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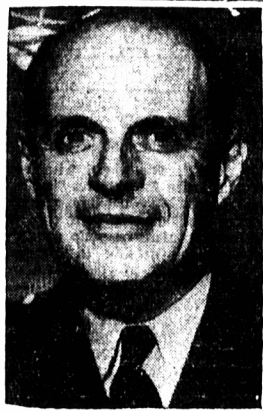
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# RED JETS SMASHED BACK IN STEPPED UP AERIAL WAR

## Churchill Says Britain's Duty To Speak Plainly

## Ridgway Advises Congress To Keep Aid Flowing To Europe

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Gen. Ridgway

The Allied commander in Europe testified that while there are no indications now of "imminent hostilities" neither is there any evidence of the sincerity of Russian peace talk.

Ridgway told the House of Representatives foreign affairs committee at hearings on the foreign aid program that it would be unwise to cut military goals of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. He said it would weaken U.S. defenses.

"Even with the completion of the goals," he said, "we will still fall short of the minimum defensive strength required to prevent serious reversals in the early stages of a determined attack."

Ridgway did not spell out what he meant by serious reversals — whether loss of Germany and Al-

lied airbases there, a retreat to the English channel or destruction of trained troops and equipment.

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## Discusses Truce Negotiations In Commons

LONDON, (Reuters) — Prime Minister Churchill said it is Britain's "duty" to speak plainly to the United States on Korean truce developments but not to "appear to go nagging" about it. At the same time he hinted Monday he favored a return to India's proposal, approved by the United Nations, for repatriation of Communist war prisoners unwilling to go home.

Labor party critics of the new Allied repatriation proposal claimed the American negotiators at Panmunjom had abandoned the Indian plan, Arthur Henderson, air minister in the former Labor cabinet, asked Churchill if he did not consider it advisable to propose a return to the Indian plan.

"I will bear that suggestion in mind so far as it has not already been in my thoughts," Churchill told the House of Commons.

In reply to demands that Britain seek a voice at Panmunjom, Churchill reiterated that the United Nations had placed the entire conduct of the Korean war in American hands from the time the war started.

"I must remind the House as I have done several times," he said, "that the United States is mandatory to the United Nations and has borne 19-20ths of the burden in blood and treasure."

"The matter is not one we have either the right or the responsibility to decide. But it is our duty, without separating ourselves from our great ally, to express our opinion frankly and plainly to them on occasion of offers."

He said there have been "constant exchanges of view" on truce negotiations between Washington and London.

## Inventor Of Slow Motion Picture Dies

VENTNOR, N.J. (AP) — Charles P. Watson, 91, inventor of the slow motion picture camera, died at his home here Friday. Watson, a native of Philadelphia, was working in a steel foundry when he got the idea for the slow motion camera. He figured that by taking the pictures faster than usual and showing them at normal speed a slow motion effect could be produced. He developed a camera that took 1,000 exposures a second, compared with the 12-exposures-a-second normal rate at the time.

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"A variety concert to be held in Hunter River Orange Hall, May 25th in aid of L.O.B.A."

"Postponed ham supper and dance, Lot 65 Hall, will be held tonight, May 19."

"Just arrived, last car clover and mixed seeds. Also have in stock Alberta double re-cleaned oats. McGuigan and Boyle."

"Borden Youth Club presents their three-act comedy 'Aunt Tillie Goes To Town', Seven Mile Bay hall Friday, May 22nd, 8.30 o'clock. Sale candy, very special specialties. Admission 50 and 25 cents."

"Just arrived, another carload Pioneer Poultry, Dairy and Hog feeds. No high pressure sales talk required to sell Pioneer Feeds, just satisfied customers year after year. Prices very reasonable. Try some. R. L. Dickieson, New Glasgow."

"Now in stock, woven wire, chicken wire, barb wire, cedar posts, cement, whitewash lime, asphalt products. Highest prices paid for eggs. Write or phone R. L. Dickieson, New Glasgow."

## Rain Dampens Holiday Celebration In East

(Canadian Press) — Twenty-one gun salutes boomed out in provincial capitals as Canadians celebrated the Queen's official birthday and Victoria Day.

A Canadian Press survey showed the celebrations were favored by good weather in most of the West but were dampened by rain in parts of the East. Travel was heavy and many fatalities occurred on highways and waterways.

A special government proclamation issued Jan. 24 said Canada would observe the Queen's 27th birthday May 18, the same day as Victoria Day, which normally is May 24. No reason was given for combining the observance of the Queen's birthday with Victoria Day this year.

