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***UNITED STATES***

*HISTORY*

**with Mr. Willis**



# CHINA DIVIDED

For decades, China had been divided b/w two different factions

## THE NATIONALISTS

THE PRO-DEMOCRATIC RULING PARTY LED BY CHIANG KAI-SHEK, POPULAR W/ LAND OWNERS

## THE COMMUNISTS

THE COMMUNIST OPPOSITION PARTY LED BY MAO ZEDONG, POPULAR AMONG THE PEASANTRY

The US backed the Nationalists and the Soviets backed the Communists

Chiang's faction was corrupt, but resisted communism, thus a US ally





# THE CHINESE CIVIL WAR



1945 - Japan defeated and driven out, the communists take control of N. China

MILLIONS OF PEASANTS FLEE TO THE COMMUNIST FACTION, MADE MAO ZEDONG VERY POWERFUL

War breaks out b/w the two factions & US sends \$2 billion in aid to Nationalists

TRUMAN WAS UNWILLING TO SEND US TROOPS TO HELP DEFEAT THE COMMUNIST FORCES

BEHIND THE SCENES, US & USSR WERE

BACKING THEIR SIDES W/O DIRECT INVOLVEMENT

1949 - The Nationalist regime collapses & Mao's communists seize all of China

CHIANG & HIS GOV FLEE TO ISLAND OF TAIWAN, WHICH IS AN ENEMY OF CHINA TO THIS DAY



# NORTH KOREA **attacks**



1945 - Japan is driven out of Korea and the **Allies divide** it b/w **North & South**

**DIVIDED ALONG THE 38TH PARALLEL**

**TWO SEPARATE COUNTRIES DEVELOPED**

## **SOUTH KOREA**

**Democratic** republic, capital is **Seoul**, led by **Syngman Rhee**, **backed by the US**

## **NORTH KOREA**

**Communist** state, capital is **Pyongyang**, led by **KIM IL SUNG**, **backed by the Soviet Union**

1950 - w/ **MINIMAL** US troops in South Korea, **USSR** thinks **US won't defend it**

**USING USSR SUPPLIES**, **NORTH KOREA** **INVADES** **THE SOUTH** **TO MAKE ALL OF KOREA COMMUNIST**





China

North Korea



★ Pyongyang

38th Parallel

Seoul ★

South Korea







# THE UN STRIKES BACK

Days after the attack, N. Korean troops had driven deep into South Korea

W/ SEOUL CAPTURED, SOUTH KOREA PLEADED FOR THE UNITED NATIONS TO HELP THEM

Led largely by the US, the UN voted to send over 500k troops to South Korea

TRUMAN WAS DETERMINED TO NOT ALLOW CONTAINMENT TO FAIL AS IT DID IN CHINA

Sept. 1950 - Led by Gen. Douglas MacArthur, UN troops counterattack

MOMENTUM SWINGS AS UN TROOPS PUSH N. KOREAN TROOPS ACROSS 38TH PARALLEL

50% OF N. KOREAN TROOPS SURRENDER & UN TROOPS PUSH NORTH TO CHINESE BORDER



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# CHINESE STALEMATE

Threatened by the proximity of UN ground forces, the Chinese join the war. Over 300k Chinese troops overwhelm UN forces, drive the front back to the 38th

For two years, the two sides fiercely battled to a bloody stalemate

Neither side could make advances beyond the 38th parallel (the pre-war border)

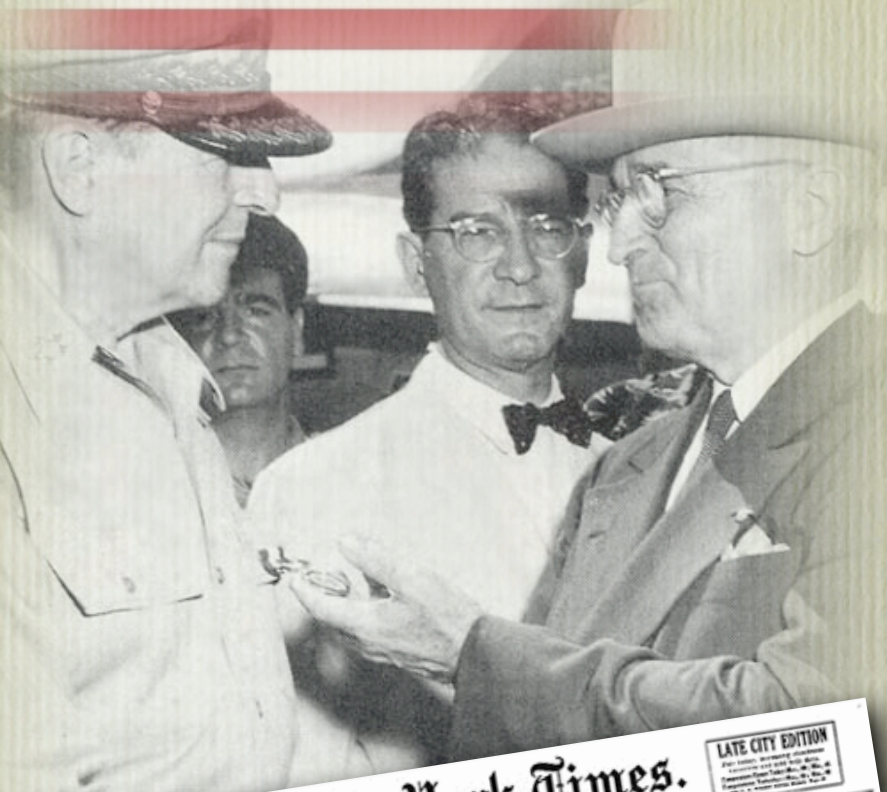
MacArthur lobbied Truman to authorize all-out nuclear war with China

He was convinced Korea was where the US must take a final stand against communism. Truman fiercely rejected this option, knowing it would mean WWII w/ USSR





# TRUMAN AS COMMANDER IN CHIEF



Stubborn and egotistical, MacArthur goes over Truman's head w/ his plan USING HIS WAR HERO POPULARITY, THE GENERAL APPEALS TO THE PUBLIC & CONGRESS

Refusing to be undermined, Truman fires MacArthur for insubordination THE MOVE SHOCKS THE COUNTRY BUT SHOWS THE PRESIDENT'S POWER UNDER THE CONSTIT.

W/ MacArthur out of the way, Truman worked to negotiate a peace in Korea THE SOVIETS SURPRISINGLY SUGGESTED A CEASE-FIRE IN 1951





# THE 1953 ARMISTICE

Brokered by the US, USSR, & China,  
both sides agree to a truce

BOTH AGREED TO THE 38TH PARALLEL BORDER

BOTH AGREED TO A DEMILITARIZED ZONE

From the US standpoint, the war was a  
stalemate but containment had worked!

NORTH KOREA HAD INVADED TO SPREAD

COMMUNISM BUT HAD BEEN PUSHED BACK

Still the war proved unpopular b/c it  
didn't end in a decisive victory

WAR COST US 54K LIVES & \$67 BILLION

IT BECAME KNOWN AS THE "FORGOTTEN WAR"

B/C SOME MANY VETS AREN'T RECOGNIZED

