

WORLD: The War in Korea

War in Korea Ends: No Winner

Panmunjom, Korea, July 1953

After three years of fighting, the war in Korea is over. There is no winner. But the U.S. did what it set out to do. It kept Communist North Korea from taking over free South Korea.

By the **armistice** [peace] terms, the **38th parallel** divides Korea into two countries—North Korea and South Korea.

Many Americans are angry that the U.S. did not fight to free North Korea and China from Communists. These Americans want to wipe out Communists, not contain them. But President Truman calls the Korean War a **"police action."** The U.S. stepped in to stop, not beat, North Korean Communists.

For the first time, the U.S. had help from **United Nations troops**. The U.N. asked U.N. member countries to send troops when Truman asked for help. U.S. **General Douglas MacArthur** led these U.N. troops. Most of them were from the U.S. and South Korea.

MacArthur Fired

Washington, D.C., April 1951

President Truman has ordered **General Douglas MacArthur** to give up his command of U.N. troops in Korea. MacArthur would not carry out Truman's orders on the Korean War.

The two men have different thoughts on how to run the Korean War:

- Truman believes in containment. He wants to keep Korean Communists north of the 38th parallel. Truman wants to make peace.

- MacArthur believes in attack. He wants to get Communists out of Korea and China. He wants to use the atomic bomb on China.

When the **GOLD WAR** Heated Up

Seesaw War— Five Stages in the Korean War

Stage 1, June-September, 1950: North Korean Communists cross the 38th parallel and take South Korea.

Stage 2, September-November, 1950: U.N. troops take over South Korea and North Korea as far as China.

Stage 3, November 1950-January 1951: Chinese drive U.N. troops back to South Korea.

Stage 4, January-April 1951: U.N. troops drive Chinese troops back to North Korea.

Stage 5, June 1951-July 1953: Peace talks take place, but short battles are still being fought.



President Takes Tough Stand Against Communism

Washington, D.C., 1953

Americans are afraid of Communism. Many believe a president who was an Army general knows how to fight Communism. So Americans elected **General Dwight D. Eisenhower** president in 1952.

As president, Eisenhower has named **John Foster Dulles** to be Secretary of State. Together they have worked out a tough policy [plan of action] against Communism.

This Dulles-Eisenhower policy will try:

- To free people in Communist countries—by propaganda, not war. The propaganda will make people in countries behind the Iron Curtain want to revolt against the Communists.

- To build up so many nuclear weapons that Communists will be afraid to fight the U.S.

Congress Passes Laws

1944: Congress Passes "G.I. Bill of Rights"
This law helps World War II veterans. The G.I. Bill gives returning soldiers money for school and loans for houses, farms, and businesses.

1947: Congress Passes the Taft-Hartley Act
This law helps government control the power of unions. The Taft-Hartley Act:
• Forbids "closed shops." In closed shop companies, only union members can work.
• Set an 80-day "cooling off" period. Unions cannot strike during this period if the U.S. president believes the strike will hurt U.S. health or safety.

1951: 22nd Amendment
This law added to the U.S. Constitution says a U.S. president can be elected for only two terms. NOTE: FDR is the only president who was elected for four terms.



WORLD: Russia Wants Communists to Take All of Berlin**Get Out of Berlin, Khrushchev Orders: Destalinization Over?**

Berlin, Germany, 1959

Russia's leader **Nikita Khrushchev** has told the U.S., France, and England to take their troops out of Berlin. He wants the Communists to take over all of Berlin. Many people are asking what happened to Khrushchev's **de-stalinization program** [going against Stalin's programs].

In 1956, Khrushchev surprised the world by speaking against Stalin. He said Russian leader Stalin was a dictator and a killer. Khrushchev said he (Khrushchev) would be different. He would start a destalinization program to right Stalin's wrongs. His destalinization program would:

