

Vessels Collide in New York Harbor; 113 Passengers Removed

Six Russian-Type Planes Shot Down By American Pilots

U.S. Refugees Report Airlift Interference

Itazuke Air Base, Japan, June 27.—(U.P.)—American refugees said today that United States fighter pilots shot down at least six Russian-type North Korean planes in dogfights when the communists attempted to interfere with the American evacuation airlift.

They said the dogfights ranged over Kimpo and Suwon airfields, within 20 miles of Seoul, as U. S. F-80 and F-82 jet fighters fought off slower moving Soviet-made Yak fighters and other Soviet-type planes.

The refugees flew out of Korea in C-54 four-engine transports while their fighter cover battled enemy planes and the transports braved "intense" ground fire.

The refugees said the circling American fighters protected the transports "perfectly," furnishing medium and high altitude screens around the fields.

Refused From Firing Until Forced to Do So

All agreed that the American planes refrained from firing at the north Koreans until forced to do so.

North Korean fliers made several attempts to strafe the field, they said, but each attempt was driven off.

The refugee planes roared into Itazuke air base at intervals, bringing an average of 30 passengers on each trip.

They said several members of an American geological survey team who were on field trips at the time the invasion started still were missing.

Details Held Up

The refugees were among the first of approximately 1,950 Americans and other foreign nationals scheduled to be evacuated from south Korea, details contained in their stories were held up by censorship.

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Meantime, the United States ship Pioneer Duke sailed into the port of Fukuoka with 102 refugees who hurriedly boarded the vessel in Fusan, Korea, at 6:30 a.m. today (4:30 p.m. EDT yesterday).

Necessities Supplied

Most of the refugees were women and children who left so hurriedly they did not bother to pack soap, tooth-paste and towels. The Red Cross provided these necessities on arrival.

Army officials said four or five families of American missionaries were believed to have been trapped in Kaesong City when it fell to the invaders Sunday.

Home Economics, Lamb Show Opens

The 4-H club home economics and spring lamb show opened to the public this morning and a continuous program of home economics contests and demonstrations, together with exhibits of fat lambs, was scheduled throughout the day, continuing tomorrow.

Judging of the lamb entries was to have begun this morning with contests in that part of the show slated for tomorrow. At 9:30 a. m. Wednesday lamb showmanship competition is set and there will be a sheep shearing contest starting at 1 p. m.

Home economics contests and demonstrations resume Wednesday at 9 a. m. The annual 4-H review, in which young 4-H dressmakers model dresses they have made themselves, will feature the program tomorrow evening. It begins at 7:30 p. m. At that time there will also be a presentation of special awards and a sale of fat lamb entries.

Berkeley, Cal., June 27.—(U.P.)—A moderate earthquake centering about 7200 miles from the Pearl Harbor commissary last night, causing damage estimated at \$1,500,000.

Ashland Plans Celebrity Invasion for 10th Festival

Ashland, June 27.—If present plans for the 10th annual Shakespearean festival come true, this city will be one of the greatest celebrity towns in the United States during August, it was revealed today by Gene Malecki, publicity director for the festival.

More than 100 outstanding celebrities of the theater and motion picture worlds are being mailed gill-engraved invitations to attend the festival, August 2 to 24, Malecki said. They include such world-renowned names as Maurice Evans, America's greatest interpreter of Shakespeare; Katherine Cornell, Charles Laughton and his wife, Elsa Lanchester; Alfred Lunt and Lynn Fontanne; J. Arthur Rank, the British movie magnate; and Darryl Zanuck and C. B. DeMille, of Hollywood.

American Military Wheels Start Turning in Far East

Tokyo, Wednesday, June 28.—(U.P.)—American Far-East air force planes prepared to take off at dawn today with live bombs and ammunition to carry out President Truman's order to support South Korea in its fight against aggression.

U. S. crews were alerted, planes were warmed up, and pilots were briefed in ready rooms throughout Japan, where the air force has every type of war plane up to B-29's.

The precise number of planes readied for action in Korea was a military secret. But a vast number of the latest American jets were seen in the air here recently, insuring a tremendous striking power.

Fleet Near Okinawa

The U. S. seventh fleet, which will protect Formosa against communist aggression, last was reported south of Okinawa. It sailed from Hong Kong last week-end after air demonstrations in that area by navy Panthers from the navy's first carrier aboard the Valley Forge.

The planes were expected to

hit the beachheads the North Korean forces now hold in South Korea. The navy was believed likely to see some action in that connection, too.

