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7. Capture of ranking US airman interests Soviet Ambassador in Korea: The Soviet ground control intercept net in northwestern Korea on 16 May passed a message over its administrative link which stated that "Makhurin" had been captured and that an interrogation had been conducted. The message suggested that "Razuvaev" was present. (CANOE USSR Military Korea, [] 796, 16 May 52)

Comment: "Makhurin" is probably US Air Force Colonel Walter M. Mahurin, whose aircraft was shot down by ground fire on 13 May.

The suggested presence of Soviet Lieutenant General of Aviation, Vladimir Razuvaev, at the interrogation of Colonel Mahurin is another indication of the Soviet Union's intense interest in the military aspects of the Korean war.

General Razuvaev is the Soviet Ambassador to North Korea and may be the over-all commander of Soviet aircraft participating in the Korean air war.

8. Heavy Communist air effort made against UN 4 July fighter-bombers: Both Russian and Chinese aircraft participated in the attempt to disrupt the UN's 4 July fighter-bomber attack on a North Korean Military Academy near Sakchu in northwestern Korea, reports a US Air Force security unit in Japan.

There were few Russian flights prior to noon on 4 July when "activity became very heavy" and at least seven flights were vectored by the GCI controller at Tatungkuo airfield on UN aircraft active in the area. Later in the afternoon three and then four more flights were vectored against UN aircraft.

On the Chinese GCI net a little after noon on 4 July, the GCI net filter center instructed: "aircraft 179 to go to the school place." This aircraft was advised that "above the school there are light bombers. The enemy is bombing." A little later another flight was ordered to the "school" to "fight." (CANOE 6920 AF Security Grp Johnson AB Japan, CHICOMSUS 889, 7 July; RUSUM 76, 6 July 52)

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Comment: Communist MIG-15's came up in numbers in an attempt to disrupt the UN's attack. Of 84 enemy jets sighted, 47 were encountered with at least 10 and possibly 12 destroyed.

9. American tanks used by North Korean armored unit: A message from the ordnance section of North Korean Armored Forces Headquarters on 5 July mentioned that six American model tanks were supposed to be sent from Sukchon to an armored training regiment. (CANOE 15RSM/15860 Korea, 6 July 52)

Comment: Previous references have been made to captured US armor in North Korean messages. Prior to this, however, it was not known whether this captured materiel was being shipped out of Korea or was being placed in units for future service.

10. North Korean-piloted jets operate on Soviet GCI net: On 3 July, reports a US Air Force field security unit, a Russian GCI net ground station at Antung told a Russian-piloted aircraft that "the pigeons are chasing the Sabres. Fight together with them."

The field unit notes that "pigeons" is the cover word for aircraft active on the North Korean GCI net. (CANOE 6920 Security Grp Johnson AB, Japan, AP 706, 7 July 52)

Comment: Such coordinated action indicates either the presence of Russian-speaking Korean pilots or that net control at Antung is trilingual as has been previously indicated.



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