

United Nations Forces Surpass Reds in Total Plane Strength

Editor's note: The writer of this dispatch is director of foreign services for the United Press. He has just returned from a flying trip to Japan during which he obtained an exclusive interview with the commander of the U.S. Far Eastern Air Force. It presents the inside story of how the air war is going in Korea.

By WENDEL BURCH
Control of the air over North Korea rests with the United Nations Forces, Lt. Gen. O. P. Weyland, Commanding General of the United States Far East Air Force, indicated in an exclusive interview with this correspondent in Tokyo.

"While the North Koreans and Chinese now have between 1,500 and 1,700 planes of all types operating in Korea, and while they have more MIG-15 type fighters than I have F 86's, we outnumber them by far in total plane strength," he said.

Can Go Anywhere
"We can and do go anywhere we want. The enemy can go one place only—MIG ally in northern Korea. He could pull a few surprise raids, but our offensive component is in day and night operation."

"We can fly an average of 800 to 1,200 sorties daily. The Navy runs an additional 175 to 200. The enemy averages less than 200 sorties a day, although at times he may set up 300 to 400. The Russians have concentrated on defensive fighters, but we have lots of others. We have offensive power they don't have."

Losses Replaced Slowly
He reported that the communists seem to be replacing their plane losses more slowly than formerly, and their aggressiveness in offering and accepting air combat has decreased.

Their rail traffic has been cut to a trickle. They have no spotter planes. They attempt no attacks on U.N. ground forces or installations, and they have only

one operational air field in the whole of North Korea. It is at Sinuiju, opposite Antung on the Yalu river. Only a few obsolete Yak type planes have been observed there, and the base is bombed occasionally by U.N. planes.

Results Justify Decision
"We placed our chips on jets for high speed," the general said. "The results seem to justify our decision. The North Korean piston engine air force simply couldn't stand up against our jets."

I asked the general why the U.N. plane losses seem to exceed those of the Communists week after week.
"In the first place, we announce losses due to all kinds of causes—air combat, ground fire, accident and non-return," he re-

plied. "The Communists disclose none of their's and we can count only those planes shot down in air combat."

"Secondly, we are flying many, many more missions and sorties than they do."

"Thirdly, our main effort has been directed against their ground defenses, and they have built these up very heavily in the last year. They have brought in large numbers of automatic weapons, and have installed them around bridges, munitions dumps, supply points and other vital targets."

Communist success in bringing down U.N. planes with ground fire results from the strength of their ground defenses, he indicated, plus the fact that so much of our air effort is hurled directly against those defenses.

On The Side

By E. V. Durling

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Ask how long my love will stay,
When all that's new is past?
How long? Ah, darling, can I say
How long my life will last?
Oh, he that tear, hushed that sigh,
At least I'll love you till I die,
Hushed be that sigh. —Sheridan

Certainly are a number of depressing films currently being shown. Last night I saw "The Blue Veil." This featured Jane Wyman in one of her grim, prim portrayals. Jane played a kind of a glorified baby sitter. She kept changing jobs and changing hats. She certainly had a lot of hats for a baby sitter. She added to the grimness of her portrayal by wearing these hats flat on her head. Will somebody please tell me why women wear hats flat on their heads? As I have frequently stated, wearing a hat that way makes even a beautiful, brown-eyed honey blonde look like a case of slightly arrested development.

Automobiles
An automotive expert recently stated the automobiles of twenty-five years ago were built to go only 25,000 miles and then were

ready for the junk pile. A Bostonian takes very strong exception to this claim. He says he was the owner of a 1927 Chandler which he drove over 100,000 miles and even after that it was not anywhere near ready for the junk pile.

Also Ran
Have you read that book by Irving Stone titled, "They Also Ran," which bears the subtitle, "The Story of the Men Who Were Defeated for the Presidency?" Among the "also rans" were four generals: Winfield Scott, John Charles Fremont, G. B. McClelland and Winfield Scott Hancock.

