

13 Red MIGs Downed In Heavy Air Fights

SEOUL, Dec. 14—(AP)—The Red air force took one of its worst licks of the Korean war Thursday when sabre jet pilots ran wild and shot down 13 Communist MIG fighters in two fierce air battles.

America's latest jet ace, Maj. George A. Davis, personally destroyed four MIGs. Davis now holds every combat record made by a jet pilot in the Korean war—the most kills of all kinds, the most MIGs destroyed, and the most kills of non-MIG types.

In the greatest all-jet victory of the war, two more MIGs probably were destroyed and another one damaged for a total of 16 destroyed or damaged.

The actions flared over Northwest Korea and blazed more than 135-air miles across the peninsula's midriff to the east coast Red port of Wonsan.

Altogether, 64 Sabres were pitted against 146 MIG-15s. Despite these odds, the Fifth Air Force announced the loss of only one Sabre, attributing it to fuel exhaustion, rather than enemy action.

In another action, Communist groundfire hit a plane from Australian carrier Sydney, but again a helicopter succeeded in rescuing the pilot.

Destruction of 13 MIGs topped the previous largest definite battle score of eight TU-2 bombers, three LA-9 fighters and one MIG—a total of 12 all destroyed in one action Nov. 30.

Last April 12 Sabres, Thunderjets and B-29 Superforts teamed to shoot down eight MIGs, probably destroy seven more and damage 18.

Thursday's record kill of Red jets failed to obscure a significant development along parts of the 145-mile ground front.

Fenton Resigns Post on Collegian

Florenz Fenton has resigned as editorial director of the Daily Collegian, Marvin Krasnansky, editor, announced yesterday.

Elected to replace Fenton was Robert Fraser. Fraser formerly held the position of co-librarian of the Daily Collegian.

Fenton, who is also editor of Inkling, literary magazine, resigned in order to accept the position of sports editor of the Centre Daily Times. He will remain on the staff as a member of the senior board.

Krasnansky also announced that Mildred Martin had been named librarian. She formerly held the title of co-librarian.

Players' Show, 'Tartuffe' Begins Third Weekend

Penn State Players' production of the Moliere satirical comedy, "Tartuffe," begins its third weekend at 8 tonight in Center Stage.

Tickets for both tonight's and tomorrow's performances are on sale at the Student Union desk in Old Main. Price for Friday tickets is 90 cents and for Saturday tickets the price is \$1.20.

Leading roles in the costume comedy are played by Jay Broad, as Tartuffe; Lee Stern, as Orgon; Sonia Goldstein, as Dorine; and Helen Jaskol, as Elmire.



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Truman To Fight Corruption

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13—(AP)—President Truman indicated today he will soon set up a special house-cleaning agency to sweep out corruption in government and out wrongdoers "no matter who they are or how big they are."

But the President said emphatically he is not going to dismiss Attorney General McGrath or Chairman Frank McKinney of the Democratic national committee, both of whom have been under fire.

Drastic Action Taken

Mr. Truman hit strongly at government officials having outside interests—such as a law practice—which might conflict with official duties. Something is going to be done about that, he said.

Discussing the nation-wide tax scandals at a news conference, Mr. Truman said his administration has always taken drastic action against "wrongdoers" in its own midst.

Minimizes Scandals

As to the forthcoming clean-up action, the President advised reporters to have a little patience—they would learn something later in the week. And if he does set up an investigating group it will be his own kind of committee. There was a Truman committee in the past, he said, recalling the Senate war contracts inquiry committee he headed as a U.S. Senator early in World War II.

In general, the President appeared to minimize the scandals that have broken in black headlines around the Justice department and the tax-collecting Bureau of Internal Revenue in recent weeks.

Iran Elections Set

TEHRAN, Iran, Dec. 13—(AP)—Premier Mohammed Mossadegh's government announced today—above a mighty chorus of death threats for his political foes—that national elections will start Dec. 18.

An opposition leader charged the death-shouters were "government gangsters."

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8:30, Open House in PK's Apt.

Practical Joker To Get Justice In Wife's Hands

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 13—(AP)—Police were pretty sure today that justice was administered properly to a man who played a practical joke on six policemen. They turned A. R. Delmonico over to his wife who promised: "I'll take care of him."

Six officers rushed to the couple's East End home after they said Delmonico called and informed them: "I'm gonna shoot my wife."

Police said they found Delmonico sitting calmly at a kitchen table and that he grinned and remarked: "It took you just eight minutes."

Allies Revise Plan For Disarmament

PARIS, Dec. 13—(AP)—The Western powers revised their arms reduction proposals today in an attempt to meet some Russian objections, but stuck to their guns on the major issues such as atomic control.

Basically the Western position remained unchanged in the east-west deadlock that has prevailed more than five years.

The United States, Britain, and France formally agreed in a re-drafted resolution to such points as the Russian idea for the name of a new disarmament commission and took out several phrases the Russians said were not clear.

Prisoners' Fate Remains Mystery in Korea

MUNSAN, Dec. 14—(AP)—The fate of approximately 100,000 Allied prisoners of war in Korea was still a mystery today as it was more than five months ago when the armistice talks began.

United Nations negotiators Thursday declared there was something "sinister" about the Communist refusal to produce a list of U.N. soldiers they hold as prisoners.

Talks May End Strike Threat

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 13—(AP)—The federal government acted today to stave off a nationwide steel strike New Year's day.

Two ace mediators were flown into Pittsburgh to take a hand in apparently stymied wage talks between the CIO United Steelworkers and United States Steel Corporation.

Closed door sessions of negotiators continued and steelworker President Philip Murray made ready for a possible momentous meeting of his policy makers on Monday.

Murray said only that he called the union governing heads to take up progress of the wage talks. But the reason might be to authorize a strike or extend the present contract.

It is generally conceded that the matter will have to be settled in Washington due to wage controls. Steel sources say the industry can't even make a wage offer until it finds out how much it can get in the way of price increases.

Lt. Col. Howard A. Levie, official U.N. spokesman, said "stalling" by the Reds on the questions of prisoner exchange and means of supervising the armistice might be because the Communist delegates were waiting for new instructions.

Both problems were scheduled for further discussion in separate subcommittee sessions in Panmunjom at 11 a.m., today (9 p.m., Thursday, E.S.T.)

Levie said the Allied negotiators were still trying to obtain the names of prisoners held by the Reds in the interest of the "families of husbands and fathers."

It is believed, Levie said, that some of the 85,000 South Korean soldiers who are missing, as well as 12,000 American and 3,000 other U.N. soldiers unaccounted for, may be imprisoned in camps on the east coast near Hungnam.

The Allies want to know where the camps are and how many POWs are in each one before an exchange point, such as Panmunjom, is agreed upon.

"We don't want our prisoners to have to walk hundreds of miles," Levie said. "We don't want a death march in reverse."

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