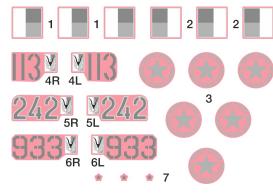
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Pale and weathered remains of North Korean insignia are an interesting clue on the origins of Armée de l'Air Malgache MiG-17s. 4 fighters of this type arrived at Madagascar in 1975, not long after socialist-Marxist Second Republic was ushered in by Vice Admiral Didier Ratsiraka and political alignment with the Eastern Bloc began. The MiGs entered service a mere 4 years later, just in time to see Madagascar's economy enter a steep dive.

