

Badly Outnumbered Sabres Keep Control Of North Korea Area

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Washington — (U.P.) — Russia's MIGs and America's F-86 Sabres are battling in a 70-mile stretch of Korean air space between the Yalu and Chongchon rivers which seems likely to remain a no-man's land.

It is doubtful whether either jet force under today's conditions could drive out or destroy the other.

Sabres Keep Control

The badly outnumbered Sabre forces, however, have kept sufficient control in the Yalu-Chongchon area to prevent enemy air activities from hindering United Nations air and ground forces. That meets the classic requirements of air superiority.

Not enough credit can be given to the pilots of the two Sabre wings, the 4th and 51st, who have been carrying the battle to the MIGs against odds ranging from one-to-three to one-to-six. Their superior tactics and training have been a major factor in overcoming the Communists' numerical superiority.

They also have capitalized fully on defects in Red tactics—failure to keep in combat the altitude advantage of which the MIG is capable, for example. The Sabre pilots mostly are in their early twenties, not long out of flying schools. But they are led by "old pro's" of World War II such as Col. Francis Gabreski, European theater ace, and

Harrison Thyng, an ace in the Pacific.

Individual items of equipment in Sabres, such as gunsights and armament, have been cited to account for their victories against super numbers of MIGs. But the modern airplane, in the words of Maj. Gen. Donald L. Putt, vice chief of Air Force research and development, is a "completely integrated weapons system" in which all parts are tailored to the plane's mission.

Following are some comparisons between the MIG and Sabre "weapons systems":

1. Weight. The MIG is several thousand pounds lighter than the Sabre under combat conditions. This results in superior maneuverability at high altitude. The extra weight in the Sabre is accounted for by protective equipment which the Air Force calls "pilot survival provisions" and greater fuel capacity.

2. Range. The Sabre has twice the range of the MIG. If it were limited to the MIG's performance in this respect, it probably could not reach the Yalu-Chongchon no-man's land to battle the MIG.

3. Flight controls. North American Aviation, Inc., manufacturer of the Sabre, says the MIG's flight controls are "very elementary" — "almost identical" to those used in the World War II F-51 Mustang. This gives the Sabre a "great advantage."



A Nichols' Worth of—

Comment On This and That

BY HARMON W. NICHOLS
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Washington — (U.P.) — The sack in the throat of a pelican can hold 25 pounds of food.

An elephant is not afraid of mice.

Giraffes murmur.

These and other bits about the critters that roam the woods, the low and high lands, and the waters of the world are from Harmon Nichols, a volume called "ANIS Fascinating Animal World," McGraw-Hill. The author is Alan Devoe, one of the country's best-known naturalists.

Here are a few more samples, many of which debunk popular fables. The common belief is that when a whale "blows" it spouts water. Devoe says "No."

He explains it this way: "The whale is a mammal and therefore can no more tolerate water in its respiratory system than any other mammal. When a whale dives, and he can go down 3,000 feet or more, it takes on a full load of air. When it comes to the surface . . . what we see coming up is a steamy vapor."

Are giraffes mute? The answer, according to the writer, is "No." They utter a murmurous lowing and mooing, like the very soft version of the voice of cattle.

Do rabbits have a voice? Yes. Most of the public land under the jurisdiction of the bureau of land management can be used at the same time for two or more uses, such as forestry and grazing, or forestry, grazing and watershed protection.



"When seized by a predator, a rabbit utters screams."

Can a pig swim? The man says "yes," but I once saw a hog try it and wind up at the bottom of the pool. Devoe does say, though, that a fat pig, with jowls way out yonder, is apt to slit its gullet with its sharp-edged hooves. That's what happened to the poor thing I saw drowned. But slim ones swim as well as any other animal.

Porky Lashes Tail

Can porcupines throw their quills? "No." "A porcupine, when angry, lashes its tail. Every now and then one of the quills may come loose and be sent whizzing at random."

Some animals have some almost human characteristics.

Devoe says squirrels "and some of their relatives" periodically put their "bedding" out in the sun to air. All sorts of animals take sun baths, dust baths and mud baths. A deer that has finished a plunge in icy water "knows" it doesn't dare take a nap for fear of coming down with a virus. It keeps running until the hide is dry.

Can a bird fly backward? Yes—the hummingbird.

LICENSE EXAMINER

Shady Cove—A state driver's license examiner will be here from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. on Monday, March 10, at the Veteran's hall, it was announced today. Those wishing licenses or permits to drive are asked to get in touch with the examiner well before 4 p. m.

Friday, March 7, 1952

MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—SEVEN

Salvation Army's Cadets Meet Here

About 60 members of the Salvation Army's Corps Cadet group and their adult leaders are taking part in a two-day meeting at the Army citadel here today and tomorrow.