Mr. Truman's orders, as they apparently were understood here, give a wide latitude to Gen. Douglas MacArthur and the naval and air force under him.

In Nick of Time

Late word from Korea indicated that American help came in the nick of time.

The communist vanguard

which had been hurled back a dozen miles from Seoul was reported to have returned to the immediate environs of the city.

B. Y. Kim, assistant manager of the Chosen Hotel, the biggest in Seoul, said early today in a telephone talk to Tokyo that the North Korean forces repulsed by a South Korean counter-attack, had returned Tuesday evening.

Occasional Shots

Small arms fire was exchanged in the edge of the city in the early part of the night, he said, but only occasional shots were heard early this morning.

President Syngman Rhee broadcast to the South Korean people the word of the American aid, and called on them to crush the invaders as an appropriate response to the help.

Kim said hostilities were expected to be renewed at dawn. He was unable to say just how strong a communist force was back at Seoul.

Planes were overhead continuously during the night, he said, and flashes on the horizon indicated either bombings or anti-aircraft fire.

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Transcript Leaves Investigators in Dark

Washington, June 27.—(U.P.)—Senate communist investigators were reported still in the dark today after hearing an FBI account of a conversation in which Diplomat John S. Service allegedly passed military secrets to Philip Jaffe.

Those in a position to know said the account—a transcript of a wire recording—settled none of the issues in the five-year-old Amerasia stolen documents case. They said it merely opened up new fields for speculation and investigation.

The transcript was read to the senate communist investigating sub-committee yesterday at a closed session. Service was present.

The recording is the basis for a charge by Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R., Wis.) that Service in 1945 slipped military secrets to Jaffe, then editor of the now defunct Amerasia magazine. The FBI "lapped" the hotel room conversation with a listening device.

Statement Denied

Mrs. Lyon, returning to the stand, denied that she had given a statement to Portland Detective Mike O'Leary and a state policeman that she did not work March 19. She said she had not been sure at the time she talked to the officers. The officers yesterday testified that Mrs. Lyon had told them she did not work on the night in question.

Yesterday Mrs. Lyon testified she had talked to Turman and Uah on the night JoAnn was kidnapped.

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Moaning Sidewalk Yields Trapped Cat

Detroit, June 27.—(U.P.)—Startled pedestrians told police yesterday they heard a sidewalk moaning.

Officers rushed to the scene and aided in hoisting the section of concrete. Out sailed a cat.

The cat apparently was trapped under the sidewalk during construction work last Friday, workmen said.

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U.S. FORCES ORDERED TO SUPPORT KOREA

Text of Truman's Announcement of Order to Forces

Washington, June 27.—(U.P.)—Text of President Truman's announcement that U. S. air and sea forces have been ordered to South Korea:

In Korea the government forces, which were armed to prevent border raids and to preserve internal security, were attacked by invading forces from North Korea. The security council of the United Nations called upon the invading troops to cease hostilities and to withdraw to the 38th parallel.

This they have not done, but on the contrary have pressed the attack. The security council called upon all members of the United Nations to render every assistance to the United Nations in the execution of this resolution.

In these circumstances I have ordered United States air and sea forces to give the Korean government troops the cover and support.

The attack upon Korea makes it plain beyond all doubt that communism has passed beyond the use of subversion to conquer independent nations and will now use armed invasion and war.

I have defied the orders of the security council of the United Nations issued to preserve international peace and security. In these circumstances the occupation of Formosa by communist forces would be a direct threat to the security of the Pacific area and to the United States forces performing their lawful and necessary functions in that area.

Accordingly I have ordered the 7th fleet to prevent any attack on Formosa. As a corollary of this action I am calling upon the Chinese government on Formosa to cease all air and sea operations against the mainland. The 7th fleet will see that this is done. The determination of the future status of Formosa must await the restoration of security in the Pacific, a peace settlement with Japan, or consideration by the United Nations.

I have also directed that United States forces in the Philippines be strengthened and that military assistance to the Philippine government be accelerated.

I have similarly directed acceleration in the furnishing of military assistance to the forces of France and the associated states in Indo-China and the dispatch of a military mission to provide close working relations with those forces.

I know that all members of the United Nations will consider carefully the consequences of this latest aggression in Korea in defiance of the charter of the United Nations. A return to the rule of force in international affairs would have far reaching effects. The United States will continue to uphold the rule of law.

I have instructed Ambassador (Warren R.) Austin, as representative of the United States to the security council, to report these steps to the council.

\$25,000 Blaze Burns Portland Building

Portland, Ore., June 27.—(U.P.)—The AAA Concrete Products building in Portland burned last night and a preliminary estimate indicated a \$25,000 loss.

