



coming up. I've seen more, this past week, than ever before."

We've heard, in the past, that although the Mig is in many respects a better plane, the Sabrejet wins the victories - because they have a better gun-sight. So what has McConnell to say?

"It was easy," he declares. "It's amazing how you can hit them so far away. That gun-sight sure is good." He says he shot down his last Mig today, from a distance of three thousand feet - more than half a mile.

We've also heard that the American pilots are better than the Communists - another reason why the Sabrejets do so well. The story the Captain <sup>tells includes that aspect, too.</sup> ~~tells touches on that angle~~ <sup>too.</sup>

"I saw two Migs heading away at an angle," he relates. "I cut them off, and they split when they saw me coming. I took the closest one, and fired - hitting him in the engine and tail section. The Mig," he goes on, "slowed suddenly, and the pilot bailed out. He jumped awfully soon,"

and McConnell adds: "They must be giving those Reds a medal for each plane they bail out of."

Other American pilots who scored victories today, say the same thing - the way the Red flyers take to their parachutes, the moment their planes are hit.

KOREA - TRUCE

News about the Korean truce talks indicates that most of the talking, today, was done by means of radio-teletype across the Pacific. Our top armistice negotiators were in Tokyo, conferring with supreme commander General Mark Clark, and Robert E. Murphy, political adviser to President Eisenhower on armistice affairs. They were discussing ways to break the truce talk stalemate, and were in constant communication with Washington - so we hear.

(The negotiations at Panmunjom are in a three-day recess - time out requested by the U.N. representatives. They wanted a chance to confer with General Clark in Tokyo, and consult with Washington - by teletype.)

~~That's a report from Tokyo, which gives the belief~~

One purpose, we are told, ~~that the purpose~~ is to close the rift between the United States and Great Britain on the subject of Korea. Prime Minister Churchill having given a qualified endorsement to the compromise offered by the Communists. India, supporting the Red proposal - strongly.

Today the Red Radio was trying to capitalize on the Anglo-American split, taking the side of the British, and saying: "The United States Government is accustomed to ignore the opinion of its allies, and run the whole show at Panmunjom."

This is denied in London by the Prime Minister - who told the House of Commons, <sup>today,</sup> that the United States is giving due consideration to the British view. He repeated a former declaration - that the United States is carrying ~~nineteen~~ nineteen-twentieths of the burden in Korea, and that Britain should not seek to make the decisions.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA -

The United States is returning to Red Czechoslovakia an airliner that flew to freedom a couple of months ago. The plane - in which a group of anti-Communists assumed control, taking charge at pistol point. ~~They brought the plane to the~~  
In the American Zone in Germany, ~~and there were~~ six who asked for political asylum. Twenty-three going back to Czechoslovakia.

The Reds have been demanding the return of the plane, and this is now conceded - just two days after the release of American Newspaperman William Oatis. Turned loose by the Czechoslovak Reds - after spending a couple of years in prison, on a trumped-up charge of espionage. We are told, however, that there's no connection between the two events - no exchange, the airliner traded for the newsman.

Assoc. Press

~~Press/ Bur. Mag~~ William Oatis arrived in New York today, for a reunion with his wife - whose plea in a letter to the Czechoslovak President, played a large part in her husband's release. He states that, for nearly two months after his arrest, the Reds questioned him eight hours a day. ~~He says he doesn't~~  
He says he doesn't  
~~He says he doesn't~~

want to discuss the reason the Reds put him in prison. But he indicates that just plain news reporting might be considered a violation of law behind the Iron Curtain.

After a news conference with reporters, Oatis and his wife walked away - hand in hand.

## SCIENTISTS

A report handed to President Eisenhower today pictures - a grave shortage of scientists in this country. This comes from the National Manpower Council, which was appointed by General Eisenhower two years ago. That was when he was President of Columbia University. So now the report comes to him, as President of the United States. <sup>P</sup>The study, financed by the Ford Foundation and carried out by Columbia, shows that this country has about one hundred and fifty-five thousand trained scientists. "We have a total working population of some sixty-three million - gainfully employed." So the scientists come to about two-tenths of one per cent of that. Not nearly enough - says the Council.

The shortage is the greatest in the realm of physics - of which, of course, atomic science is a branch. The United States has between fifteen and twenty thousand physicists - and, of these, only thirty-five hundred hold a top academic ~~degree~~ degree of doctor.

( Well, we all know what atomic science means nowadays, w



~~and we get to have a whole great army of experts in physics,  
if we are to stay in the atomic race.~~ The Council says - the

shortage of scientists is jeopardizing the safety of the nation.

And adds: "The security and progress of the country depend, as never before, upon the nurturing of creative minds that can push back the frontiers of the unknown." )

A fourteen point program for the mobilization of scientific brain power is handed to the President. The recommendations place emphasis on keeping qualified students out of the draft. Improvement of our educational system, from grammar school to university. The expansion of scholarships and the use of public and private funds to promote education in science.

Substitute ATOMIC

Washington announces a drastic cut in atomic expenses. The Truman budget slashed by thirty percent. Which means that we will spend fifteen percent less on atomic energy in the next fiscal year. The difference in figures lies in the fact that there is a good deal of money left over, and that will be used up.

