

Reds Say Missing U.S. B29 Fired On Russian Fighters

By THOMAS P. WHITNEY
MOSCOW (AP)—Russia has charged that a U.S. B29 bomber shot at Soviet fighter planes over Russian Far Eastern territory Tuesday and said the Red pilots returned the fire. The incident occurred the same day the U.S. Air Force reported one of its Superforts missing off Japan.

A Soviet note to the United States, formally protesting the alleged border violation, said the American plane "disappeared in the direction of the sea" after the Russians shot back. The text of the note was published by the Communist party newspaper Pravda and was broadcast by Moscow radio.

In Tokyo, a U.S. Air Force spokesman said the missing American plane "carried no guns and no gunners" among its crew of eight. The Air Force previously had announced the bomber, flying a training trip, was last seen on a radar screen within Japanese waters. It disappeared from the screen when its path crossed that of an unidentified plane approaching from the Russian-occupied Kurile Islands, officers said.

The Soviet note charged that the U.S. bomber "violated the Soviet state frontier" Oct. 7 in the "area of the island of Yuri" (Yuri is one of the Kurile Islands, 18 miles from the northernmost Japanese island of Hokkaido).

The American crew fired on two Soviet fighter planes that ordered it to land, the note continued, and the Soviet fighters returned the fire, the American plane disappeared in the direction of the sea.

Deputy Foreign Minister Georgiy

Pushkin handed the note to Elton O'Shaughnessy, acting U.S. charge d'affaires, on Sunday.

"The Soviet government lodges a determined protest against this new case of violation of the Soviet state frontier by American military aircraft and demands that the government of the U.S.A. adopt measures to prevent violation of the Soviet state frontier by American aircraft."

The new controversy is the latest in a series of incidents involving U.S. and Soviet planes in both Europe and the Far East. It comes at a time when American-Soviet relations—as a result of the ouster of U.S. Ambassador George Kennan—are at the lowest point in the 20 years the two nations have recognized each other.

The previous aircraft incidents caused heated diplomatic exchanges between the two countries. Kennan also protested July 27 against Soviet Air Day posters depicting three of the incidents and showing American planes going down under Soviet fire. The ambassador refused to attend the annual Air Day show because of the posters.

U.S. Air Force officers in Japan said their last contact with the plane that disappeared Tuesday was a distress call. A crewman was heard to shout, "Let's get the hell out of here," just before the bomber vanished from the radar screen.

At that time, they said, the plane was in Japanese waters flying over the narrow strait between Hokkaido and the Kuriles. Search planes later found an oil slick in the area where the plane disappeared.



AIRMAN FIRST CLASS JIM O. ADAMS, Klamath Falls, makes sure the plastic bubble covering pilot and radar observer in this all-weather F-94 jet is bright and shiny. Adams is mechanic assigned to a fighter squadron of the 35th Fighter Interceptor Wing. The 35th is the aerial guardian of the central part of the Japan Air Defense Force zone. Adams is a brother of Mrs. Verna Brakevill, Klamath Falls.

Japan Gets First Postwar Defense Force

By JOHN FUJII
TOKYO (AP)—Japan gets its first postwar defense force this week.

Seven divisions (110,000 men) of the National Police Reserve and two divisions (25,000) of the Maritime Safety Board (Coast Guard) will be reorganized Wednesday into the National Safety Corps.

The khaki-clad troopers, now armed with light tanks and other

valuation aircraft, were recruited shortly after the outbreak of the Korean War.

The police reserve was formed to help in defense of the Japanese islands after the U.S. 24th, 25th and 1st Cavalry Divisions were rushed to Korea to stem the Communist invasion of South Korea.

The reserve is patterned after the U.S. Army, is equipped with 3.5-inch bazookas and light artillery. They were uniformed in olive drab uniforms copied from U.S. government issue but made in Japan.

Food is provisioned to suit the Oriental palate but camp discipline and routine are strictly GI.

The sea-going branch of the Maritime Safety Board has been outfitted in blues like those of the U.S. Navy but with the traditional Japanese Imperial Navy cap.

The sea forces will be organized into three fleets utilizing the 18 U.S. Navy frigates and 50 LSSL (landing ship, support, large) which the American government has leased to Japan.

Japanese Prime Minister Shigeru Yoshida will head the National Safety Corps as director-general. He will be assisted by a deputy director-general of cabinet rank.

Former Japanese Army, Navy and Air Force personnel up to the

grade of lieutenant colonel have been recruited to bolster command echelons.

