

American Sabrejet Pilots Describe Air Battle With Red Chinese MIG Fighter Planes



DISREGARDING 2-1 ODDS, these USAF pilots are credited with downing two Communist MIGs and probably destroying third in blazing battle off North Korea coast. Red planes attacked without warning, pilots reported. From left: Capt. R. V. Fulton, Bernardsville, N. J.; Lt. J. E. McInerney, Garden City, N. Y., and Lt. B. C. Phythyon, Wadsworth, O. (International)

Alabama Downed One Plane While Target of Another

Kunsan, Korea —(U.P.)— A 24-year-old American Sabrejet pilot said today he shot down one of the Communist MIGs in the air battle off Korea Tuesday while another Red fighter was spitting bullets at him from behind.

The U.S. Air Force said altogether American Sabrejet pilots shot down two MIGs and possibly four in the clash, thus raising its claim of Red planes "probably" destroyed. The Soviet-built fighters failed even to hit the American jets.

1st Lt. Robert M. Donahue of Montgomery, Ala., told how he chased his MIG and kept shooting at it all the time another MIG was firing at him from his rear.

"I continued firing," Donahue said. "I saw an explosion on his wing and tail section and then a tail piece came off."

The other "MIG-killer," Capt. Robert J. Fulton, 30, of Bernardsville, N.J., told his story in matter-of-fact terms.

"I picked up one MIG in my sight," he said, "and when I came into range I opened fire and scored it."

First Lt. James E. McInerney Jr., 25, Garden City, N. Y., left one Red plane hurtling toward the sea in a smoke-rated by the Air Force as a probable kill.

"When the enemy flight poured in on us I was No. 3 man," McInerney said. "They overshot us and I hit one with three separate bursts. I first saw smoke, part of the tail break off and then heavy blue smoke."

His wingman, 2nd Lt. Harold B. Petersen, 23, of Brooklyn, N. Y., then radioed that more MIGs were approaching.

"We separated and headed home," McInerney said.

First Lt. Burt C. Phythyon, 26, of Wadsworth, O., saw one of the MIG pilots bail out of his bullet-riddled plane.

"I saw pieces falling off while smoke accompanied him," Phythyon said. "The MIG rolled to the left and the pilot tumbled out the tail."

Parachutes Not Ours
Donahue circled two parachutes floating toward the sea after the battle "to determine if they were ours."

"They weren't," he said.

The flight of eight U.S. Sabrejets encountered about 32 of the MIGs but only 12 to 16 of the Red fighters actually attacked, the American fliers said.

1st Col. Robert E. Dawson, who led his 35th Fighter-Bomber Squadron in the eight-minute dogfight, said "after the initial engagement the flight broke up into individual fights."

"After the hostile aircraft broke off and departed from the area, we likewise, although being capable of staying in the air, broke off the engagement."

Dawson and the other pilots denied Peiping Radio's claims that three American Sabres were hit by Red gunfire. He also rejected the Red charge that the Sabrejets violated Red China's territory by flying over its islands.

"We were at no time over the islands," Dawson said, "although they were visible to the west of us."

Benson Hotel Patrons Chased By Minor Fire
Portland —(U.P.)— An estimated 250 patrons of the Benson hotel in downtown Portland were driven into the street yesterday afternoon by fumes from a blaze in a piece of ventilating equipment.

There was no general evacuation of guests, however, and the minor fire was quickly checked. There were no injuries.

LEGAL NOTICES
NOTICE OF MEETING OF GROWERS OF FALL AND WINTER PEARS FOR ELECTION OF NOMINEES FOR MEMBER, ALTERNATE MEMBER AND SECOND MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF THE WINTER PEAR CONTROL COMMITTEE, PURSUANT TO THE MARKETING AGREEMENT AND ORDER AS AMENDED REGULATING THE HANDLING OF THE BEURRE D'ANJOU, BEURRE ROSC, WINTER NELIS, DOYENNE DU COMICE, BEURRE EASTER, A AND BEURRE CLAIREAU, VARIETIES OF PEARS GROWN IN THE STATES OF OREGON, WASHINGTON, AND CALIFORNIA.

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No Solid Answers To Be Expected From Conference of Big 4 Heads

By LYLE C. WILSON
United Press Correspondent
Washington —(U.P.)— The fine print in the official statements made so far about the proposed Big Four conference of heads of state adds up to this:

No peace pact will be signed, nor any detailed agreements be reached.

President Eisenhower does not expect that he and his three conferees will be making decisions on such hot spot subjects as Formosa or German unification.

No Substantive Answers
"They would not undertake to agree upon substantive answers to the major difficulties facing the world," said the note to the Soviet Union suggesting Big Four conference and defining the purpose and conditions under which the heads of state would sit down together.

