



MiG-15bis in Kimpo Air Base hangar on the day No Kum-Sok landed it, September 21, 1953.

### **2As reported by new media:**

"As the North Korean pilot taxied in front of the F-86s on alert at alert pad, one pilot said that he had very nearly pulled the machine-gun trigger to destroy the MiG-15 preparing to park in front of his fighter. If he had seen the MiG-15 in the air, he would have surely shot it down. There were only Americans on the ground when the MiG pilot got out of his aircraft. There were no Korean pilots to translate for him. All the Americans could do was shake his hand and welcome the young defector."

"As reported by U.S.A.F. Sergeant Thomas M. Feltman, Jr. of the 4th Air Police Squadron was stationed at Kimpo Air Field as the North Korean MiG-15 landed. I was partnered with Corporal Snider that morning. We left Operations and proceeded to the flight line within about 30-40 yards of the runway. We parked facing the runway so we could see both right and left and that gave us a clear view of any aircraft landing or taking off. There were no F-86's or anything else in the air that morning. "Radar Hill behind Kimpo went on scheduled maintenance from 0915 until 0930 a.m. on that day. After a while I happened to notice a jet approaching the runway with wheels down that looked like an F-86 preparing to land. I mentioned to Snider that at least we had a little action. I watched the jet touchdown and seconds later it went roaring by us and I saw a big red star on the fuselage. Snider and I immediately took off after the MiG. We were on a road adjacent to the runway. By the time we caught up the MiG had exited the runway and the pilot had shut down the engine. I saw him from a short distance away standing up in the cockpit with two or three people around the aircraft. By the time we pulled up there were about six to ten people there and I immediately jumped out of the jeep and began to secure the area. I turned my back on the pilot since I needed to keep the area safe. I remember confiscating several cameras (later returned to the individuals) and by that time the North Korean pilot was already in a jeep heading away. We stayed and secured things until tow vehicles showed up and then we left and returned to our post."