Senior Capt. and Mrs. Gordon Eplett are conducting the sessions. Captain Eplett is the divisional young people's secretary for the Oregon and Southern Idaho division. Maj. and Mrs. Charles Cox of Portland are assisting.

Arrangements for the event were under the direction of

Capt. Thomas Mack, local commanding officer. Today he expressed his appreciation to some of the hotels of the city, through whose kindness sleeping quarters have been made available for the visiting young people.

Men and boys in Yemen, small kingdom at the southern tip of the Arabian peninsula, wear wide belts holding curved daggers. The blades contain man-gene, providing an enduring steel that has been famous since early time.

County Police Reserve Files Incorporation

Salem — (U.P.) — Articles of incorporation were filed Thursday for the Jackson County Police Reserve, Inc., with headquarters in Medford. They were signed by Charles Bottjer, L. L. Stampfer and E. W. Brown.

Salem — (U.P.) — Gov. Douglas McKay said Thursday he has appointed Robert N. Chambers of Portland as a member of the advisory council to the state board of health on hospital licensing.

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First of 10 Recitals To Be Given at Studio

The first of a series of 10 recitals to be held in the Eve Prentice Accordion studio, 517 Newtown street, will be presented Monday, March 10, at 7:30 p. m. Students who will take part are Tom Robertson, Betty Naylor, Henry Vessall, Janice Sessler, Ona Miller, Patzy Eckel, Richard Whitlock, Donna Lee Mallams, Melvin Amaro, Ruth Jolliffe, Elizabeth Jolliffe, Lorraine Morse, John Lisic, Adrian Elrod, Joyce Young and Carol Russell.

Relatives and friends of the students are invited. Arrangements are being made by Mrs. Prentice and two of her assistant teachers, the Misses Carol and Delores Davis.

Diets Showing Trend To Protein, Vitamins

Washington — (U.P.) — American diets in the last 15 years have shown big gains in the direction of proteins, vitamins and minerals and away from high calorie foods, according to Agriculture Department statistics.

Compared to the period before World War II, the people of the United States are eating 18 per cent more eggs; 11 per cent more fruits and vegetables and 20 per cent more dairy products (except butter).

At the same time Americans are eating 24 per cent less potatoes and 17 per cent less grain products.

Byron T. Shaw of the Agricultural Research Administration said that in spite of the progress, many groups are still below nutritional par in their eating. For instance, farm diets are most likely to be short on calcium and vitamins A and C which farm-produced milk, fruits, and vegetables could supply.

4-H Club News

Kandy Kids Class

The Kandy Kids Cooking class of Central Point 4-H club met February 28 at the home of their leader, Marilyn Bohnert with six members present.

Officers were elected and plans made for the coming year. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Bohnert. Next meeting will be March 17 at 2 p. m.

Sandra Gail Ghelardi, Reporter.

Court Records

POLICE COURT
Thomas B. Blevins Sr., violation of basic rule, \$10.
John D. Rose, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Herbert W. Combs, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Max Stahl, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Earl R. Leonard, violation of basic rule, \$10.

DISTRICT COURT
Elmer L. Williams, drunk on public highway, \$30.
Russell B. Johnson, drunk on public highway, \$30.
David H. Zuck, passing with insufficient clearance, \$15.
Richard G. Roe, no motor vehicle license, court costs only.
Loren F. Flannery, no motor vehicle license, court costs only.
Lee F. Geyman, failure to stop at stop sign, \$10.
John A. Curtis, no operator's license, \$6.
Edward D. Cook, no operator's license, \$6.
Ralph O. Keen, overweight load, \$7.
Robert N. Turpin, no motor vehicle license, \$6.
James K. Jones, no operator's license, court costs only.

CIRCUIT COURT
Ada G. Clarke vs. I. R. Perry et al, motion to strike.
Walter C. Clarke vs. I. R. Perry et al, motion to strike.
United Company of Oregon, Inc. vs. Edwin V. Anderson, J. Verne Shandley, W. M. Lemmon, Ralph E. Green and Frank J. Cullen, complaint.

Mercury points the way

All signs point to the fact that Mercury is going to be the pace-setter for the entire auto industry for many years to come. Notice how the body has been completely redesigned: the doors are higher and easier to get in and out of . . . the frame has been strengthened for extra safety . . . Space-Planned Interiors offer luxurious new comfort. Yet Mercury's beauty is sleeker than ever before. The new Jet-Scoop hood—with its easy down-front visibility—houses a mighty, new 125 h. p. high-compression V-8—a good sign that Mercury is all set to win official economy tests again this year! And Mercury's parking and handling ease are an engineering triumph in a car of Mercury's husky size and weight. Come road-test it yourself. See how much superior Merc-O-Matic Drive is to other no-shift transmissions.*

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