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IN KOREA

Allied war planes bombed and strafed a Communist troop and supply center "into a smoking wreck" Saturday afternoon in deep North Korea.

American Sabre Jets damaged six Russian-built MIG-15s in jet dogfights involving 40 Sabres and approximately 50 MIGs.

On the ground, the fighting continued at a low ebb except for the "Sniper Ridge" sector of the 155-mile battlefront. On Sniper Ridge, Allied soldiers hurled back a Communist attack after an hour of fighting with small arms.

The 83rd Congress of the United States convened yesterday with Republicans in control.

The opening session will be largely one of formalities.

This is the first time the Republicans have had control since the 80th Congress convened in 1946. Their margin is slim in both Houses. There are 221 Republicans to 211 Democrats in the House with two vacant seats. In the Senate, there are 48 Republicans, 47 Democrats and one independent-former Republican Wayne Morse of Oregon.

Consolidated Vultee is designing a jet-powered seaplane bomber that could land in mid-ocean, take on fuel from a tender, and take off for a target deep in an enemy homeland.

ALERT BUFFALOES

The quick thinking of two men in 1st Battalion Headquarters Company of the BUFFALO Regiment, was instrumental in saving the lives of 20 men early Wednesday morning when the quonset hut in which they were sleeping was burned to the ground.

PFC Jacke Fay, an alert jeep driver, was returning from a patrol at 3:05 a.m. Opening the door of his sleeping quarters, he stopped in surprise. Burning oil, pouring from an exploded heater, was flowing beneath the cots of his buddies.

Fay awakened Sgt. Amos Lee, motor sergeant. Ordering the sleepy man to warn the rest of the men, the young BUFFALO driver dashed out the door and ran to the motor pool for fire extinguishers.

Sergeant Lee, meanwhile, had succeeded in getting his men out of bed and out of the blazing hut. Lee organized the half clothed men into a bucket brigade to augment the extinguishers, but the hut was gutted in a matter of minutes.

According to one of the Headquarters Company men, the quick action of the routed occupants of the doomed building prevented the fire from spreading to nearby huts and causing additional damage.

"We lost all our gear and personal effects, but I guess we were lucky to escape from that burning hut with our lives," said Sergeant Lee, speaking for the members of his platoon.

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SPORTS

BY AFPS

The passing of 1952 is leaving its mark in United States sports annals.

Perhaps it can also be called "the year of friendly competition," for at no other time has sports held such an important role in maintaining world peace.

Highlighting the '52 campaign were the traditional Olympic games at Helsinki, Finland. Not only did the United States team score a tremendous victory on the field, but its sportsmanlike play won the praise of many. The torch at the '52 games never glowed so brightly.

At home the country's leading sports were given a needed injection of young talent. The huge turnover of Armed Forces athletes gave many youngsters that "minor league" experience which is sometimes lost in the rapid grooming of a potential star.

Baseball was again a "subway" series with the tireless New York Yankees edging the National League champion Brooklyn Dodgers. Stan Musial and Ferris Fain repeated as batting champs. Biggest oddity of the season was Cleveland's failure to win the pennant, although its hurling staff boasted three 20-game winners.

Basketball, recovering from the "fix" scandals, again saw such familiar powers as Kentucky, LaSalle, Dayton, Illinois and Kansas maintain their hoop supremacy.

Behind a granite punch, former Army veteran Rocky Marciano put "Jersey" Joe Walcott to sleep for the world's heavyweight title. Youngsters Chuck Davey and Chico Vijar and oldsters Ray Robinson and Joey Maxim also kept boxing in the sports headlines.

Notre Dame was finally beaten, but the Irish amazed football fans by knocking off four conference champs-making it Frank Leahy's most successful season. Biggie Munn's Michigan State gridgers prepped up for their '53 inaugural into the Big Ten by winning nine straight games and the nation's top-ranking crown.

Other headliners included Vic Seixas and "Mo" Connolly (tennis), Maurice Richard and Terry Sawchuck (hockey), Ted Arcaro and Tony Despirito (horse racing) and Julius Boros (golf).

As usual 1952 had its howling crowds, 15¢ hot dogs and waving banners. Something new, however, were the record audiences watching over the nation's 19-million TV sets. It gave Mr. Spectator his greatest coverage of games ever known.

Rookie pitcher Ronnie Kline of the Pittsburgh Pirates has been inducted into the Army and is now undergoing training at Fort Meade, Maryland.

The 112 losses suffered by Branch Rickeys's Pittsburgh Pirates during the 1952 baseball season, marked the second time in 35 years that a Smoky City crew has hit the century mark in the lost column. The 1917 baseball club with three different managers, lost 103 games. The all-time Pittsburgh losing record, however, was set by the 1890 team which dropped 114 games.

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