

First Jet Ace Given Relief From Combat

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5th Air Force Headquarters, Korea, May 21. (U)—Capt. James Jabara, who shot down his fifth and sixth communist jet planes yesterday to become history's first jet fighter ace, was taken out of combat today.

The Wichita, Kan., flier was assigned to an air base in Japan as an instructor in jet aerial combat tactics.

He made the 700-mile flight from Korea in a Sabrejet today. Altogether three Russian-built Mig-15s were shot down in the dogfight yesterday between 28 Sabrejets in two sections and 50 enemy jets over Sinuiju. Another Mig was probably destroyed and five were damaged. All the Sabrejets returned safely to base.

Battle Described
Jabara, in describing yesterday's battle, said: "I was in the second flight and jumped three Migs at 35,000 feet. I picked out the last man and bore straight in. I fired two bursts which ripped up the fuselage and left wing. The pilot bailed out. Just as he jumped, the Mig disintegrated into a thousand pieces of flaming debris." Jabara climbed back to 20,000 feet where he immediately ran in to six more Migs.

"I closed in and fired two bursts into one of them, scoring heavily both times," he said. "After my first volley he began to smoke, then began to belch flames as my second burst caught him square in the middle. He fell into an uncontrolled spin and all I could see of him was a whirl of fire. I had to break off then because there was a Mig on my tail."

World War Ace
Jabara was also an ace in World War II. He piloted a propeller-driven P-51 Mustang against the Germans and was credited with 9½ enemy planes destroyed. He has twice been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

A pilot is rated an "ace" after he destroys five enemy planes. The battle started when a flight of 14 Sabrejets led by Lt. Col. Bruce Hinton of Stockton, Calif., challenged the large enemy formation 25 miles southeast of Sinuiju, just across the Yalu river from Manchuria.

A few minutes later the second group of F-86s led by Maj. Benjamin H. Emmert, Jr., of Phoenix, Ariz., arrived and joined the battle. In the series of wild dog fights that followed, Jabara got his two and Capt. Milton Nelson of Tarrant, Ala., got one. The Mig probably destroyed was claimed by Lt. Ralph D. Gibson of Mt. Carmel, Ill.

It was the biggest score for American fighters since April 22 when four Mig-15s were destroyed and four damaged. It brought the 5th Air forces total score against the red jets in air to air combat to 49 destroyed, 12 probably destroyed and 124 damaged.

The destructive pest known as the peach tree borer is a native to North America; the peach itself is not but was introduced by early colonists.



FRIEND OF THE BRIDE—An extraordinary guest at the wedding of Ada Teague and Jim Tubb, above, at the Palmer village church near Brighton, England, was "Vee-Vee," a cow. "Vee-Vee," a very special pet of the bride's, was elegantly dressed in a large white satin collar and bow. After the ceremony, she went along with other guests to Ada's cottage for the reception.

KENNEDY ELECTED
Grants Pass, May 21. (U)—James W. Kennedy, Eugene, is the new state deputy of the Oregon Council of Knights of Columbus and Salem will be the site for the organization's 1952 convention.

The Knights of Columbus concluded their three day annual convention here yesterday with a resolution opposing atheistic communism "and other isms of this nature." Delegates also voted to hold a state-wide "Catholic day" in July 8 at Champeog state park in Marion county.

YO-YO FINALS HELD
Prineville, May 21. — Finals in a yo-yo contest staged here under sponsorship of the Eagles lodge, with M. W. (Doc) Rarey in charge, elevated Dale Shumway as championship twirler of the wooden discs. Other winners were Raymond Walter, second; Bobby Davis, third; and Jerry Martin, fourth.

Administration Has Reversed Itself on Formosa, Revealed

By Lyle C. Wilson
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Washington, May 21. (U)—The dispute which put it in President Truman's mind to fire Gen. Douglas MacArthur has been identified, but this capital still is a bit baffled about when it all began.

The president told his news conference last Thursday that he first thought of firing the general a year or more ago. That sent reporters to the files where it appeared that the only source of friction so long ago must have been Formosa—although only insiders would have been aware of it then.

However the discharge project may have developed, Mr. Truman's statement that he began to get his sights on MacArthur in the spring of 1950 promised to fire the senate MacArthur investigation with new fury.