The cut, we are assured, will not impede our development in the production of - atomic weapons. It won't affect A-Bombs, or the projected hydrogen bomb. Nor will there be any halt on the construction of two atomic submarines.

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But the production of atomic aeroplanes and atomic aircraft carriers will be postponed. So will the work on atomic power for civilian use.

All this is in accordance with the administrative policy of - economy.

## TARIFFS

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce, today, came out against a high tariff policy. A spokesman told Congress that measures to cut off imports would, in his words - "reduce competition and create an artificial scarcity of goods."

This testimony was given before the Ways and Means Committee of the House, which is considering a bill for higher tariffs. Limit the power of the President to reduce tariffs, and impose new restrictions on various imports.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce argues against the bill,

~~(its spokesman stating that this country "can't afford to give up all protection" for home industries. But, he added that new restrictions might, in his words - "increase the price of many goods to the consumer by creating artificial shortages in a sheltered market. Unnecessary barriers to trade," he went on, "spell isolation and produce stagnation.")~~

~~(This was echoed by Congressman Frank E. Smith of Mississippi - who spoke for the cotton growers of the South.~~

~~He said that restrictions of international trade injured our exports of cotton, and the Southern farmers need those exports.)~~

BOXING

The Illinois Boxing Commission tosses out Jersey Joe Wolcott's protest - that he was given a short count. The proof of the matter was found in a study of the movies of that quick knockout. Which show that Jersey Joe had a full count of ten, while he sat on the floor, after being knocked flat by Champion Rocky Marciano. *Protest - thrown out.*

~~These three-dimensional pictures show the challenger still on the floor at the count of ten. Protest - thrown out.~~

## SPEED

The first woman to fly at sonic speeds, ~~did it~~

*again today* Jacqueline Cochran, <sup>Today</sup> ~~the veteran woman aviator,~~  
whirled around a course at Lancaster, California, ~~today~~  
at an average speed of six hundred fifty-two miles an  
hour. Setting a speed record for women pilots.

Jacqueline Cochran - the first one of them to exceed the  
speed of sound.

## STORM

One of the greatest of storms is blowing along the Gulf coast. From Brownsville, Texas, on the Mexican border, to Biloxi, Mississippi - eight hundred miles. The wind howling at 84 miles an hour. Ten and a third inches of rain in twenty-four hours.

All that, added to torrents of rain for weeks, ~~with~~ tells a story of - floods, in Texas, Louisiana, and Mississippi. Streams pouring over their banks, and worst of all is - the Sabine River, which forms the southern half of the border between Texas and Louisiana. In places, the stream is fifteen to twenty miles wide tonight. Towns isolated. Hundreds washed out of their homes. The Sabine - flooding one-fourth of Newton County, Texas. Galveston hard hit.

It's tornado weather, too. Today, a twister isolated the Louisiana town of Alexandria; and the Weather Bureau warns - that the whole immense length of the storm is a possible "tornado area." All the way from the Rio Grande to the Mississippi River - and further on.

## QUEEN

In London, they've done an alteration job on the crown of Great Britain. To make it fit - a smaller head. ~~For each generation, down the centuries, the inside of the crown is made smaller or larger, depending on the head size of the sovereign.~~ Back in Nineteen Thirty-Seven, the crown was fixed to fit King George the Sixth - and he had a larger head than his daughter Elizabeth has. She's petite;- and the crown, unless altered for her, ~~thus altered~~ would sink down over Her Majesty's ears, like the derby hat of an old-time comedian.

At the same time, the Coronation news tells of royal headgear of another sort - hats. An order has been placed in Paris. The style - small <sup>toques</sup> ~~toques~~ mostly. That small, turban-like fashion is intended to emphasize the youth and charm of the dainty Queen.

However, if the Coronation crowds should prefer a large Queen, they'll have that also. Today, there arrived in London Her Majesty Salote Tupou, sovereign of the Tonga Islands in the Polynesian Pacific. Queen Salote Tupou stands six feet

Truly majestic. She'll ride  
three, and weighs two hundred and eighty pounds. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~  
in the Coronation procession, dressed in full South Sea costume.

So, as for queens, you can take your pick. There  
they are - little Elizabeth the Second of Great Britain,  
beside Her Giant Majesty of the Tonga Islands.



## MUSIC

News from the world of music states that a phonograph company is making recordings of - "Moon-Dog", playing "snake-time" on the "Oo."

"Moon-Dog" is a mysterious blind street musician - who for years has been going around New York wearing a long robe and sandals. Playing - strange music on fantastic instruments. The story is that he was reared among the Indians in Wyoming, and got his musical ideas from them.

Recently, "Moon-Dog's" music caught the attention of top ranking musicians like Duke Ellington of jazz and Mitropoulos of the Symphony. They were attracted by his weird rhythms - which will now be recorded.

"Moon-Dog" calls those rhythms - "snake-time."

He plays on instruments of his own invention. His favorite - the "Oo." Spelled - double "oo. A cross between a banjo and a harp - and he bangs on the strings with a stick. To that accompaniment, he lets out a few howls - like a dog baying at

the moon. Which, I suppose, accounts for the name he has given himself - "Moon-Dog." Nelson - would you play us something on your oo? And then we'll all toddle oo.