Fire department officers said the cause had not been determined. The building, owned by F. I. Newman, had not been used for about a year.

Radio Highlights

Town Meeting of the Air will discuss "What does the Korean invasion mean to the United States and the United Nations?" when it is broadcast at 9 p.m. today over radio station KYJC (1230 kc).

WEATHER

Forecast: Variable cloudiness tonight and Wednesday with little change in temperature.
Highest yesterday 79
Lowest this morning 51

American, Danish Ships Hit Head-On; Fire Breaks Out

Luxury Liner Begins To Sink

New York, June 27.—(U.P.)—The American Export Lines luxury liner, Excalibur, outward bound on a 43-day Mediterranean cruise, collided with a freighter in the harbor today and began to sink, but all her 113 passengers were removed safely.

Within minutes after the collision at 12:35 p. m. (EDT) dozens of coast guard vessels, tugs and other harbor craft converged on the stricken 9,644-ton liner and began removing passengers. By 1:20 p. m. the rescue operation had been completed. The coast guard said no injuries had been reported among passengers or the crews of the two ships.

Fire boats poured towers of water on the Danish freighter Colombia which broke into flames when the two vessels collided head-on almost in the shadow of lower Manhattan's skyscrapers.

In addition to her 113 passengers, the Excalibur carried a crew of about 130. The coast guard estimated there was a crew of 35 aboard the 3,146-ton Colombia, which was inbound from Tampa, Fla.

Nosed to Sand Flats

As the rescue operation proceeded in the calm, sunlit waters of the harbor, tugs slowly nosed the listing Excalibur toward the sand flats of Brooklyn. By 1:35 p. m., the luxury liner, one of the "Four Aces" of the American Export Lines fleet, was hard aground.

With carefree cruise passengers lining her rail, the Excalibur sailed at noon from Exchange Place, Jersey City, under command of Capt. S. N. Groves, of Brooklyn.

Budget Reduced By Central Point City Councilmen

Central Point, June 27.—Councilmen and citizens' budget committee last night sliced the proposed 1950-1951 Central Point city budget levy to a figure within the six per cent limitation.

The action followed two elections this month at which voters turned down by narrow margins a proposal to exceed the six per cent levy limit by \$4,513.23.

A public hearing on the revised new budget is set for 8 p. m. Tuesday, June 28, as previously advertised.

Last night's action would reduce the new budget from \$28,135 originally contemplated to \$23,621.77. General fund levy permitted within the six per cent limit is \$5,996.77.

City Recorder Arden Pinkham said today that slashes of \$1,000 for park purposes and \$1,656 in the emergency fund planned were principal cuts made in establishing the revised budget. Revision left only \$846 in the new budget's emergency fund.

Jackson county property tax payers were reminded today that tomorrow will be their first and only chance to discuss the county budget with members of the budget committee. A hearing for that purpose has been set for 11 a. m. (DST) in the county court chambers at the courthouse.

Federal Law Prohibits Fireworks in Mailboxes

It is a federal offense to put firecrackers in mailboxes. Postmaster Moore Hamilton said today he has received reports from rural areas of youngsters putting the explosives in mailboxes and he warned that anyone indulging in the malicious mischief faces prosecution by federal authorities. His office will take every necessary step to stop the vandalism, he said.

SEVENTH FLEET TO PREVENT ANY FORMOSA ATTACK

Washington, June 27.—(U.P.)—The United States has appealed directly to Russia to use its influence to halt the fighting in Korea, reliable administration sources said today.

Informants said the appeal was drafted by the state department for delivery to the Soviet foreign office in Moscow.

The U. S. note also was said to have informed Russia of the steps the United States is taking to preserve peace.

Washington, June 27.—(U.P.)—President Truman announced today that he has ordered U. S. air and sea forces to support South Korean forces in their fight against communist invaders from North Korea.

At the same time he said he had ordered the American seventh fleet to "prevent any attack on Formosa," the island rampart where Chiang Kai-Shek's Chinese nationalists are making a stand against the communist conquerors of China.

The president said in a statement that the communist attack on South Korea "makes it plain beyond all doubt that communism has passed beyond the use of subversion to conquer independent nations and will now use armed invasion and war."

The president's decision committed American military forces to armed action on a possibly major scale for the first time since World War II.

It followed an emergency White House meeting with his military high command.

Congressional Leaders Informed of Decision

The decision was announced to the world shortly after congressional leaders of both parties had been informed at a special White House briefing session.

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