

US Jets Tangle With Red Planes Off Korea Coast, One MIG Said Shot Down

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Air Force said today U.S. planes and MIG15 jet fighters fought a sharp engagement near the Korean coast only 10 days ago, after a U.S. reconnaissance bomber was attacked.

No American aircraft were lost, but one of the Russian-made jets was shot down. An Air Force spokesman here, who had only terse information on the incident, said so far as was known in Washington there were no U.S. casualties nor plane damage.

As for the nationality of the MIG pilot, he said only, "It is safe to assume they were Communists."

This was the first known clash between U.S. and Communist planes since the Korean armistice was signed July 27. Whether by coincidence or not, it occurred on a day of considerable tension—Jan. 22 was the day on which United Nations officials released to civilian status prisoners of war who

refused to be repatriated to Red-held territory. The Communists had insisted they must be kept in neutral custody. However, no serious incident developed.

The Air Force gave this account of the plane incident:

A U.S. RB49—a light, jet-propelled bomber fitted for reconnaissance work—was flying a reconnaissance mission Jan. 22 over international waters northwest of Sok Island, off the west coast of Korea, when "a large formation of MIG15 jet fighters" attacked it.

F86 jet fighters guarding the bomber opposed the attack and in the ensuing fight shot down one MIG15.

The clash apparently took place north of the 38th Parallel, the old dividing line between North and South Korea.

There was a rash of incidents involving Communist and Western planes early last year. A U.S. Thunderjet was shot down near the West German frontier by a Czech MIG15, a British bomber was attacked by Soviet MIGs near the East German border, losing five crewmen, and a U.S. plane which the Air Force said was on a routine weather flight near Siberia when fired on. The Russians insisted this plane was over Russian territory at the time.

However, since the Korean armistice the skies had been relatively peaceful.

Fair Weather On Way In

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Almost all the nation had fair and relatively mild weather Monday.

There was a dusting of light snow in Wisconsin, Michigan, New York and parts of Washington and Idaho.

The only sub-zero temperatures were reported in Northern New England. It was 15 below at Mt. Washington, N.H. Along the Atlantic Coast, however, freezing temperatures were reported as far south as South Carolina.

Fog was prevalent west of the Rocky Mountains.

Hoover Stays On Top Of Big Reorganization Job; Government Saving Eyed

By ED CREAGH

WASHINGTON (AP) — When the White House called Herbert Hoover away from a fishing vacation last summer to draft him for a hard, cranking job, the former President is reliably reported to have voiced some feelings of un-Quakerlike exasperation.

At 79, he thought he was entitled to a little rest.

With wry resignation he took the job, however—heading a commission on government reorganization to carry forward the revamping started by the old Hoover Commission of 1947-1949.

The commission held its first meeting with President Eisenhower Sept. 29. Four months later, its work is actively under way. And its once-reluctant chairman is directing that work at a pace which could tire a man 40 years younger.

"He almost never seems to rest," one of Hoover's associates said. "He spends three or four days a week in Washington, and even when he goes back to New York he's still on the job—at breakfast, at lunch, at dinner, in the evening, on weekends."

Hoover has taken on the job of personally picking experts for the

eight task forces which have been set up to advise the commission on problems ranging from surplus property to the cost of laundering sheets in government hospitals.

"He's determined," says a staff member, "to get the best qualified expert in the country on every subject. Because of his wide range of contacts, and his power of persuasion, he usually gets his man too—people who normally wouldn't dream of going to work for the government."

A staff of 39 full-time employees, along with 140 part-time consultants, has been assembled. Most of the task forces already have started gathering data. The commission has until next Dec. 31 to file its preliminary report. Its complete findings are due five months later.

To all appearances, Hoover enjoys being back in work which has long been familiar to him and in which even those who criticize him as

an expert. Staff members find him genial, often quick to lighten a technical discussion with a witticism or an illustrative anecdote. Their chief concern is that he is driving himself too hard for a man of his years, striving for a final accomplishment to prove reer in public service.

"He refuses to spare remarks on his friend, blaming of advancing years, 'at 79 he knows he simply has no time to spare.'"

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Story Says Greenlease Money Taken

ST. LOUIS (AP) — The St. Louis Post-Dispatch reports about \$20,000 of the missing Greenlease ransom disappeared from Carl Austin Hall's briefcase between the time of his arrest and the counting of the money at a district police station the following day.

Hall, before his execution in the kidnaping of Bobby Greenlease, told authorities he had about \$20,000 in the briefcase when arrested Oct. 6.

The newspaper, in a copyrighted story in Sunday morning's editions, said when two special officers counted the recovered money Oct. 7 at the station, the briefcase was empty.

Less than half the \$600,000 ransom paid Hall and his accomplice Mrs. Bonnie Brown Heady, was recovered in two suitcases brought with the briefcase to the station with Hall.

Resigned Lt. Louis Shoulders and suspended Patrolman Elmer Dolan, the arresting officers, are under perjury indictments by a Kansas City grand jury following their testimony on handling of the money. Both pleaded innocent and are free on bond.