Winfield Scott, one of the greatest soldiers in United States history, ran for President just 100 years ago. His opponent, Franklin Pierce, was described by R. H. Dana as "a third rate county politician." Pierce turned out to be a tenth rate President. Spent most of his time in office trying, by a variety of means, to pave the way for his reelection. Fremont was defeated by the bachelor President, James Buchanan. McClelland lost to Lincoln and Hancock to Garfield.

Husbands Alarmed
The members of the Husbands Protective Association view with much alarm a type of contest recently held at Cobb's Corner Restaurant, Lexington Ave., Manhattan. This was a "roller pin throwing contest" for women. The contestants threw rolling pins at an effigy marked "husband." A Brooklyn matron was the winner. She scored eight direct hits in ten throws. "It's all in fun," she commented. "The only thing I ever throw at my husband is a kiss." The husbands present, however, were not completely convinced of the lady's sincerity.

Passing By
Edgar Kaiser, Automotive industry executive. In common with J. Edgar Hoover he likes the name of Edgar. I am still opposed to that name and will continue to conceal my connection with it with the initials "E. V." To me Edgar as a name is in the same class as Percival, Clarence and Montmorency. This reminds me I have just learned I have a reader in Edgar, Neb. They even give towns that name. It must have something, but I can't see it. . . . Jane Russell, generously proportioned cinema performer. She has twenty-five sweaters in her wardrobe, but her current film titled, "Macao," is the first in which she has worn that type of garment. I wonder if the incidental music to this film includes that ditty called, "You Look Sweeter in a Sweater."

Asking
Queries from clients Q. Ball players usually talk a big fight with umpires. But have you ever seen a major league ballplayer actually punch an umpire in the jaw? A. I didn't see it. But Sherwood Magee, an outfielder for the Phillies, once hit an umpire named Finnegan in the jaw and knocked him flat. Magee was suspended for a year.

Those Exercises
As I told you, seventy-eight.



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HE'LL GIVE DAD A RUN FOR HIS MONEY—Don Gehrmann, ace miler, and his wife, Dolores, proudly pose with their newborn son at a hospital in Milwaukee. The future track star has not been named as yet. Got any suggestions?

year-old T. R. Togna, of London, can run 100 yards in 15 seconds. He has the blood pressure of a man of 40. He is truly a physical marvel. He attributes his remarkable health to some exercises he does in the bathtub. Medical men who have checked these exercises have been favorably impressed. Togna has written a book describing his bathtub activities titled, "Exercises in the Bath." So if you're in your seventies and want to run 100 yards in 15 seconds or accomplish some comparable physical feat you better get a copy.

Get It Right
It was George Whiting, not Jack Whiting, who collaborated with Irving Berlin on that hilarious ditty of yesteryear titled "My Wife's Gone to the Country, Hurrah! Hurrah!" They followed it with a sequel titled "I Love My Wife, But, Oh, You Kid!" Both Irving and George were bachelors at the time, which was all for the best. These songs were very popular with married men of the period. Needless to say, the wives were not amused. They found the ditties too great a strain on their sense of humor.

Representative Named Wallowa County Judge

Salem — (U.P.) — Gov. Douglas McKay said Saturday he has appointed State Rep. Dean B. Erwin of Enterprise as county judge for Wallowa county.

Rep. Erwin, who is not seeking reelection to the state legislature, succeeds J. L. Staggs as Wallowa county judge. Staggs recently resigned because of ill health.

TOO OPTIMISTIC—\$10,000
Howell, Mich. — (U.P.) — The sleeve of Harry Hanover's sheepskin coat caught fire as he was attending his furnace. He hung the coat up after he thought he had put the fire out. A short time later the house burned down with an estimated loss of \$10,000.

Auks and murrelets lay but a single egg; hummingbirds, two; robins, three to five; grouse, eight to 15. The number is probably an adaptation to the dangers to which the eggs and young are subjected.

Left-over pieces of linoleum come in handy for covering cupboard shelves. It is colorful, easy to clean, and is not easily marked or scratched.

Fasten a paper or cloth bag to the "delivering" end of the food chopper to catch bread and cracker crumbs. It saves sweeping the floor later.

