

Guatemala Center of Red Activity

U.S. Airmen KO Red Jets



BEOL, Korea (AP) — U. S. Airmen Tuesday destroyed five Communist jets, probably shot down two and damaged six in a half dozen battles over North Korea, the Fifth Air Force said.

The Air Force credited Sabre jet pilots with all the kills and probable and three of the damage claims.

Thunderjet fighter bomber pilots were credited with the three other damaged planes — two MIGs and the other a rarely seen new Red "type 15" jet.

The U. S. Eighth Army said ground troops killed at least 100 Reds in patrol skirmishes.

The Army said the U. S. First Marine Division is holding a sector of the Western front near the armistice conference village, Panmunjom.

It said the Leathernecks moved into the area from Central and Eastern front positions a month ago.

They replaced the South Korean First Division which held the sector 18 months.

Allied warships bombarded the Eastern and Western coasts of North Korea.

A Navy summary said the Destroyer James C. Owens and the Destroyer-Mine sweeper Denny laid day and night fires on enemy gun positions in the Sonjin area on the East Coast.

The Heavy Cruiser Bremerton used her eight-inch guns for the first time, the Navy said, on Communist front line positions near the East Coast.

The Navy in Washington said three men were killed and five wounded when Red shells hit the Destroyer James C. Owens off Northeast Korea last Wednesday.

Sacred Heart Notebook

By MARY EGAN

Congratulations to Wayne Neubert, newly elected president of the Student Body. There is no doubt that Wayne will proudly and faithfully fulfill his obligations in this important office. Assisting him will be Vice President Edmond Anderson, Secretary Cecile Vandenberg and Treasurer Louis Brown. Good luck to all in their offices during the coming year.

As for yell leaders, Barbara Howard has once again been elected to this position, as well as Jerry Jarvis and Karine Miller, to complete a trio rally squad.

New Pep Club members include juniors Elaine Patch and Theresa Harrington; sophomores Phyllis Ellis, Barbara Mauch, Theresa Bruner and Kathleen Carrier; and freshmen Mary Kay Eaton, Sheila Howard, Eva Casey, Kathleen Gallagher, and Cecilia and Catherine Kann.

Pep Club officers for the coming year will be President Mary Egan, Vice President Diane Shoop, and Barbara Smetz, secretary-treasurer.

The Chimes magazine dance slated Friday night was a perfect success both guest students of Lakeview and Academy agree. The new records, refreshments, decorations, skill and programs all joined to make a wonderful evening of dancing fun.

Then bright and early the next morning, Saturday, Sacred Heart girls exchanged places with Lakeview, traveling there to partake in a track meet. Though the final score placed Sacred Heart third, the girls enjoyed it immensely and wish to say, "Thank you to Lakeview, for inviting us."

But Father Time continues on, as last night the annual girls and boys' Letterman Banquet was held in the Parish hall with a dance to follow in the gym.

The calendar of events finds the students busy practicing this week for the May procession to be held Sunday afternoon at 3:30. This procession includes the recitation of the living rosary, litany, Benediction and the crowning of Our Blessed Lady's statue by May Queen, Marlene Mingo. Assisting Marlene in the coronation will be two maids of honor and four attendants.

The final activity of the Pep Club for this year will be a picnic at Collier Park on Wednesday.

Notice was received last week that the Airian annuals were on a track meet.

the way, and can be expected to arrive any day this week. Also the last issue of the Chimes paper will be given to the students before the week is ended.

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By E. L. ALMEN AP Newsfeatures

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador — Communists are getting a hostile reception in most of Central America although active and influential in Guatemala.

A recent survey in the five Central American republics showed that Guatemala alone tolerates unrestricted activity by Communists.

The others—Costa Rica, Honduras, Nicaragua and El Salvador—have outlawed the Communist Party and are vigilant against Red infiltration.

Economic stability, due mainly to high coffee prices, public works projects and industrial development, has helped curb the Communists' influence.

Guatemala's leftist government has made little effort to check the Communists although a popular reaction has set in and seems to be growing. Red infiltration of labor unions and some government departments has converted Guatemala into the center of Communist activity in Central America but this activity generally has been stopped at the borders.

HONDURAS

In neighboring Honduras the administration of Dr. Juan Manuel Gaitan, who took office in 1949 for a six-year term, has kept Communist propaganda to a minimum. Known Communists from abroad are packed off as soon as they are discovered.

Guatemalan Communist agents have made a number of attempts to slip into El Salvador without notable success. Most of their border crossings are clandestine since government policy definitely is hostile toward them.

President Oscar Osorio's administration in El Salvador enjoys strong support from workers in business and industry as a result of social reform. A few Communists masquerading under other names are found in seven or eight unions, notably in the graphic arts. They have failed to reach the rank and file, however, and are shut out completely from the major labor organizations—railroad and electrical unions.

NICARAGUA

In Nicaragua the constitution forbids formation of political parties of an international character. Guatemala has a similar constitutional provision but a recent government has overlooked it to permit the Communist Party to function legally. In Nicaragua the prohibition is enforced rigidly.

President Anastasio Somoza of Nicaragua said in a recent interview that all Communists have been tossed out of labor organizations. The Nicaraguan "strong man" acknowledged that Communists exist in his country but he said he knew who they are and is not worried about them.

"I used to throw them in jail," he said, "but I figured that they cost too much to feed so now I let them run around free."

Gen. Somoza indicated, however, that any Communists free to move around his country had better move circumspectly.

Known foreign Communists don't have a chance of staying in Nicaragua should they by chance succeed in getting in, the general said. The home-grown Communists make some attempts to deliver propaganda clandestinely. Usually this takes the form of leaflets set through the mails in

unmarked envelopes. Somehow, such material never is delivered.

In Costa Rica southernmost of the Central American Republics, the Communist Party has been outlawed but seeks recognition under the name of Vanguardia Popular.

Vanguardia Popular has no standing in the national political scene at present and is not regarded as a threat. Headed by Manuel Mora, its top strength is put at 8,000 votes in a national election. There are approximately 150,000 Costa Rican voters.

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Articles reflecting the Communist line appear occasionally in a publication issued by university students in San Salvador. Some clandestine leaflets also show up at rare intervals. They appear to have small circulation and little effect.

The Osorio government encourages the formation of industrial labor unions but jealously guards its control over them. As long as this tight control is held, the Communists probably will stand little chance of entering a wedge

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