Her Majesty's birthday was actually April 21, but, in keeping with custom, the official celebration was postponed until a time when the weather is normally fine for a holiday.

Steady rain washed out most celebration plans in New Brunswick. The holiday was the anniversary of the arrival of the first United Empire Loyalists at Saint John in 1783 and a wreath was placed at the Market Slip Memorial marking the spot where they landed.

Newfoundlanders didn't observe Victoria Day Monday, as Newfoundland under provincial legislation will celebrate the holiday May 25. However, water-front workers in St. John's took the day off anyway to mark the 50th anniversary.

Quebec reported 23 deaths, the highest number in one province. Ontario followed with 16, New Brunswick had four, Nova Scotia and British Columbia three and Prince Edward Island, Manitoba and Alberta two each.

## 54 Holiday Deaths Reported Across Canada

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(Canadian Press) — The Communist Air Force hurled an unprecedented 800 to 900 MIG fighters at United States Sabre jets along the Korean border in six days of stepped-up aerial war through Monday and were knocked back with shattering losses—36 destroyed, two probably shot down and 16 damaged.

Dogfights blazing over northwest Korea Monday cost the reeling Reds 12 MIGs shot down and one probably destroyed.

U. S. 5th Air Force authorities who gave these figures said that on the first three days of running battle, no U. S. Sabres were lost in combat. If there were any U. S. losses in the last three days they will be announced in a weekly summary Saturday.

## First Jet Triple Ace

The fighting Monday produced the world's first jet triple ace, 32-year-old Capt. Joseph McConnell of Apple Valley, Calif., whose radar-directed machine — guns blasted down three MIGs for his 14th, 15th and 16th victories.

Since last summer Sabres have been equipped with an improved computing gunsight generally credited with helping Allied fliers build up to a 12-to-1 combat superiority over the Reds.

There was no ready explanation from Air Force headquarters for the recent outpouring of Red planes from their jet bases at Antung, across the Yalu River border in Manchuria. However the heavy jet actions have coincided with tightening of the truce deadlock at Panmunjom.

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SEOUL, (AP) — A Chinese Communist battalion rammed a three-pronged attack against Sniper Ridge on the central Korean front Monday but was hurled back with an estimated 237 casualties.

First reports from the sector indicated that much of the fighting was hand-to-hand. About 800 Reds struck in the wake of a heavy artillery and mortar barrage on South Korean positions.

An 8th army staff officer said fighting raged for three hours. The Chinese withdrew from attacks on two outposts after an hour and a half, but attacked again.

## Flying Bishop Dies Of Heart Attack At Toronto

TORONTO, (CP) — Rt. Rev. Archibald Lang Fleming, 69, known as the flying bishop for his flights over the northland and sub-Arctic, died of a heart attack Sunday.

Bishop Fleming was the first bishop of the Arctic and the minister to a diocese covering 1,250,000 square miles inhabited by 10,000 Eskimos. He was known by the name of In-Nook-Tah-Kaub, meaning one of the family of the Eskimos.

## Tornado-like Winds Heavy Rain Lash Texas, Louisiana

GALVESTON, Tex. (AP) — Tornado-like winds and heavy rains lashed Texas and Louisiana Monday. Three persons died, two were missing and 1,500 families were forced from their homes.

Rain of nearly 12 inches during the week-end flooded thousands of acres in Louisiana. The Red Cross reported 1,500 families fled their homes along the Calcasieu and Red rivers, and nearby streams and swamps.

The Weather Bureau forecast rain in the area through most of Tuesday.

The Lake Charles, La., weather bureau estimated the Calcasieu would rise to 11 feet within the next four days. Flood stage is four feet.

One man was drowned in a bayou near the Red river in Louisiana. Two railroad section workers were missing after they were buried under tons of mud in a landslide near Vidalia, La.

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HALIFAX, (CP) — A Nova Scotia mother was informed Monday that her son, captured in Korea while serving with the United States Army, is alive and well in a Communist prison camp.

Mrs. Genevieve Kenney of Clark's Harbor, N.S., said her son, Pfc. Ashford Kenney, was listed as a prisoner since Dec. 18 of last year.

The latest report, from the U. S. state department, apparently came from a repatriated American.

## Curley To Come Out Of Retirement

BOSTON, (AP) — James M. Curley, 78, veteran politician, says he will come out of political retirement to run for the United States Senate next year.

The seat now held by Leverett Saltonstall, a Republican, Curley, a Democrat, is a former U. S. congressman, mayor of Boston and governor of the state.

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