Error Claimed
But on Friday the White House announced the news conference statement had been in error. The president's troubles with MacArthur began, not last spring, but in August, 1950, when MacArthur revealed publicly his disagreement with administration Formosa policies. That is how Press secretary Joseph Short stated the situation on Friday.

However that may be, it appears true that MacArthur and the administration were at odds on Formosa long before last August.

They did not publicly dispute Formosa until the last week of August, 1950. Mr. Truman then ordered suppressed a MacArthur message to the Veterans of Foreign Wars denouncing abandonment of Formosa as supremely dangerous to the safety and welfare of the United States. MacArthur complied, but his statement still was published.

An incident of last August would not explain Mr. Truman's thoughts of the previous spring that MacArthur should be fired. But the general has revealed that his bold anti-administration arguments for making a defense bastion of Formosa were well known to the Pentagon long before August.

Mr. Truman doubtless knew how MacArthur stood on the subject because it had been for months an issue of hot partisan dispute here at home.

Policy Involved
Republicans were demanding aid for Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek who had been driven from the Chinese mainland with his armies to refuge on Formosa. The republicans angrily insisted that our own safety was bound up with that of the Chinese nationalists

and, more especially, with the future of Formosa. Perhaps Mr. Truman thought MacArthur was giving the republicans comforting, secret encouragement to continue pounding the issue.

Mr. Truman's willingness to let Formosa go to the Chinese nationalists was definitely revealed to all state department missions abroad in a December, 1949, secret instruction which had the misfortune to get itself published on Jan. 3, 1950. A United Press dispatch from Tokyo then reported receipt of the circular and that it instructed all hands to condition the public to loss of Formosa with explanations that the island was of no great consequence to this country.

Acheson Involved
Secretary of State Dean Acheson told his news conference on Jan. 5 that he would keep "hands off" Formosa; provide no military aid. Chiang could buy all the munitions he needed, Acheson said, but no one could give the Chinese nationalist armies the "will to resist."

On Jan. 10 Sen. Robert A. Taft, R., O., charged that state department "left wingers" controlled our China policy and conspired to ruin Chiang. Mr. Truman told his news conference two days later that the decision not to take over Formosa was final. It would appear that MacArthur at about the same time was bombarding the Pentagon with arguments of Formosa's worth to us.

Two days after the Korean war began June 25, 1950, Mr. Truman assigned air and naval forces to "police action" there. He gave the navy special responsibility to protect Formosa. But he still was insisting Aug. 31 after publication of MacArthur's Formosa statement that the fleet would be withdrawn when the war ended.

Quick to Anger
News conference questions always have gotten a quick and often sharp rise from Mr. Truman. After his Wake Island conference with MacArthur last October, Mr. Truman was asked whether they had or had not settled their Formosa dispute. He became angry.

He snapped back that it would be good for the soul of the questioner if he understood that MacArthur was loyal to the government, the president and his policies. The president hoped—or wished—that some newspapers were as loyal. The Formosa question was settled several weeks ago, he added.

The president was mistaken about that. Only last week was it settled with the statement of Defense secretary George C. Marshall in MacArthur investigation testimony. Marshall said the administration position now is that Formosa must never be allowed to fall to the communists—which is just about what MacArthur had been shooting for.

GOES TO GRANDVIEW
Prineville, May 21. — Dale McKenzie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil McKenzie, local pioneers, has left for Grandview, Wash., in the Yakima valley, to establish a law office. McKenzie, graduate of the University of Oregon law school in 1950, was associated following his graduation with Mayor Ralph J. Brown at the Central Oregon Title & Loan Co.

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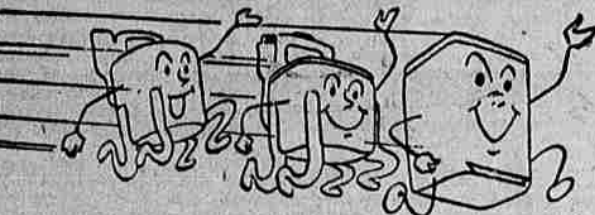
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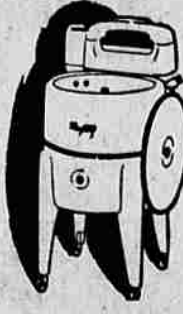
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