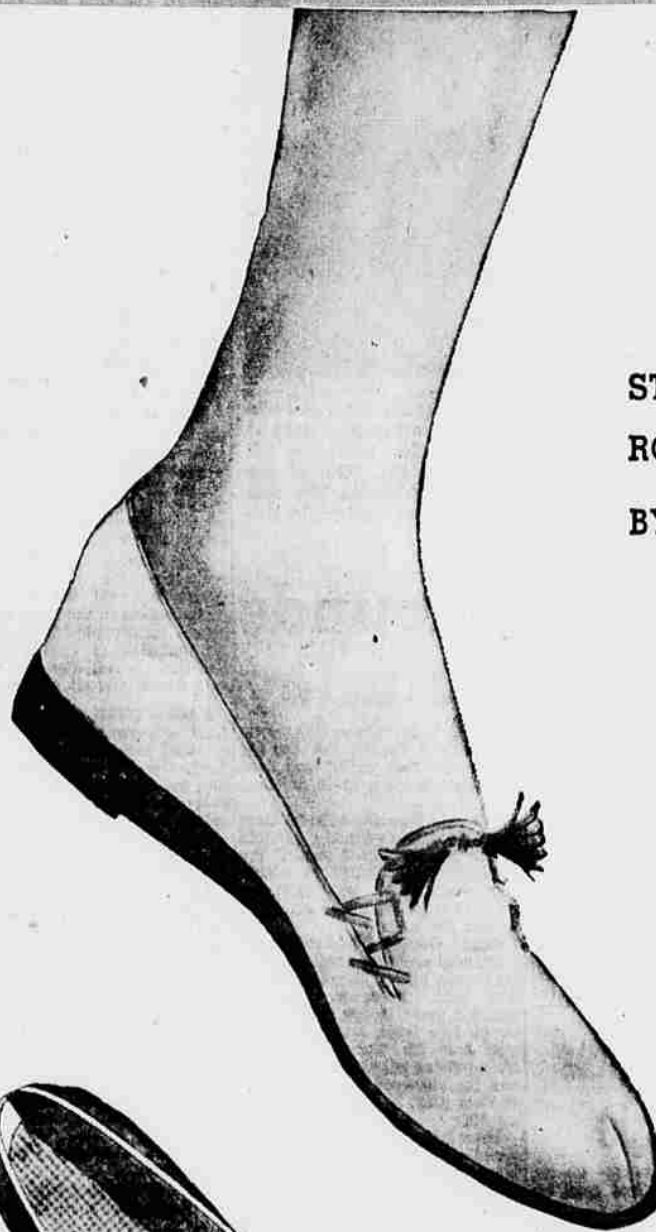
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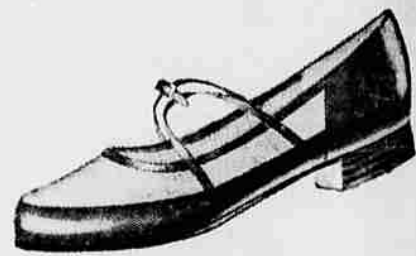


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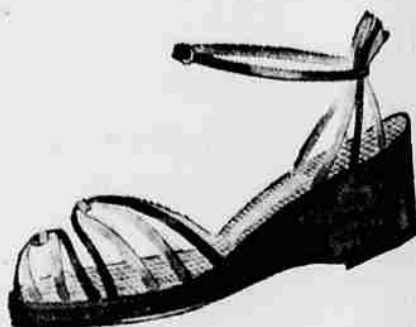
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