



Smithsonian Institution

Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum Archives

Benjamin O. Davis Jr. Collection - Newsclippings (12/5)

Extracted on Mar-28-2024 03:37:10

The Smithsonian Institution thanks all digital volunteers that transcribed and reviewed this material. Your work enriches Smithsonian collections, making them available to anyone with an interest in using them.

The Smithsonian Institution (the "Smithsonian") provides the content on this website (transcription.si.edu), other Smithsonian websites, and third-party sites on which it maintains a presence ("SI Websites") in support of its mission for the "increase and diffusion of knowledge." The Smithsonian invites visitors to use its online content for personal, educational and other non-commercial purposes. By using this website, you accept and agree to abide by the [following terms](#).

- If sharing the material in personal and educational contexts, please cite the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum Archives as source of the content and the project title as provided at the top of the document. Include the accession number or collection name; when possible, link to the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum Archives website.
- If you wish to use this material in a for-profit publication, exhibition, or online project, please contact Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum Archives or transcribe@si.edu

For more information on this project and related material, contact the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum Archives. [See this project](#) and other collections in the Smithsonian Transcription Center.

PHOTOCOPIED October 2, 2002; NASM PRESERVATION COPY

[[newspaper clipping]]

[[advertisement]]

[[image - musical notes and pictures and Chinese characters]]

SALES AND REPAIRS

Radios, Records, Sound Equipments & Appliances

made by world's largest manufacturers in AMERICA, ENGLAND,

GERMANY, AND HOLLAND

Shanghai ELEC. ENG. CORP.

482-4 CHUNG HWA ROAD. TAIPEI]]

[[/advertisement]]

China Post

Vol. 3, No. 1186 [[Chinese characters]] Taipei, Thursday, December 8, 1955.

Davis: CAF Adds to Allied Power By Curbing Red Expansion in SE Asia

Taipei, Dec. 7 (UP) General Benjamin Davis, U.S. Air Force chief in Formosa, said today Nationalist China's powerful Air Force was making a great contribution to allied strength by helping prevent Communist expansion in Southeast Asia.

The commander of the 13th Air Task Force on Formosa told UP that combined U.S. and Chinese air units on Formosa were "very potent" but an attack on the island might necessitate additional American air reinforcements. He said preparations had been made to receive such reinforcements if necessary at existing airfields on very short notice.

General Davis said the buildup of Red Chinese jet-fields opposite Formosa "definitely pose a threat to Taiwan because of their adjacency to us. They must be watched constantly minute by minute."

He said at present the Communists had no aircraft on fields opposite Formosa but added they could move planes onto the completed fields "tonight and operate from them tomorrow morning."

He said that American bases on Taiwan were defensive only.

"We do not know why these bases (Red China's) being built opposite us. They could be defensive and on the other hand they could be offensive. They are making a serious effort in building airfields and placing troops near Matsu and Quemoy islands. It would seem that they have some intention."

General Davis was unreserved in his praise of Nationalist China's Air Force under General Wang Shu-ming.

He said a "vast improvement" had been made by the Nationalist Air Force in recent months in installing and using modern equipment.



"They represent a very powerful adjutant to U.S. airpower in this part of the world. Without it we would be hard pressed to fill the vacuum.

"They represent a real contribution to allied air strength. Their contribution in preventing Red expansion in Southeast Asia is great
[[/newspaper clipping]]

Benjamin O. Davis Jr. Collection - Newsclippings (12/5)
Transcribed and Reviewed by Digital Volunteers
Extracted Mar-28-2024 03:37:10



Smithsonian Institution

Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum Archives

The mission of the Smithsonian is the increase and diffusion of knowledge - shaping the future by preserving our heritage, discovering new knowledge, and sharing our resources with the world. Founded in 1846, the Smithsonian is the world's largest museum and research complex, consisting of 19 museums and galleries, the National Zoological Park, and nine research facilities. Become an active part of our mission through the Transcription Center. Together, we are discovering secrets hidden deep inside our collections that illuminate our history and our world.

Join us!

The Transcription Center: <https://transcription.si.edu>

On Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SmithsonianTranscriptionCenter>

On Twitter: [@TranscribeSI](https://twitter.com/TranscribeSI)

Connect with the Smithsonian

Smithsonian Institution: www.si.edu

On Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Smithsonian>

On Twitter: [@smithsonian](https://twitter.com/smithsonian)