Part of the testimony during a police board inquiry in Dolan's perjury indictment, the Post-Dispatch said, quotes Dolan as saying he had the briefcase with him when Hall was brought to the station and that he put the briefcase in Shoulders' office.

Tito Ignores Soviet Hint

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — A "semi-official" invitation to slip back under the wing of the Soviets received little sympathy Monday from officials of Communist Yugoslavia.

The current issue of the Cominform weekly journal, published in Bucharest, Romania, called on the Yugoslav people to restore their "ancient bonds" with their Iron Curtain neighbors by rejoining the Cominform—Moscow's international organization of Red parties.

The journal continued, however, to denounce the regime of President Tito. He has been on bad terms with the Cominform ever since 1948, when he split with Moscow and his party was ousted from the association of the faithful.

Commenting on the latest friendship bid, Deputy Foreign Secretary Alex Beber said tersely, "We have had many such invitations. We are not naive."

Morse Blasts Texas Solons

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP) — Oregon's Sen. Wayne Morse criticized Texas Gov. Allan Shivers before an audience of Texans Sunday night.

Morse, who during the last elections bolted the Republican Party, said "it is not politically ethical to stay in one party and campaign for the other party." Shivers, a Democrat, supported Gen. Eisenhower in the last election.

Morse also criticized Sen. Lyndon Johnson (Tex), the Senate minority leader.

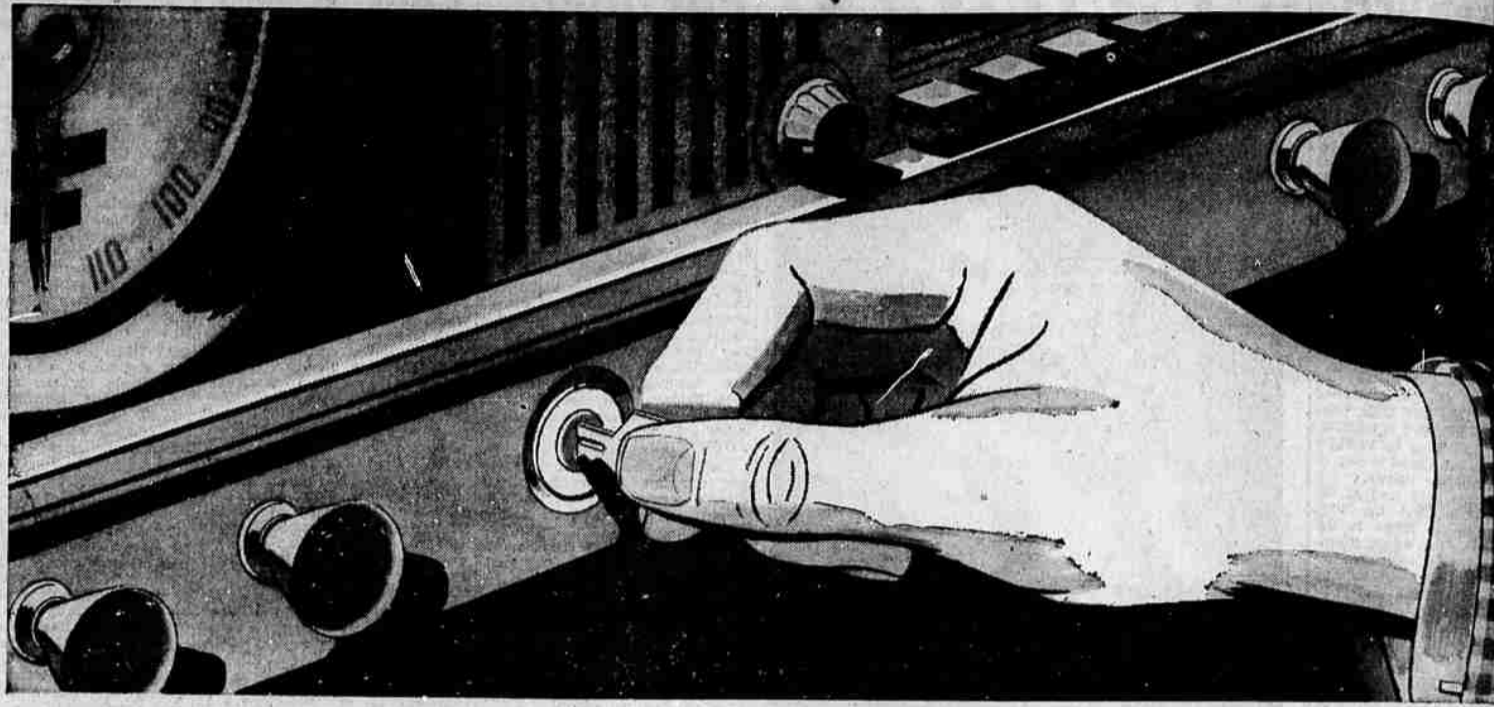
Morse said Johnson "has the most reactionary record in the Senate" and apparently is afraid he will be defeated in the next election.

"The worst representative you can have is a politician who is afraid to be defeated. I cannot reconcile certain actions of your senior senator except on the basis of the fact that he is afraid he is going to be defeated," Morse said.

