

# NEWS BRIEF

More

## Saucers

SINGAPORE was bothered by "flying saucers" last week. Several people reported to the R.A.F. at the civil airport of Kallang that they had seen a fast moving light which could only have been a flying saucer.

An R.A.F. authority said "This is no leg-pull. Something strange has been seen by at least six people and probably many more. We have no explanation to offer yet."

The wife of a Government radio engineer who was on duty at Kallang airport said that a Malay policeman had come running in shouting that there was a strange light in the sky. "I went out and saw a large white light bigger than any star moving at terrific speed and quite low over the airport."

## **Planes Over**

### **Formosa**

UNIDENTIFIED planes were reported over Taipei (Formosa) early on Monday and anti-aircraft guns opened fire. No bombs were dropped.

The entire island of Formosa was blacked out for three hours but air raid sirens remained silent.

The guns protecting the island's capital opened fire amid continuing reports of fresh artillery attacks on Quemoy.

The firing of anti-aircraft guns on Formosa on Monday was the first since General Chiang Kai-shek's forces went there from the mainland in 1949.

### **Atomic**

### **Answer**

THE United States should reply with atomic bombs to any sudden attack, without waiting to see what weapons the enemy had chosen, says the Vice Chief

chosen, says the Vice-Chief-of-Staff of the U.S. Air Force (General Thomas White).

General White, in an address prepared for a meeting of the Aircraft Industries Association in Dayton, Ohio, said that talk that the United States might not dare to use its atomic weapons comforted would-be aggressors.

"We have no choice but to use our one superior strength," he said.

Another war would be fought with the weapons on hand at the start since there might not be time to produce after hostilities began.

"The force and power of new weapons could make a future war as short as it would be terrible," he said.

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## **Wingless**

## **Aircraft**

**T**HE British Minister for Supply (Mr. Duncan Sandys) has announced that Britain has successfully developed a wingless aircraft

veloped a wingless aircraft which can take off vertically from a horizontal position.

Mr. Sandys said the aircraft weighed  $3\frac{1}{2}$  tons. It lifted itself into the air by downward facing jet streams, the direction of which could be varied to control the angle of climb.

In its first tests a few weeks ago the aircraft flew successfully for about ten minutes and landed without difficulty.

"These new and exciting experiments," said Mr. Sandys, "might well lead to a revolution in aeronautical development every bit as important as that which resulted from the introduction of the jet engine."

## **Australian** **Sabre-jets**

**A**N Australian-made Sabre jet fighter is now in production and 12 will be operating by early December.

The Minister for Air (Mr. Townley) said when he

Townley) said when he visited Darwin this week that the Australian Government aircraft factories could increase the production rate of Sabre-jets very rapidly in the event of war. Mr. Townley made a three-day inspection tour of Darwin defences and air facilities.

"The Sabre-jets are the equal of any fighter aircraft in the world," he said. "Darwin people need not fear any repetition of the Darwin blitz of 1942. The R.A.A.F. with very mobile forces could have Sabre-jets in Darwin in a very short time.

"Canberra jet bombers and Neptune reconnaissance aircraft would also be operating from Darwin very quickly," he said.

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## **German Divisions**

**B**BRITAIN and the United States have begun new negotiations with West Germany to bring German divisions into Western defence said the West German

said the West German Chancellor (Dr. Adenauer) in a nation-wide broadcast this week.

He said that the talks were being conducted in an atmosphere of confidence and cordiality.

"The starting point of the negotiations," he said, "is that West Germany must have full sovereignty, including the right to set up national forces."

The key to the whole question was the United States recognition that West Germany must have the right to "individual and collective defence."

## **Nationalists**

### **Active**

CHINESE Nationalist air and sea units have been active this week, concentrating heavy bombardments on the port of Amoy and nearby mainland targets.

An official communique said that more than 100 Communist junks were sunk.

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It was stated later that the Chinese Nationalist Air Force planes had flown more than 150 sorties over Amoy and the nearby mainland areas.