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A dispatch from Formosa, tonight, says - the evacuation of the Tachen Islands is picking up speed. This is day-time out there and the removal of Chinese Nationalists from the islands continues at a more rapid rate. No opposition from the Communists as our Seventh fleet covers the evacuation with an "umbrella" of planes.

But - it is a tense operation. Rumors - of American planes being fired on. But that's denied. Red anti-aircraft fire has been observed - but that seems to be a sort of demonstration affair along the coast. Not aimed at American planes.

At the same time, the U.S. aircraft carriers were alerted when unusual activity was observed at the Ningpo air base on the mainland. "Hustle and bustle" at the flying fields - but nothing has ~~re~~ developed out of that, as yet. The Chinese Red radio was bragging, today, that Communist air planes took off to intercept American ~~planes~~ planes.

Which thereupon fled. But that's ~~more~~ propaganda.

Although ~~the~~ evacuation of the Tachen Islands goes on without incident. The Nationalists on Formosa saying - that "not one person or one thing will be left behind for the Communists."

The chief trouble is - the weather. The aircraft carriers, ~~etc. etc.~~

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are operating on a stormy sea, under murky skies. Which

makes it mighty tough - for the pilots of the carrier planes -

*that are*  
~~those~~ on a round-the-clock schedule. Which means night

flying - working off heaving, pitching decks. Under - blackout

conditions of wartime. Just about the hardest flying -

an aviator ever has to do.

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Secretary of State John Foster Dulles told a congressional committee - today - he ~~doubts~~ doubts the Chinese Reds "really intend to wage war." He thought - as long as the United States maintains its attitude of strength and firmness, the Communists <sup>will</sup> ~~would~~ find discretion the better part of valor.

The Secretary said this to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, as he urged a speedy approval for the mutual defense treaty between the United States and the Chiang Kai Shek regime on Formosa.

Meanwhile, the policy of strength and firmness was backed by indications at the Navy Department. Where the word was - that U.S. Carrier planes, if attacked, will pursue the attacking planes "as long as they think they can get them". Which would mean - pursue them over the Chinese mainland, if necessary. Also, if our planes are fired on by anti-aircraft guns in the vicinity of the Tachens, the guns would be silenced.

British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden made an appeal, today - to give diplomacy a chance to bring about a "cease fire" along the China coast. Eden urged what he called - "cease-fire conditions." Which, in the British view, means - the withdrawal of the Chinese Nationalists from all the coastal islands.

Well, the Tachens are being evacuated. After which - there will still remain other coastal islands further south. Like - the Quemoy and Matsu groups. <sup>We hear the</sup> ~~The~~ ~~first~~ British think ~~that~~ ~~these~~ ~~should~~ should also be evacuated - and have <sup>That</sup> ~~we~~ ~~been~~ ~~saying~~ ~~the~~ ~~Chiang~~ ~~Kai~~ ~~Shok~~ forces should pull back to Formosa - after which, "cease-fire" negotiations would have a chance.

A dispatch from Tokyo, this afternoon, gives the stories told by the two jet pilots, who shot down a couple of MIGS on Saturday. Twelve American Sabre Jets were escorting a ~~REE~~ reconnaissance bomber, off the West Coast of Korea.

When - a squadron of Russian built jets came flashing to the attack. There was no provocation - ~~an~~ or any warning.

One of the Sabre Jet pilots was Captain George Williams of Austin, Texas . Who says: "They were already firing ~~jets~~ when I saw them. They seemed to be shooting - from too ~~far~~ far out." The MIGS were using aerial cannon - but the range was too long.

They were trying to get through - to blast the big reconnaissance ~~an~~ plane. Seven of the American fighters closed in - to protect the bomber. The other five - going after the MIGS.

"I took the leader" relates Captain Williams. "When I came in he broke to the left, and I followed him. I gave

him the first burst - and he was on fire."

Lieutenant Charles Salmon, of Port Jervis, New York, got the other Communist plane. "When I saw the MIGS coming in," he says, "I rolled over and headed down. I found myself on the tail of two MIGS, <sup>that</sup> ~~which~~ were firing at the observation plane. So I let go." Shooting at one, Lieutenant Salmon fired ~~five~~ or six bursts. The MIG - plunging in flames.

