



MAP SHOWS BOUNDARIES of the drainage project in the Miller Hill area which the Klamath Irrigation District will be asked to deepen and operate. Farmers in the area and irrigation district members will vote on the proposal Tuesday, November 9. Voters in the area affected will cast their ballots at the Floyd Hoover home on construction costs and at the regular precinct polling place, Earl Mack's home, on operation and maintenance.

Russian Jets Down U.S. Plane Over Northern Japan

TOKYO (AP) — U. S. airmen charged today that two Russian jet fighters pounced without warning on a U. S. plane on a photo mission over northern Japan yesterday and shot it down in flames.

Ten of the big four-engine RB29's 11 crewmen parachuted to safety moments before their plane crashed in northern Hokkaido, a few miles from the Russian-held Kurile Islands. The 11th crewman drowned in the sea after bailing out.

In Washington, the State Department said it was protesting the incident to Moscow.

In Tokyo, Gen. John E. Hull, U. S. Far East commander, said the direction of the crippled plane's fall "completely negates" any possible Soviet claim that the plane was over Russian territory. He accused the Russians of a "piratical" attack.

Capt. Anthony F. Feith, the RB29 captain, said his plane was "never closer than 15 miles" to Russian territory.

Feith, 35, of Chester, Pa., said: "I was approximately nine miles off Hokkaido and was never closer than 15 miles to the area the Russians consider their own."

"When fired upon we were even further away (from Russian territory). We were headed toward land," he told a news conference.

The attack came, he said, just as his plane had finished the first of three scheduled photo runs over northern Hokkaido, Japan's northernmost island. His plane, he said, was at about 17,000 feet and just off the Hokkaido coast, southwest of the easternmost tip of the Nemuro Isthmus. This would put the plane well to the south and west of the Japanese side of the narrow strait of water that separates Hokkaido from the Soviet-held islands.

Asked if the Russian planes at any time intruded inside the three-mile limit marking Japanese waters, Feith said:

"Yet, I would say they were on their last pass."

Feith said when the MIGs were first spotted rising from about 10,000 feet he told his crew, "I don't think they would attack."

"They're firing."

But moments later A. Z. C. Walker, Lt. Col., New York City, shouted: "The MIGs made two passes each, blasting at the big RB29 with both cannon and machine guns."

Feith said his plane lurched, flames, touched off by gasoline spewing from a wing tank, enveloped part of the craft.

A. Z. C. Earl E. Weimer, Elkins, W. Va., the tail gunner, said bullet holes suddenly appeared 18 inches above his head.

"I was scared," he said.

The MIGs, he said, "came straight in on the tail. When they started firing I was looking straight up the MIG's intake pipes and the cannons underneath the pipes."

Moments later Feith ordered the crew to bail out.

"Everyone cleared the ship," he said.

Although the RB29 was armed, Feith said he could see no advantage in returning the Russian fire. His copilot, 1st Lt. David N. Oliver, Corvallis, Ore., said:

"I don't like getting shot at. I was mad. But like the captain said, there was nothing to be gained by shooting at them."

Oliver said just before the bailout he broke radio silence to announce the big plane had been attacked.

The crew members said the mass bailout occurred over a 10-mile strip as the burning plane floundered inland. It crashed about 35 miles from the attack area, scene of several clashes between U. S. and Soviet planes in past months.

All but one of the men were picked up. The 11th, the second man out of the plane, was found drowned, tangled in his chute. His name was withheld.

In Tokyo, Gen. Hull released this statement:

"With utmost indignation I must denounce the shooting down by two Soviet MIG fighter planes of a United States photographic plane yesterday."

"Without provocation these piratical planes pounced without warning upon an American aircraft which was peacefully engaged in a routine mission. Any claim by the Soviet attackers that our plane

was over what they consider their territory is completely negated by the fall of the plane and of the survivors who parachuted from it on Hokkaido soil."

Yesterday's incident came just two months after the Russians shot down a U. S. Navy Neptune some 350 miles to the east in what the United States called a "wanton and unprovoked attack."