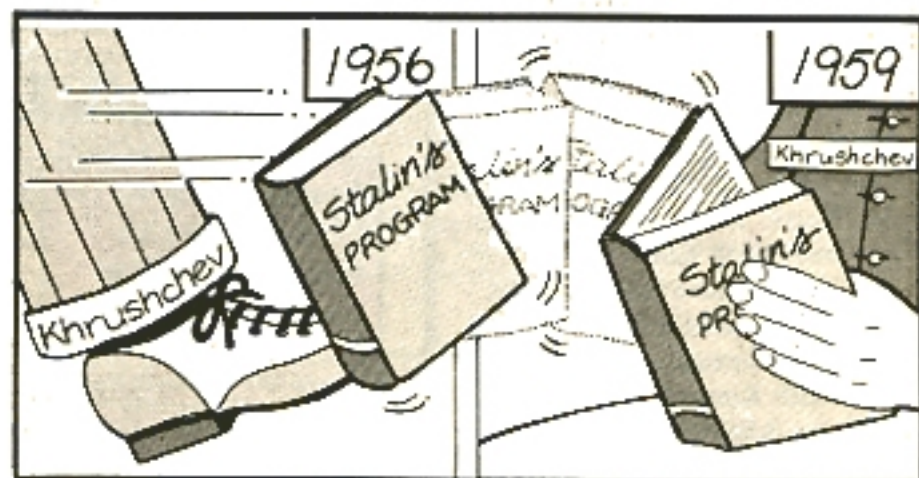
- Stop the killing of people who do not agree with the Russian government.
- Give more freedom to the people and governments in Communist countries.
- Push **coexistence** [living together without fighting] with Western countries.

Khrushchev has started some of his destalinization program. He has met with President Eisenhower to talk peace. He has let satellite countries have new freedoms.

But Khrushchev ignores destalinization when he wants to. He:

- Sent Russian troops to Poland and Hungary when they revolted to get more freedom.
- Gave help to Egypt so Egypt could grab the Suez Canal from England.

Now, Khrushchev is trying to take over all of Berlin. He may want destalinization—but not too much.

**Destalinization Gives Satellite Countries Courage to Rebel Against Russia****POLAND Fights for New Communist Government**

COUNTRY: Poland
WHAT: Rebels against Russia.
WHEN: 1956

WHY: To replace Russia's Communist government with a Polish Communist government that gives more freedom.

HOW: By work strikes and protests—but no fighting.

RESULT: Russia lets Poland have the government it wants. Russian troops leave Poland.

HUNGARY Fights for No Communist Government

COUNTRY: Hungary
WHAT: Rebels against Russia.
WHEN: 1956

WHY: To replace Russia's Communist government with a Hungarian government that promises free elections.

HOW: By fighting Russian troops.

RESULT: Russian troops stop the rebellion. Russia's control over Hungary is stronger than before.

U.S. Helps Middle East by Sending Marines

Lebanon, 1958

U.S. Marines have landed in Lebanon—after this Middle East country asked the U.S. for help to fight Communism. This move is the first test of President Eisenhower's Middle East doctrine [policy].

The Eisenhower Doctrine is a plan for stopping Communism in the Middle East. Russia wants to take over the oil-rich countries in the Middle East. It is giving money and weapons to Middle East countries. Russia wants to win these countries over to

Communism.

The Eisenhower Doctrine says the U.S. will give money and weapons to the Middle East, too. Then the Middle East countries will not have to turn to the Communists. Congress has said OK to this plan. The plan:

- Gives up to \$200 million to any Middle East country that asks for money to fight Communism.
- Sends troops to any Middle East country that asks for help to fight Communism.

WORLD: More Cold War Heating Up

Egypt Takes Suez

IMPORTANT BECAUSE: The country that controls the Suez Canal controls shipping between Asia and Europe.

WHAT HAPPENS: Egypt takes the Suez Canal from England. Egypt will not let Israel use the canal.

WHEN: 1956

WHY: Egypt wants:

- To rule all Arab countries in the Middle East.
- To make Israel crumble.

RUNDOWN OF EVENTS:

- Communists send Egypt weapons.

■ England and France send Israel weapons.

■ War comes. Israel attacks Egypt. England and France attack Egypt at the Suez Canal.

■ U.N. stops the fighting.

RESULT: Arab countries thank Communists for their help. Both Israel and Arab countries are angry at the U.S. for no help.



Khrushchev Walks Out of Big Four Summit: Says U.S. Is Spying on Russia

Paris, France, May 1960

The Paris peace talks between the U.S., Russia, England, and France are over before they begin. Russia's Nikita Khrushchev has gone back to Russia. He is angry because the U.S. is spying on Russia. And Russia has caught the spy to prove it.

Two weeks ago, Russians shot down an American U-2 airplane. They put the pilot in a Russian jail. The pilot was taking pictures of places where Russians keep missiles.

