



FOUR-STAR PLAYMATE—Gen. James A. Van Fleet, commanding general of the U.S. 8th Army, seems to be enjoying his young Korean "passenger" as they watch entertainment at the Columbian Children's Home in Seoul, Korea. Gen. Van Fleet and other United Nations officials visited the home to present \$11,000 worth of clothing purchased by the Far East chaplains with money contributed by the U.S. 3rd Army.

Korean War Quiet; Jet Battle Won

By STAN CARTER
SEOUL, Korea (AP)—U. S. jet pilots Monday destroyed or damaged 14 Russian-made Communist MIG-15s in four clashes over North-west Korea.
Comparatively slow F-4 Thunderjets damaged two of eight swept-wing MIGs that attacked them while they were cutting railroad tracks in the Sonchon area Monday afternoon.
The U.S. Fifth Air Force said the Thunderjets escaped damage.
In three morning fights, the Fifth Air Force said, U.S. F-86 Sabre jets shot down three Red jets, probably destroyed two and damaged seven. Allied losses if any are reported weekly.
Only small parol actions were reported across the 155-mile ground front.

Tough Time For Manager

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Arthur F. Douglas is a native Californian and president of the new Los Angeles Statler hotel, nearing completion, but he had a tough time proving his citizenship.
Douglas chuckled Sunday in telling how he difficulty turned up when he made application for the hotel's bar and cocktail lounge licenses. A birth certificate was required.
"I was born in 1902 in Estrella, Calif., a hamlet near San Miguel, but when I wrote there my letter was returned, unopened," he said.
"I wrote to the county seat at San Luis Obispo and it had no record of my birth. My mother and father are dead and all that's left of Estrella is one school, one church and one farmhouse. The farmer who lives there never heard of me."
But, finally, a brother, who was four when Arthur was born, furnished acceptable proof.
The brother is William O. Douglas, associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.

Utah Reopens Battle To Sell Congress On Program of Small Reclamation Work With State-Federal Plan

WASHINGTON (AP)—Rep. Bosone (D-Utah), hopes she can sell Congress on her idea of a program for the development of small reclamation projects.
She introduced a bill a week ago to set up a five million dollar loan fund for the building of small irrigation projects in cooperation with the states.
The measure is a successor to one that got stuck in the federal Budget Bureau last year, and it has been refined in the hope of getting the bureau's approval and of heading off a conflict between two departments.
Under the bill, federal and state governments would go 50-50 in putting up money for projects each costing up to one million dollars and covering up to 5,000 acres.
The Reconstruction Finance Corporation, acting as agent for the interior Department, would lend the federal money, and the states would make repayment arrangements with farmers and guarantee that the federal money is put back in the treasury within 40 years.
Mrs. Bosone says her bill is aimed at removing a "no-man's land" from the national reclamation picture—an area of possible conflict between the Agriculture and Interior Departments.
Through its water facilities program, the Agriculture Department has been doing some reclamation work on projects costing up to \$100,000. Interior deals mostly with projects costing more than a million.
Mrs. Bosone says both departments "are making a studied effort to avoid competition, but there is possibility of conflict there, not necessarily because of the two federal agencies but because of laws which establish conflicting programs."
This possibility of conflict probably is one reason for the Budget

Bureau's refusal to approve the bill Mrs. Bosone introduced last year.
The 1951 bill would have provided that the secretary of the interior lend the money. The Budget Bureau balked at the idea of setting up the Interior Department as a lending agency, while the Agriculture Department has lending functions under several of its agricultural programs.
So the 1952 bill designates RFC as the lending agency.
The Agriculture Department's water facilities program originally included only projects involving farmstead use of water by families and livestock.
In recent years the Agriculture Department has expanded its program to take in some irrigation projects, which previously had been considered within the field of the Interior Department's Reclamation Bureau.
Department officials are anxious to avoid any conflict like the current dispute between the Interior Department and Army Engineers over the proposed upper Colorado River storage projects' engineering and economic feasibility.
Mrs. Bosone says President Truman has approved the idea of a program for development of small reclamation projects.
She predicts her bill will win approval from the House Interior Committee, of which she is a member.
She expects to get help from Utah and Montana members of Congress since those two states probably would be the first to benefit from the bill.
Utah and Montana have been operating small project programs for several years, so their laws

could be readily adapted to the cooperative federal-state program.
The small project committee of the National Reclamation Association, which is backing Mrs. Bosone's idea, has called Utah and Montana accomplishments "significant developments."
Among those on the committee are State Engineers Fred Buck of Montana and T. W. Jensen of Utah.
The number of small projects proposed nationally in the past few years suggests the proposed program would be used. The Reclamation Bureau reports 439 small projects have been proposed by various state and federal agencies in the west at an estimated cost of 200 million dollars.