"Substantiate" is a technical word of definite legal meaning. When the U.S.-French-British note to Moscow ruled out decisions on substantive answers to world problems it ruled out any Big Four decisions on principles or essentials of the Cold War dispute.

Work Sheet of Problems
Instead, the heads of state will whip up a work sheet of problems to be solved and the procedures of solution. A new group, probably the foreign ministers or secretaries of state of the Big Four powers, presumably would carry on from there.

These precautions against another Yalta are a measure of the anxiety with which Mr. Eisenhower approaches a conference which would not be undertaken in its present form if his advice were being followed. The Eisenhower administration is offering solid, all out cooperation in the effort to turn the trend of world affairs toward peace and mutual understanding, despite a preference for a different and more cautious approach.

But the administration makes no claim of being parent of the project now developing, whereas the Russians and both major political parties in Britain are ready to acknowledge applause and take a bow.

The President's refusal to be put on a spot where he would seek basic Cold War decisions in agreement with Soviet Union Premier Nikolai A. Bulganin

is attributed here to Soviet Russian welching on promises made at earlier conferences, notably at Yalta.

Yalta's Bruising Experience
Some observers suggest, however, that more than the bruising experience of Yalta has made Mr. Eisenhower cautious. The Kremlin has talked peace and peaceful co-existence with the West. But there is scant evidence that the American public has been convinced.

Communists mean any Western democracy or a representative republic, such as the United States.

Related to Revolution
Mr. Eisenhower's assumption, until convinced otherwise, presumably is that any Soviet Russian agreement to join in a Big Four conference will be related to the world revolution which has been the basic objective. He is willing, however, to give Bulganin the opportunity of convincing him.

The President does not want the American public to expect from his meeting with Bulganin, Prime Minister Sir Anthony Eden and Premier Edgar Faure the miracles which great numbers of British and French men and women apparently do believe may come to pass. He is hoping for the best, but promising nothing for sure.

Eden Probably Happy Over Proposal for Big Four Conference

By CHARLES McCANN
United Press Foreign Analyst
Prime Minister Anthony Eden must be happy over the proposal for a top-level Big Four meeting.

Right in the middle of a hot general election campaign, the British voter will credit the new premier with persuading President Eisenhower to agree to the conference.

Eden thus will get the same sort of boost Mr. Eisenhower got when, on Oct. 24, 1952, he announced that he elected president he would go to Korea to seek an early and honorable end to the war.

The Democrats quite naturally felt pretty bitter over that. There was nothing they could do to offset it. Mr. Eisenhower was not only the Republican presidential candidate but the country's No. 1 military man.

Laborites Pretty Bitter
The British Laborites are feeling pretty bitter now over the Big Four situation.

They say that as late as March 28 Eden still opposed the idea of a Big Four meeting of chiefs of state.

Now, they complain, Eden has stolen a plank right out of the Labor platform by urging the conference.

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Well, the Laborites are right to some extent. Winston Churchill called for the meeting "at the summit" just two years ago. But Eden, his own foreign secretary, disagreed with him.

Eden felt, as did President Eisenhower and Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, that there was no use holding a conference unless Russia showed some sign of wanting to reach agreement on the issues which are causing world tension.

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Presumably, of course, it is a pure coincidence that the United States has agreed at this particular time to a Big Four meeting. But it does help Eden in his campaign. And a conservative American government finds it easier to do business with a Conservative British government than with a Labor-Socialist one. Especially a Labor-Socialist one which is always in danger of being wagged by its Aneurin Bevan left wing tail.

Politics aside, however, there was solid reason for the Eisenhower-Eden change of mind. The Kremlin is in a jam. The ratification of the treaties to rearm Western Germany marked a turning point in post-war European history. It is just possible that the Soviet government may be in the mood to talk sense for once.

Flood Potential Seen in Washington

Seattle —(U.P.)— A "flood potential" which could be serious in Washington has been created by an unusually late spring, the Soil Conservation Service said today.

In less than two months the situation has been reversed, the service said, creating a situation that in many respects is similar to that of 1948 which produced disastrous floods on the lower Columbia river.

"The Columbia River, as measured near The Dalles, is expected to flow 62,000,000 feet for the April-through-June period. During April the corrected flow was just a little over 8,000,000 feet, which leaves a considerable volume of water to come later with the possibility of higher river state than normally would be expected," the report said.

The Kootenai river was expected to crest about five feet lower than a year ago, the service said, when heavy damage was inflicted in the Bonners Ferry, Ida., section.

Eagle Point Class Visits Domiciliary
Eagle Point — About 50 members of Eagle Point High school's social problems class toured the Veterans Administration Domiciliary center in Camp White yesterday. Clarence Davies is instructor of the class.

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