

American Sabrejets Bag Five MIGs In Blazing Air Battles

11 Other Red Planes Listed As Damaged

SEATTLE, Aug. 30 (UP)—American Sabrejets dealt Communist air power a crushing defeat today as they destroyed five Red MIG-15s, probably destroyed one and damaged 11 of the Russian-built jets in a series of blazing air duels over North Korea.

It was the best day of hunting the Sabres have had in August and the 17 claims brought the monthly toll to 52 MIGs destroyed or damaged.

The previous best "kill" total this month came Aug. 5 when four MIGs were destroyed and nine damaged.

Seventy-nine of the American fighter-interceptors tangled with about 100 MIGs in a series of late afternoon battles near the Suho Reservoir on the Yalu River and over the important Red city of Sinuiju in northwest Korea.

It was the second straight day the MIGs put in an appearance after staying safely in the Red China sanctuary at Antung, Manchuria just across the Yalu River.

Step Up Pressure
American Superforts also stepped up pressures on the Communists again by blasting an important Red power plant in northwest Korea.

The raid came a few hours after Allied fighter-bombers hit the North Korean Capital of Pyongyang with one of the heaviest assaults of the war.

Seventeen Japan-based B-29 Superforts roared over Chosin and dropped high-explosives on a huge powerhouse, switchyard and transformer area.

The Superforts were over the target for nearly 3 hours. They used electronic aiming devices to shower down bombs on some undamaged areas and on installations the Communists had been trying to repair.

2 Sailors Die As Tug Is Sunk

TOKYO, Aug. 30 (UP)—A loose enemy mine floating off Korea's east coast sank the 1589-ton tug USS Sarat yesterday and two sailors were killed, three are missing and four were seriously injured, the Navy announced today.

The 205-foot Sarat plunged to the bottom off Hungnam 16 minutes after the explosion, but 92 officers and men survived the disaster.

Lt. William M. Howard, Norfolk, Va., commander of the tug, was among those who escaped. The Navy said the detonating mine's explosion damaged the tug's communications equipment and prevented the sending of distress signals. However, three ships were on the scene within 30 minutes and picked up the crew survivors. No Hoosiers were reported among the casualties.

It's MURDER On the Highways

LEBANON—Harold W. Wright, 10, Crawfordsville, died en route to a hospital here yesterday after his bicycle was struck by a car on a county road southwest of here.

EVANSVILLE—Leroy Gentry, 35, Boonville, died yesterday when a stripped down hot rod in which he was riding with two other men struck a tree along Ind. 261 near Newburgh.

EVANSVILLE—Mrs. Martha Agnew, Henderson, Ky., died today when her car overturned on a curve of Ind. 65, four miles northwest of here. A passenger, Mrs. Lucille Delano, 37, Evansville, was critically injured.

Visitors Report Thefts By Bus Pickpockets

Pickpockets preying on bus riders got \$268 from two elderly out-of-state men last night, police were told.

William Aurenz, 70, Pittsburgh, said his billfold containing \$100 was lifted, apparently as he boarded a Fair-bound bus. Emmett Tremaine, 69, Bardonia, Ky., said he was jostled as he boarded a bus at the terminal and later missed his wallet containing \$168.

McGrath to Testify Before Tax Probers

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30—Former Attorney General J. Howard McGrath has agreed to appear before House investigators to answer charges that the Justice Department tried to obstruct a grand jury investigation of St. Louis tax scandals.

Chairman Frank L. Chelf (D. Ky.) of the House Judiciary Subcommittee investigating the Justice Department said yesterday Mr. McGrath will appear before the group in the middle of September.

Mr. McGrath was invited to appear before the subcommittee after they heard charges he and other Justice Department officials had sought to block the 1951 grand jury investigation. The investigation later resulted in the indictment of St. Louis tax collector James P. Finnegan.

Books Are Closed
The subcommittee closed its books yesterday on a war contract fraud case that died of "old age" and was never prosecuted.

The subcommittee charged the Justice Department with "dilatory tactics," but it heard testimony from a U. S. attorney that the repeated delays in the case were beyond the Justice Department's control.

The case involved Norman E. Miller, former operator of an engineering-drafting firm in Detroit, who was charged with defrauding the government of \$14,000 in war contracts. Miller was indicted at Detroit in July, 1944, but the government dropped the case six years later with Miller never being brought to trial.

The congressional investigators said the case appeared to be "typical" of the way high government officials had stalled certain cases in the past.

Hobo King Calls Rival for His Throne a 'Fake'

HAMBURG, N. Y., Aug. 30 (UP)—Hobo King Jeff Davis was as hot as a can of Mulligan stew today as he exploded claims to his title supposedly made by one Scoop Shovel Scotty.

"The guy's a fake," the balding emperor of the Knights of the Road, Air & Seas exclaimed. "He's tried this before."

The hustling little man paused during the 44th annual convention of his Hoboes of America, Inc., here to consider the latest report on Scoop Shovel and "Cannonball Baker."

Seems that a bunch of boys with itchy feet, billing themselves as the Knights of the Road, held a conclave in Iowa the other day. Reports have it that they elected Scoop Shovel Scotty as "the new king of hoboes" since their alleged reigning emperor, Cannonball Baker, failed to show up.

"Just a publicity stunt at a local fair," pronounced his majesty Davis.

Red Cross Trying To Find Officer

Lt. John L. Kaesman's mother is seriously ill in Los Angeles, according to word received here today by the Red Cross, which is trying to locate the officer who is due to report at Camp Atterbury next Saturday.

Lt. Kaesman checked in and out of an Indianapolis hotel last week. He is asked to contact the Red Cross Home Service Department, LI-1441.

