

Chiang Planes Fired On

TAIPEI (Formosa), May 18. — (AP) — Nationalist Chinese planes ran into Red anti-aircraft fire from the mainland and from warships while on patrol over Loyuan Bay near the Matsu Islands before dawn today, air force headquarters announced.

An undisclosed number of planes used radar to bomb the Communist craft in the darkness, the communique said. Results were not observed.

Loyuan Bay is fifteen miles north of the Matsu Islands, which lie close to the Communist coast 120 miles northwest of Formosa.

On Monday two Communist MIG fighter planes exchanged fire with two Nationalist propeller planes in the same area. On Sunday, fifty miles farther north, four MIGs fought a brief dogfight with four Nationalist Thunderjets over the Taishan Islands.

Air force headquarters said there would be air raid drills on Formosa and the Pescadores soon involving mock air attacks, anti-aircraft target practice, simulated fires and first aid.

The air force said one of its planes dumped 2¾ tons of anti-Communist leaflets over Fukien and Kwangtung provinces of mainland China last night without incident.