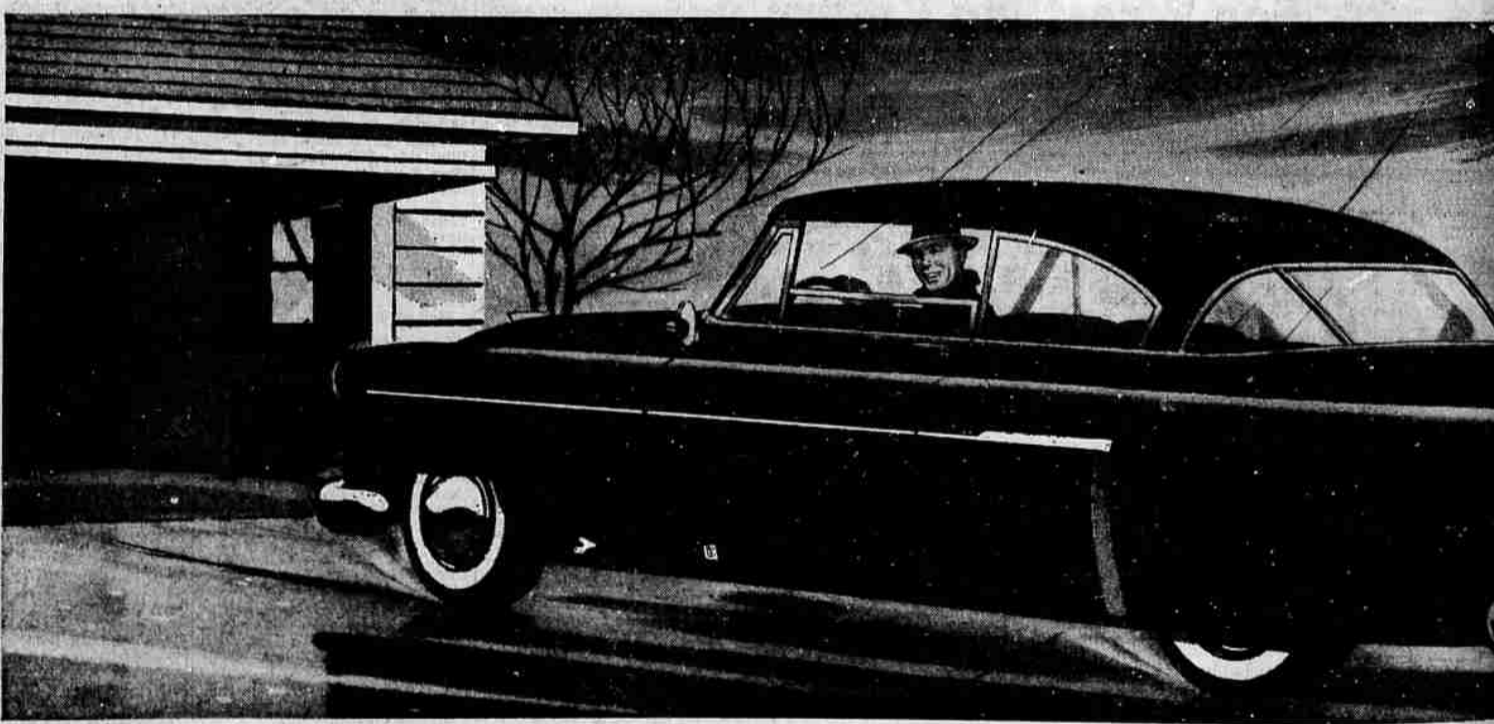
Morse also told the mixed audience of Negroes and whites that legislation by the last Congress which gave Texas the title to so-called tidelands was "the greatest political steal in the history of our country."

QUAKE

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A sharp earthquake jarred the Imperial Valley of southern California last night, but no damage was reported. Calexico residents said the shock was felt at 8:25 p.m. At El Centro, also in the Imperial Valley, two shocks were felt, one at 8:25 and another 10 minutes later. Dishes were rattled. Other valley points reported tremors, as did some residents in San Diego.



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U.N. Official Retires Today

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP) — Byron Price, top American in the U. N. secretariat, retired Monday.

The former executive news editor of The Associated Press left his \$22,000-a-year post as assistant secretary general after almost seven years of service.

His two main achievements, as head of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, were: (1) supervision of the multi-million-dollar building project which produced the glittering skyscraper headquarters of the world organization, and (2) helping in the drive to rid the secretariat of suspected American Communists.

His only plans for the future, he says, are to grow tomatoes, cut grass and go fishing.

Price left the AP to be U. S. director of censorship during World War II.

Roseburg Man To Head Dealers

PORTLAND (AP) — Ernest M. Barker Jr. of Roseburg is the new president of the Oregon Gasoline Dealers Assn.

Others elected at the organization's convention Saturday included O. C. Patridge, Pendleton, first vice president; Paul Coleman, Klamath Falls, second vice president; W. C. Newhouse, Oregon City, third vice president; and Tom Roberts, Salem, secretary-treasurer.