New Zealand, deep in the southern hemisphere, abounds in fish and trees imported from North America, says the National Geographic magazine.



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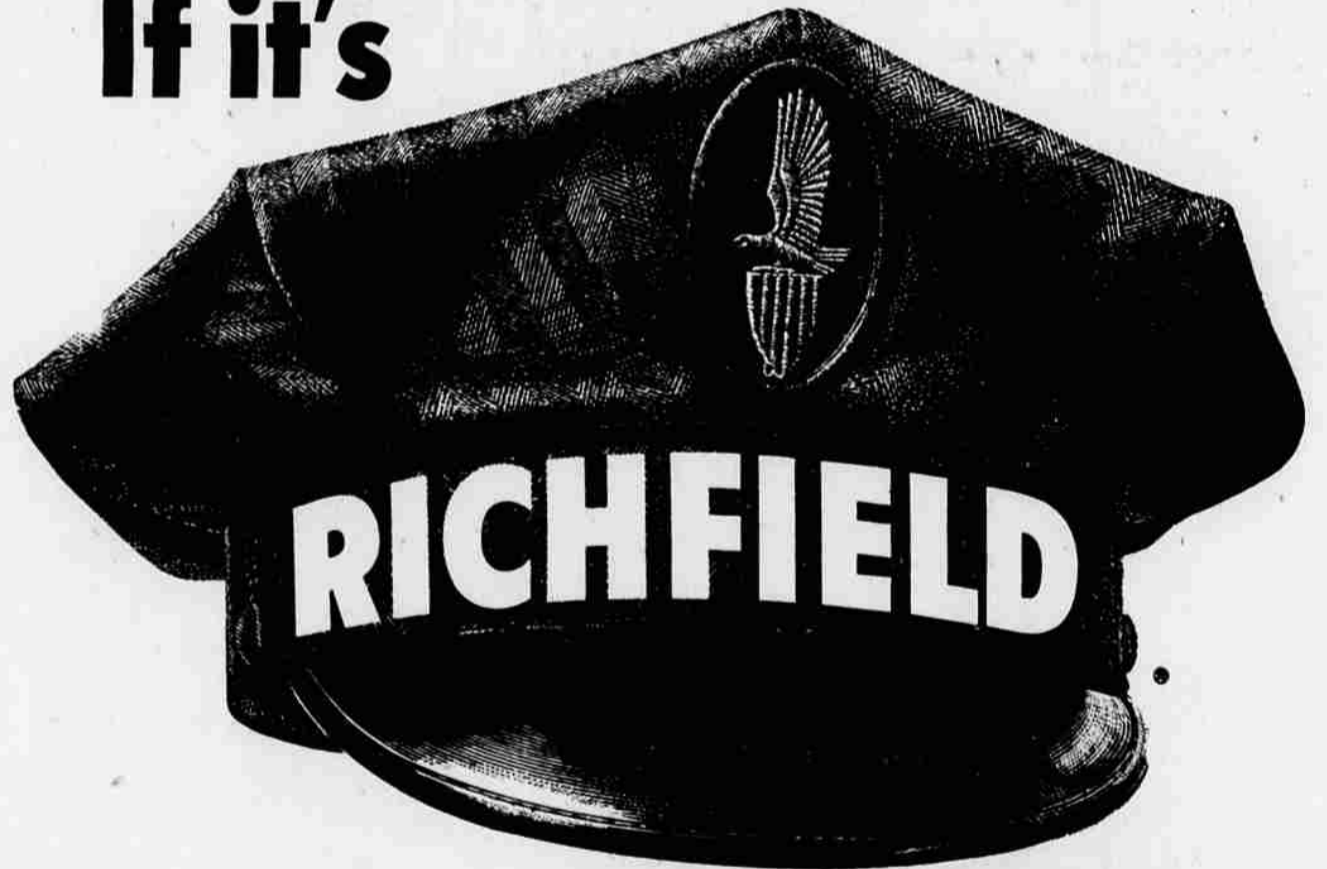
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