

KOREA L.T.P. & G. Thuro. Sept. 4 - '52.

(The Air Force in Korea had one of its big days today - American jets downing/ ~~twelve~~ ^{thirteen} MIGS, and damaging three. That equals the American Air record for the Korean war.)

The battles on high produced another ace, Major Frederick Blesse of Phoenix, Arizona, son of a retired Brigadier General of the U.S. Army. Today Major Blesse shot down his fifth enemy jet, which gives him the rating of an ace - the nineteenth in the Korean war thus far.

One sabre-jet was lost - the pilot bailing out. He reported by radio, that his plane was damaged, his fuel exhausted - so he was going out by parachute. This was over enemy territory - and, presumably, he's a prisoner tonight.

One American plane lost - as twelve enemy jets were shot down.

Today brings another case of a G I veteran of Korea - faced with deportation. Sergeant Marek - taken out of the front lines.

He got into the United States illegally. Back in his native Poland, he pretended to be a Communist, and thus was able to get a berth on a Polish vessel bound for the United States. Here he jumped ship - and, after a while, applied for citizenship. Then was drafted into the army and on to Korea. There he served as a tank driver and gunner in the fourteenth regiment. If they send him back to Red Poland, it will be mighty bad for the U.S. veteran of Korea.

His case is pretty much the same as that of a young Greek sailor, Steve Bratsanos, who served in Korea for nine months - before the immigration authorities grabbed him.

It seems odd - to toss out of the country

soldiers who have been fighting for the country.

Senator Magnuson of Washington says he's going to start proceedings to keep combat veterans from being deported.

FLYING CARPET

The commander of the "flying carpet airlift" says it was a good thing - not only for nearly four thousand Moslem pilgrims, but also for the U.S. Air force.

Brigadier General Wentworth Goss took two squadrons of planes from Germany down to the Lebanon - where the pilgrims were stranded. The government of Lebanon had appealed to our State Department - which, in turn, appealed to the Air Force. So the two squadrons commanded by General Goss flew more than thirty-seven hundred Moslems to Jidda, the port ~~at~~ ^{for} the holy cities of Medina and Mecca.

It sure was a favor to the pilgrims - and much appreciated in Mohammedan countries. As for the Air Force, General Goss declares: "That airlift was a splendid training exercise in the sort of job we are expected to do at a moment's notice."

Well, when those ~~XXXX~~ airmen get back to this

country, the people in their home towns, the folks
may gape and think they're seeing - the Prince of
Araby. That is, if the fliers put on the robes
presented to them by King Ibn Saud. In appreciation
of the "flying carpet airlift" he sent ninety-six
costumes, such as might be worn by shieks of top rank -
sumptuous, ^{silk robes,} with a stately head-dress. One of those
airmen, togged out in that finery of the desert, will
look ^{more impressive than Rudolf Valentins!} ~~like the chief himself~~

EGYPT

Egypt announces land reform - to break up the big estates. In the valley of the Nile, the fields have long been owned, for the most part, by landlords - *— the Pashas;* and I suppose that ~~this~~ goes back to the Pharoahs.

The peasants, the Fellahin, poverty stricken and oppressed. So, when the military revolt ousted King Farouk - land reform was one of the first measures proposed by the strong man, General Mohammed Naguib. Under the program, land holdings would be limited to two hundred acres.

Today, Premier Aly Maher, put into power by the strong man, had a conference with representatives of the land owners. They complained and criticized. But, when it was all over, the Premier said the government would go ahead.

LEIPZIG FAIR

Communist East Germany issues an invitation to businessmen of the West - come to the Leipzig Fair. There's talk about big business to be done with Soviet Russia, the European satellites, and Red China. The Leipzig Fair - to be a commercial meeting place between East and the West.

So the Communists are turning to their own purpose an historic institution of Western commerce. For long centuries, the Leipzig Fair has been famous - founded away back in the Twelfth Century. In the early Fifteen Hundreds, the Emperor Maximillian issued an edict prohibiting any other fair to be held in competition - which gave the Leipzig Fair a monopoly - and vastly ~~increased~~ increased it's importance. For the past century or so, it has been the chief center for the trade in Russian furs.

So now Moscow is using that venerable

commercial institution in a game of luring the West with prospects of trade. Today, the Red Foreign Trade Minister called the Leipzig Fair: "The show-window of the whole socialist world." The outstanding feature will be the Russian exhibition, the largest - dominated by a statue of Stalin.

SPACE TRAVEL

A dispatch from West Germany warns us that - we're in for some wild and woolly conversation. At Stuttgart -- the opening of the annual Congress of the interplanetary travel experts. One hundred and sixty delegates from ^{and that means} twelve nations. ~~So~~ we'll be having headlines about space ships, and voyages to the moon.

The interplanetary conference opens with some figures bearing on the cost of the tickets, the fare you might have to pay for a trip into outer space. Two hundred dollars a mile, according to British rocket expert G.V.E. Thompson.

He bases his calculation on the cost of operating a space ship, zooming along one thousand miles above the surface of the earth. One hundred to two hundred million dollars a year, he estimates. The way it figures the price of a trip to the moon would be about fifty million dollars. Rather expensive, if you should step

up and buy a ticket.