With two of their number shot down, the other hostile jets ~~were~~ went streaking away.

To whom did they belong? Where did they come from?

There's no answer. The U.S. pilots declare - they saw no markings on the MIGS. Nor could they be sure - where they were heading when they fled. The assumption would be - they were Red Chinese, or North Korean. Since - the encounter took place over the Yellow Sea, which is between China and Korea.

There's a move in Congress to disperse industry and population centers, in this country - as the best defense against a hydrogen bomb attack. Today, Congressman Richard Bolling, of Missouri, reintroduced a resolution to set up a Joint Congressional Committee. Which would study - ways of spreading out targets for possible bombing. "Space", declared the Congressman, "is the best defense against hydrogen bomb attack." Avoid - having possible targets crowded in small areas.

( The Congressman admits - that a dispersal of industries and population centers would be mighty expensive. But, it might help - to avert atomic war. If an enemy realized that his country could not be knocked out by quick attack - that enemy might well be deterred by the fear of massive retaliation. )



## FRANCE

In Paris, former Premier Pinay - is trying to form a government, following the downfall of Mendes-France. His success depends, apparently on ~~the~~ the attitude of the popular Republican party.

Today, Pinay asked for their support - but the popular Republicans were noncommittal. They said they would "not take a stand" right now. ~~Which~~ Which is considered unpromising for the right wing leader who was Premier for nine months, in Nineteen Fifty-two.

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## PRINCESS

Princess Margaret had a quiet afternoon -- for a change.

Touring the British West Indies, Princess Margaret ~~has~~ been having a busy whirl - parades, receptions, celebrations.

This morning, at the island of Grenada, it was much the same round of ceremony - for the industrious Princess. The principal event - the opening of a new broadcasting system for the ~~Windward~~ Winward Islands. Princess Margaret presiding. The new radio network links the four main islands Grenada, St. Vincent, St. Lucia and St. Dominica.

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Vice President Nixon was in Havana today - the first stop in a seventy-five hundred mile tour, which - will take him to ten Latin-American Republics.

The Vice President is getting a cordial welcome in Cuba - with Havana newspapers taking the occasion to drum up a bit of propaganda. Today, they headlined the suggestion - that Cuba ~~was~~ could use a bit of U.S. economic aid - also - to argue in favor of Cuban sugar exports to the United States.

LABOR

Top ranking union leaders are gathering at Miami Beach tonight, for talks - that may bring about a merger of the A F of L and the C I O. The negotiators are headed by A F of L President George Meany and C I O President Walter Reuther - <sup>with</sup> ~~and~~ hopes ~~are~~ expressed that labor unity may be achieved.

Today, the A F of L President said, "I'm not pessimistic."


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KIDNAP

A strange and murderous kidnap - in Pittsburgh.

A twenty <sup>year</sup> ~~year~~ old young woman, Lorraine Rodgers - seized in the small hotel where she lived. Two men went to her room, and seized her. She screamed and this attracted the attention of Whitey Henry, who ran to help her. One of the abductors shot him down, leaving him fatally wounded. Then, the girl was dragged, kicking and screaming, down <sup>two</sup> ~~to~~ flights of stairs and taken away in an automobile.

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ADD KIDNAP

One of the kidnapers is described as a disappointed  
suitor - with whom Lorraine Rodgers had broken.



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The latest, the man, in question, surrendered to the police, this evening -- the abducted girl found - unharmed.

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Which created a sensation - at Oxford. The thin

man. Today, the Professor would not recant. He would only qualify by saying - he meant "politically dead." West bank

robber. Quote a shocker at staid old Oxford.

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## ROBBERY

In London, the police are looking for - the "thin man." An individual - skinny as a bean pole. A walking skeleton, in fact. Which follows one of the boldest bank robberies that London has known in years.

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In the bank basement, he blew open the vault - and then shoveled bundles of money through the hole, to his accomplices on the other side. After which - he squirmed through again, and the bank robbers made their getaway.

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