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Air Force Maintaining Island Near North Pole Weather Station On Ice

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)—Two Air Force officers and a civilian scientist are maintaining a weather station on a floating ice island 60 miles from the North Pole.
They're living in tents in 50-below zero weather on an ice mass nine miles long and 4 1/2 miles wide that moves through the Arctic Ocean about a mile a day.
Maj. Gen. William D. Old, head of the Alaska Air Command, who landed with the weather party Wednesday, gave more details of the project Saturday.
The three-man crew planning to spend the summer on the ice island is composed of Lt. Col. Joseph O. Fletcher, Shawnee, Okla.; Capt. Marion P. Brinegar, Houston, Tex.; and Dr. Kaare Rodahl, civilian scientist from Ladd Air Force Base, Fairbanks, Alaska.
Capt. Paul L. Green, Zenia, Ohio, is expected to join the group soon to handle communications, and 10

or 12 others may be landed later.
Piloting the C-47 which landed on the ice island was Capt. Lewis Ephant of the 10th Air Rescue Squadron, Ladd Air Force Base, General Old as co-pilot.
Three other Air Force planes accompanied the C-47 but did not land. They flew from Alaska to Greenland, thence to the North Pole area, because the Greenland base used is 200 miles nearer the floating island than Point Barrow, northernmost Alaska point.
A Navy expedition now is based at Barrow and planning to establish a research base on another ice island.
General Old, at a news conference, gave details of the landing.
"Into the sun we could see about 25 miles," he said, "and away from it only about 10 miles. There was no similarity between the ice island and the ice pack. The island is perfectly flat, while the pack is cut up and full of ridges."
The C-47 made a test run, touching skis lightly to determine snow condition; then returned and landed. The other planes, C-54s, dropped supplies by parachute but did not land because of ridges on the snow.
It was 50 below when the party landed, with a light wind. The ice was covered with one to two feet of snow.

General Mum On Ike Plans

WASHINGTON (AP)—Gen. Alfred M. Gruenther flew in Saturday from headquarters of the Allied Powers in Europe, bringing reports of improvement in European defense against Communism but no news on when Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower may come home.
Gruenther, chief of staff in Eisenhower's command of the military forces of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) is here for testimony to congressional committees. He was invited to testify on President Truman's request for \$1,900,000,000 in mutual security funds.
A laugh and an "I don't know" was Gruenther's reply to reporters who asked him when Eisenhower might return, to take a more active part in the campaign to make him the Republican presidential nominee.
Asked whether Eisenhower himself knew, Gruenther said that "if he does, he hasn't communicated it to me."

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Sled Dogs In Alaska Die

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)—Nearly 200 valuable sled dogs have died in a swift distemper epidemic in northernmost Alaska, but airborne drugs helped save 300 others.
The Army reported Saturday that only two animals have died since March 14 in the wave of disease which began Feb. 8.
The distemper epidemic, unusual for native dogs, occurred in the Point Barrow area on the Arctic coast where travel in winter is largely dependent upon dog teams. Military authorities announced earlier this week that drugs rushed to the Barrow area by combined efforts of the Army, Air Force and Navy checked spread of the disease.

Red Underground Said Operating

TAIPEH, Formosa (AP)—The Nationalist Defense Ministry Saturday said Vyacheslav Molotov, former Soviet foreign minister and premier is supervising operations of a reorganized and expanded Communist underground in Japan, Indochina, Burma, the Philippines and other parts of the Far East.
The ministry said in a statement issued through its military information service that Molotov had his main base at Chita in Siberia and that he traveled occasionally to "such key points as Peiping and North Korea."

Unions Dicker For Wage Increase

SEATTLE (AP)—A 25-cent hourly wage increase and improved working conditions were sought by four locals of the AFL-International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers as negotiations opened Friday with the Northwest Ince Constructors' Association.
Lloyd Smith, business manager of Local 77, said 1,200 linemen and helpers in local here at Tacoma, Portland and Medford, Ore., are represented. Journeymen wage scales are now \$2.75 an hour.

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TOKYO (AP)—Crown Prince Akihito, who graduates from high school next week, will break a 2,600-year-old imperial tradition by enrolling in a co-educational university April 21.
It will be the first known time in the history of Japan that a heir to the throne has begun his higher education with both commoners and girls for classmates.
The devout followers of the Aga Khan, Moslem leader, number more than 20 million.

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