

PLANES FAIL TO SLOW CHINESE

As his United Nations forces fall back, General Ridgway, successor to General Walker (who was killed in a jeep accident) takes on the toughest job in the whole Korean war. Tied to the roads by their motor transport, his armies are less mobile than the foot-slogging Chinese. To win them time to withdraw, MacArthur uses his full air power, and even big bombers attack with guns as well as bombs.

Panther jets take off for the Manchurian border to attack Chinese reinforcements. And now for the first time in history gunsight cameras record a battle between jet fighters as the jets go after two Russian-built MIGs. One Red jet is hit.

The other streaks for safety the other side of the border. But the first is hit again and goes down over the Yalu river. In view of discussions of Soviet aircraft captured Russian newsreel films give intelligence officers valuable clues. This aircraft was obviously modelled on the American Superfortress. These Yaks were probably the Soviet's first jets.

The Lavochkin and the MIG - two newer types - are 100 miles-an-hour faster than the Yaks. The MIG (only 10-miles slower than America's record-breaking Sabre) can do 650 miles-an-hour. In the skies over Korea America checks up on Chinese-piloted Russian aircraft.