President Eisenhower admits this is a spy airplane. But Khrushchev wants an apology, too. And Eisenhower will not say the U.S. is sorry for spying.

In the News at Home

Government Keeps Farmers From Drowning in Debt

Rural America, 1950s

Farmers are growing more crops than they can sell. Farm crops are piling up in barns. Farmers' bills are piling up, too, and the farmers have little money to pay them.

The government is trying to help farmers. It is paying them to stop growing some crops.



AF of L and CIO Unions Become One: Fewer Factory Workers the Reason

To stay powerful, the CIO and AF of L labor unions have joined together. They have been losing power because they have been losing members. What has happened:

■ More people are going into office work than into factory work.

■ Machines are taking the place of unskilled union workers.



McCarthy's Communist Hunt Stopped: Era of Bad Feelings Ended

Political America, 1954

The U.S. Senate has told Senator Joseph McCarthy to stop hunting Communists. For four years, McCarthy has been saying the U.S. government is filled with Communist spies. He has been naming names. Many of these people are not Communist. But they have lost jobs and friends anyway.

At first, many Americans believed McCarthy. But now, most believe McCarthyism has gone too far. McCarthyism calls people Communists:

- Without proof.
- If they know someone who is a Communist.

France Loses French Indochina: Communists Win Friends

WHAT: France tries to take back its colony of Indochina. Communists in Vietnam part of Indochina fight France to keep France out.

WHEN: 1945-1954

IMPORTANT BECAUSE:

■ Communists get help from China and Russia. These countries want Indochina for the Communists.

■ France gets help from the U.S. The U.S. wants Communists kept out of Indochina.

RESULT:

■ France loses to the Vietnamese Communists.

■ Indochina becomes three countries—Laos, Cambodia, and Vietnam.

■ Communists control the part of Vietnam north of the 17th parallel.



NATION: Changes in the 1950s

Changes in the U.S.—Good Times After War

Across America, 1950s

Good times have come to the U.S. More people than ever before have jobs and money to spend. Americans are trying to forget the bad days of World War II.

But they also can thank the war. Some wartime developments started the U.S. on the road to these good times. Here's how:

TECHNOLOGY [Better Inventions]: During the war, the U.S. developed new technology to win

the war. After the war, this technology:

- Makes goods faster for less money. People can buy what they want at low cost.

- Makes people want to buy what they don't have yet—the new inventions.

REPLACEMENTS [New Goods Taking the Place of Worn-Out Goods]: During the war, people and countries could not buy what they needed. Almost all money and resources went for war goods. After the war:

- The U.S. is selling billions of dollars worth of replacement goods to other countries. Making these goods means money and jobs for Americans.

- People are replacing worn-out goods and buying new inventions with:

- \$ Money saved from good war-time jobs.











- \$ Credit cards—buy now, pay later.

WORKERS: During the war, large numbers of women went to work. After the war, many women are still working. So women have money to spend, too.

When the war ended, good times started for some Americans. For others, good times stopped. The others:

- Blacks and American Indians. They lost their war jobs or took jobs at lower pay.

- Farmers. They used new technology to grow more crops than they could sell.

What the 50s Are Bringing... ↑ More, Increase ☆ NEW		
CHANGES IN THE 1950s		IMPORTANCE OF CHANGE
	↑ Highways	Roads join U.S. together and let people work in cities but live in suburbs outside cities.
	↑ Car Ownership	People can travel farther for work and play.
	↑ Airports	People can fly fast to most parts of the country.
	☆ Motels	People can take more vacations and travel more because they have low-cost places to stay.
	☆ Shopping Centers	People can shop where they live. Buying increases.
	☆ Supermarkets	People buy more food because there is more to buy.
	↑ Television Ownership	People from different parts of the U.S. are watching the same shows and news on television. It draws them together.
	↑ Automation [machines do work instead of people]	More goods are made for Americans to buy. There are fewer jobs for unskilled workers.
	☆ Computers	Speed of computer lets people invent new machines and develop new ideas faster than ever before.
	↑ Baby Boom [large numbers of babies born]	Growing population buys more goods and services.
	☆ Hydrogen Bomb [much more powerful than the atomic bomb]	Fear grows. Many people live for today in case there is no tomorrow.

Alaska, Hawaii Become States

1959

Alaska and Hawaii are new U.S. states. America now has 50 states.

ALASKA is the 49th state.
HAWAII is the 50th state.