The basic mission of the National Safety Corps is defense but it may be called out in times of national emergencies and disasters. The sea-going branch will patrol the irregular Japanese coastline against smuggling, aid vessels in distress and perform other functions of a coast guard unit.

Red Planes Over Japan

By WILLIAM C. BARNARD
An Air Base in Northern Japan (AP)—The commander of the Japan Air Defense Force today said Russian planes are tracked daily on radar at this base and that the Soviet craft "from time to time" fly over Japanese waters.

Brig. Gen. Delmar T. Spivey said in an interview that approaching Russian aircraft sometimes cause alerts at this base.

"Sometimes our planes take off on alerts and sometimes we just sit tight to see what will happen," he said.

Thunderjet watch planes are kept on the line and ready 24 hours a day, he said, and can be aloft three minutes after an alert.

"By purpose or accident, Russian planes from time to time fly over Japanese territorial waters," Gen. Spivey stated.

"The Russians are doing a lot of gunnery practice and training," he added.

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Machine-Gun Blasts End New Jersey Prisoner Riot

TRENTON, N. J. (AP)—About 20 knife-wielding convicts barricaded themselves in a wing of Trenton State Prison last night in a two-hour riot that was quelled by machine-gun blasts.

Two prisoners were injured by ricocheting bullets fired over the rioters' heads by correction officers who smashed through a barricade of stools, tables and wooden scaffolding.

Three guards had been held as hostages in this fourth major outbreak in the prison this year.

The rebel convicts, described as "extremely desperate" long-termers, had taken up in Wing No. 7 upon their return from their 300 felling meal, and, after locking their fellow inmates in another section, tried saving their way to freedom, one of the hostages said.

But they gave up in their attempt when their makeshift hack-saws failed them.

Shouting defiance to prison officials, the rebellious band proceeded to break up portions of the wing. But a preliminary examination of the cell block showed that there was no serious damage.

Pakistan Treason Trials Nearing End

KARACHI, Pakistan (AP)—Pakistan's great conspiracy trial, now in its 15th month, is finally nearing its close behind the walls of Hyderabad Prison.

Sixteen defendants, including the former Pakistan Army chief of staff and two Communist leaders, have been on secret trial since mid-June 1951, charged with plotting to overthrow Pakistan's government by force to substitute a military dictatorship.

Named with Gen. Akbar, who was stripped of his title of chief of staff and ousted from the Pakistan Army, were 12 officers ranging from major general to captain, the wife of Gen. Akbar, left-wing Lahore editor Fazl Ahmad Fais and Secretary Syed Sajjad Zaheer of the Communist party of Pakistan.

Sources close to the Prime Minister said he demanded the death penalty for the plotters.

After the slaying of Liaquat Ali Khan by a tribal gunman at Rawalpindi a year ago, public interest in the trial died down. More attention was given to the possibility of a new plot.

Day after day the conspiracy trial—ordered held in secrecy by the Prime Minister because he said "Pakistan is in a state close to war"—went on within Hyderabad Prison.

Rumors and reports have filtered out from behind the prison walls.

One report said Akbar Khan was so confident of acquittal he had ordered tractors and other farm equipment to take up modern agriculture on the big farm he owns in Pakistan's West Punjab State.

Best estimates were that final evidence in the great conspiracy case would be heard sometime this month, and a verdict reported to the government sometimes before the end of the year.

Government officials, a s'ked about reports the Pakistan government was anxious to "forget the conspiracy case," declined to comment.

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Farouk Faces Treason Rap

CAIRO, Egypt (AP)—The independent newspaper, Al Akhbar, today said exiled King Farouk will be charged with treason for allegedly asking Britain's army to quell the Egyptian Army coup last July that forced the monarch off his throne.

Al Akhbar added that Britain decided not to interfere in the Egyptian crisis after President Truman and Secretary of State Dean Acheson, on the advice of U.S. Ambassador Jefferson Caffery, strongly opposed any British action.

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Iran Railway Strike Over

TEHRAN, Iran (AP)—Several thousand operating and maintenance workers of Iran's state-owned railways returned to work yesterday after a 24-hour protest strike against nonpayment of salary increases promised seven months ago.

There was no indication that the wage boosts would be forthcoming immediately. The Tehran station director said the government was unable to pay them at present because of its financial difficulties.

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Marvin Besteman, 25-year-old substitute turkey at the Flint, Mich., City Jail, about 45 miles south of here, escaped from his captors late Sunday when they halted their stolen panel truck to steal a car.

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