In July 1953, a U. S. B50 disappeared over the Sea of Japan and the United States charged the Russians with shooting it down.

Another big plane, a B29 Superfort, disappeared Oct. 7, 1952, in the same general area as yesterday's incident. Japanese fishermen later said they saw Russian planes shoot it down.

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Iranian Army Officers Shot

TEHRAN, Iran, (AP)—An Army firing squad at dawn today executed five more officers convicted of spying for Soviet Russia.

To date 20 officers of the army, police or air force and one civilian have been executed in the crackdown on the widespread Red spy ring. An estimated 850 officers and civilians have been arrested in the roundup.

After a luncheon given by Gov. and Mrs. Theodore McKeldin, the Queen Mother will review a dress parade in her honor by the 3,600-man brigade of midshipment at the U. S. Naval Academy.

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PTA MILLS

The regular November meeting of the Mills PTA will be held on Wednesday afternoon, November 10, at 2:15 p.m. in the school auditorium. As American Education Week is being observed, the faculty extends an invitation to the parents to visit classes at any time throughout the week.

Guest speaker for this month will be Carol Howe, county school superintendent, who will speak on "Good Schools Are Your Responsibility."

Arrangements have been made for pre-school children and students up to grade three to be supervised in the boy's basement during the PTA meetings.

Refreshments will be served in the cafeteria following the meeting by the fifth grade mothers.

Home Extension MIDLAND

By Mrs. Mayme Cammock

Mrs. Fred Crapo is the newly elected chairman of the Midland Home Economics Club. She was elected with other officers at a meeting November 1 at the home of Mrs. Ralph Sukraw, Del Patti Lane. Others who will serve with her are Mrs. Mayme Cammock, vice chairman; Mrs. Stanley Smith, secretary and Mrs. Floyd Hoover, treasurer.

The annual Christmas treat and Santa for children of members is planned for December 15.

Mrs. Sukraw assisted by Mrs. Leroy Houck served luncheon to 10 members and two visitors, Mrs. August Andrien and David Andrien.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Fred Crapo, Spring Lake Road on December 7 with an all day session planned. There will be a no-host potluck luncheon and Christmas gift exchange. Secret pals will be revealed at this meeting.

Eisenhower To Speak In Boston

BOSTON (AP) President Eisenhower is making a flying visit to Boston today to make a speech before the 27th convention of the National Conference of Catholic Women.

After the speech the President planned to fly back to Washington, arriving by 2:15 p.m. Sen. Saltonstall (R-Mass.) will accompany him on the return trip.

Merrill High News

By Carol Poe and Doris Raines

Merrill High School has been buzzing with activities for the past two or three weeks.

Student body officers have been elected as follows: Jackie Barry, president; George Hodges, vice president; Katherine Ahern, secretary; Nancy Dewey, treasurer; Carol Poe, historian; Lorella Lemler, social chairman; Rae Dean Marks, Esther Beasley and Darleen Daniel, cheer leaders.

Assemblies so far have been interesting. A table tennis exhibition was put on by Stan Fields and his partner.

Senior High students saw a movie on conservation, "This Is Your Land," and also heard a talk given by Mr. Guilmon of the Wildlife commission.

Sergeant Miller of the army recruiting service gave a talk to the junior and senior classes on why a student should have a high school diploma before entering a branch of the service.

The junior and senior classes saw a movie, showing how class rings are made.

Merrill is sending five student delegates to the district student council meeting at Central Point on November 8-9.

The junior and senior students are being urged to enter the annual contest, which this year has as its subject, "I Speak for Democracy," to be held this month.

The Merrill student body sponsored the annual school carnival October 29. The king and queen, Donna Conner and John Haskins were from the eighth grade. Other candidates were Janice Lisk and Brian Ifields, seventh grade; Sue Muno and Jon Rogers, ninth grade; Darleen Daniel and Bill Moore, 10th; Patsy and Jim Ralston, 11th; Sharon Kothoff and Lee Wolfram, 12th.

Queen Mother To Visit Annapolis

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