A scientist from Switzerland today recommended the establishment of a school for the training of interplanetary explorers of the future. A space college, to be called - The Institute for Astronautic Exploration. For educating - some Christopher Columbus of the Cosmos.

EISENHOWER

In Philadelphia, General Eisenhower assailed the foreign policy of the Truman administration, charging - blunders, political profit and petty ambition.

Speaking in Philadelphia's vast convention hall he argues that, to have sound foreign policy, the American people must have an administration they can trust.

He summed it up in these words: "We will win this battle for peace only after we have won the battle of Washington."

~~This evening he will make one of his major television appearances.~~

EISENHOWER-NEWSPAPERS

(A survey in the realm of journalism shows that General Eisenhower has the greatest newspaper support in the recent history of the United States.) "Editor and Publisher" states that, on nine hundred eighteen dailies, six hundred ninety are backing General Ike. One hundred forty-two in favor of Stevenson. Five to one for the General.

The Eisenhower papers have a circulation something more than twenty-seven million. Stevenson something more than three million. Which is better than eight to one.

In recent years, Republicans have always had the backing of the majority of the newspapers. Nevertheless the Democrats have won the presidential elections. This year the journalistic support for the G O P is greater than ever. Interesting to see what this

will mean in terms of votes.

(In Governor Stevenson's own home state, for example, only four daily papers favor him. Whereas General Ike is being boosted by thirty-seven Illinois dailies.)

STEVENSON-TALK

(At Stevenson headquarters in Springfield, Illinois, the word is that the candidate will, in the words of a spokesman - "treat the American people as the adults they are." This, in response to comment - that Adlai Stevenson may be talking over the heads of people.) He's a man of education and wit, and sometimes his political address can sound like a bright political essay, subtly phrased, with irony and sophistication. So will people get it, or will they think it - highbrow?

(Today, the Stevenson campaign manager, Wilson Wyatt, said: "I don't think you have to write down to the American people." No, but you ~~do~~ don't have to be top lofty and complicated with ^{us,} ~~them,~~ either.)

STEVENSON

A Republican ~~is~~ offer^s Governor Stevenson a pair of shoes. Fred Elliott, a shoe dealer at Flint, Michigan, does this after what he saw at a Stevenson rally.

The Democratic nominee, sitting on the speaker's platform, ~~crossed~~^{cro}ssed his legs, and exposed the bottom of ~~his~~^{me} shoes ~~and then the other.~~
In the sole of each there was a hole - about the size of a quarter. Shoes worn out that badly.

The next thing you know, Governor Stevenson was telling the crowd about the big prosperity under Democratic administrations. Which made the Republican shoe dealer wonder. If times are so good, why does the Democratic nominee go around with holes in his shoes? Being charitable, as well as Republican, Fred Elliott announces - he'll send a pair of new shoes to Stevenson.

Well, Adlai Stevenson is not so poor that he has to go around with holes in his shoes. Grandson of a Vice President of the United States, he's of a well-to-do

family. At the Governor's Mansion, ⁱⁿ Springfield, Illinois, the Stevenson secretary explains: "He's careful about how he spends his money, even for shoes." It's an old story - you don't have to be poor to be thrifty.

Actually, the Presidential candidate has long been known among his friends - for his shabby shoes. They tell how, on one occasion, he was playing golf in an ancient pair of sports shoes, extremely decrepit, which aroused the sympathy of his golfing partner - who sent him a brand new pair. Adlai Stevenson liked them so well, that he had the spikes taken off, and wore them every day. By now they're pretty well worn out, but he still wears - what's left of the gift.

COW

In the skies over the Middle West this evening, there's a cow traveling along -- a holstein heifer up on high. Sounds like the cow that jumped over the moon - but it's funnier.

That aerial bossy was intended for the national plowing contest at Kasson, Minnesota - a big balloon in the form of a cow. Tethered to a long line, it was to have floated up there, while General Eisenhower and Governor Stevenson delivered campaign addresses.

But, alas, a mishap. At New Richmond, Wisconsin, where the bovine balloon was made, they gave it a try-out -- sending it up. But the tow-line broke, and away went the cow -- drifting on a west wind.

They say it might go on drifting at several thousand feet all the way to the Atlantic seaboard.

The airlines have been warned -- to have their planes

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on the lookout. Nelson do you think a pilot, flying
along, might be astonished to run into a flying holstep
heifer?

COMMUNIST UNION

Senate investigators give a report of - the
distributive, processing and office workers union.
They say the President, Arthur Osman, is identified
as a Communist party member. So is the union secretary
and treasurer, Donald Henderson. The same for other
union officials - all Communists.

That labor organization was formed of three
previous unions, two of which were expelled from the
C I O, accused of following the Communist party line.
The other seceded from the C I O about the same time
- when the C I O was getting rid of the Reds.

These are the stated facts behind the charge
that sixty-five thousand workers, in important lines
of industry, are under Communist domination. There
was testimony that the New York local gets
instructions daily from Communist party headquarters.
Which certainly would seem to be the height or the
depth - of Red control.