Where to Go

Indiana State Fair Contentional State Fairgrounds, "Hoosier Stars of 1952" at 7:30 p. m. \$3, \$2.40, \$2.20 and \$1.80. "Irish" Horan and His Lucky Hell Drivers at 7 p. m. \$3, \$2.40, \$1.80, \$1.20 and \$1. \$200,000 Grand Circuit Harness Racing at 12:30 p. m. \$3, \$2.40, \$1.80, \$1.20 and \$1.

"Broken Dish," presented by the Brown County Playhouse, Nashville, Ind. 8 p. m. Stock Car Races, 16th Street Speedway, \$1, 8:30 p. m. Harry McCrady and his orchestra play music for dancing at Westlake Terrace, 9 p. m.

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Youth Poses As HST to Cheat Widow

BASIN, Wyo., Aug. 30—The FBI today held a 16-year-old boy who impersonated President Truman and talked an 83-year-old widow out of \$200 to "fight communism."

The boy, whose name was withheld, was charged with "impersonating a federal officer"—to wit, Harry S. Truman.

The youth's third attempt to get money from the woman ran his demands up to \$2000. The widow became suspicious and called local authorities and the FBI.

The boy was bound over for federal trial on \$1500 bond. He faces a maximum sentence of three years in prison and a \$1000 fine or both.

His confidence career began when he and two companions demanded \$150 from the widow so one of the boys "could visit his mother in Alaska."

George Burton, special agent in charge of the FBI in Denver, said the boy returned to the widow's home Aug. 8 wearing a business suit and dark glasses. He passed himself off as an agent of the "U. S. secret ranger service."

Mr. Burton said, and got \$200 to "fight communism."

Then the boy played his trump card. He impersonated the President.

From Plymouth, Mich., where he had hitchhiked, he sent the woman a letter. It was signed "Harry S. Truman, Pres. of U. S."

Here is his letter: "This is a very important letter from me, the President of the United States of America."

Asks "Great Favor"
"I am asking a great favor from you. Read every word of this."

"There is a boy in Plymouth, Mich., where I am at, he has no legs and no arms and I was in hopes that you would send this boy \$2000. Two thousand dollars for new arms and legs which were shot off fighting for his country."

(The letter then gave an address to which the money should be sent.)

"Do not let anyone else read this letter or you will get into plenty of trouble."

"Please send the money right away as soon as you get this letter. Do not wait one day to send it."

"Yours truly,"
"Harry S. Truman"
"Pres. of U. S."

"P. S. Send it right away."

"Burn this envelope and letter."

Young Chicago Bandit Admits Killing Officer

CHICAGO—A tough-talking member of a youthful gang admitted today that he killed a policeman during a \$157 holdup.

Richard (Smoky) Green, 26, told officers he killed Patrolman Harry Bending Jr., 32, in suburban Des Plaines.

Three other members of the gang, who participated with Green in the holdup of the Time Finance Co., were in custody. One more was sought. Two girl friends were held.



United Press Telephone
LIKE THIS—Gen. Eisenhower discusses a nonpolitical subject—steak—indicating the thickness preferred, at his campaign headquarters in New York.

Purdue Group To Aid Airline

Pledges \$1 Million For Refinancing

MADISON, Wis., Aug. 30 (UP)—Purdue University's Research Foundation pledged up to \$1 million today for refinancing Wisconsin Central Airlines on more favorable terms.

Dr. R. B. Stewart, treasurer of the Lafayette Foundation, said the foundation will transfer a fleet of nine Douglas DC-3 planes to the airlines for overhauling and modernizing.

Stewart said the agreement provides that the airline will "become a field laboratory for the benefit of students of Purdue who are specializing in aeronautical training."

He said this would give the airline "the benefits resulting from research and special studies in the field of scheduled air transportation performed by students and faculty members of the university."

The line operates in Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota and Michigan and is headquartered in Madison.

Mrs. Truman to Meet Margaret in N. Y.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30 (UP)—Mrs. Bess Truman, wife of the President, will go to New York by train Tuesday to meet her daughter, Margaret, who is returning from a European tour aboard the liner "United States."

Mrs. Truman arrived here yesterday from Independence, Mo., with her ailing mother, Mrs. David Wallace. White House Press Secretary Joseph Short said the President's plane, "the Independence," picked up Mrs. Truman and her mother en route from Burbank, Cal., where it was overhauled.

Squirrels Keep Cool

NEW ORLEANS—Sweating workmen said today they found four newborn squirrels left by their mother in a window air conditioner at Loyola University.

Tariff Slash Won't Cut Oil Prices, Officials Say

WASHINGTON—Government officials warned motorists, householders and industrial users today not to expect lower gasoline and fuel oil prices as a result of a drastic cut, ranging up to 50 per cent, in duties on imported oil.

The present-tight oil supply will prevent whatever cash savings result from the lower tariffs from being passed on to consumers, they said.

29th Strike of Year Hits Atomic Project

PADUCAH, Ky.—After 10 days of harmony, another strike—the 29th of the year—was underway at the billion-dollar atomic-energy project near here today, but there was no work scheduled because of the Labor Day week end.

Work at the vital defense project was virtually halted yesterday when about 15,000 of the 20,000 construction workers walked off the job. Thirteen AFL crafts were involved.

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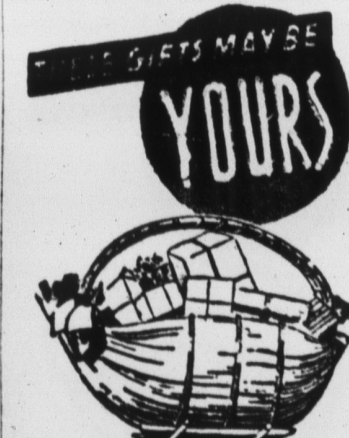
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