

The Korean War



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Invade South by Land and Sea



The Main Idea

- The United State's policy of containment was first put to the test in Korea.

World War II



- Japan had controlled Korea during World War II.
- The Soviet Union controlled the Northern half, and the United States the Southern.
- Post WWII, Korea was divided in half.
 - Communist-North
 - Democracy-South

Korea was divided at the 38th Parallel.

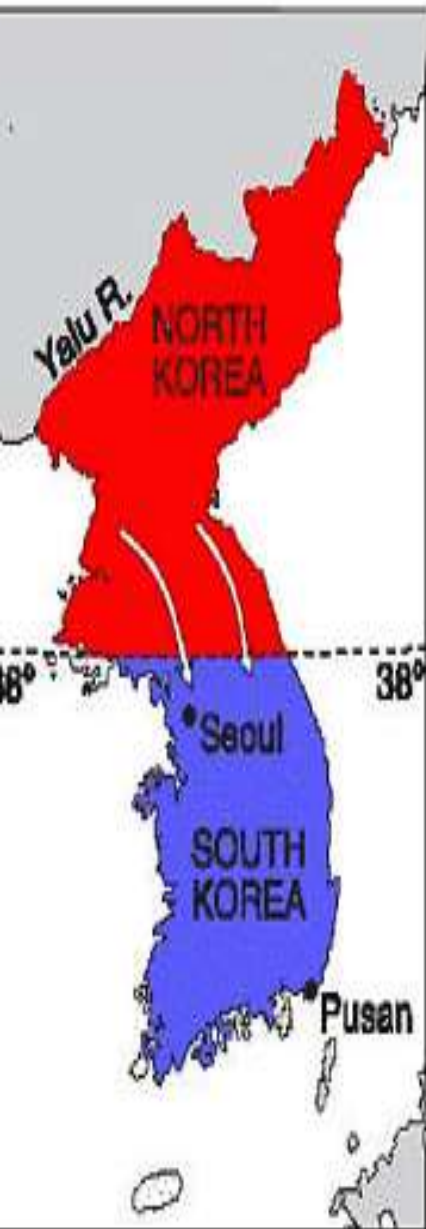


June 1950: The War Begins

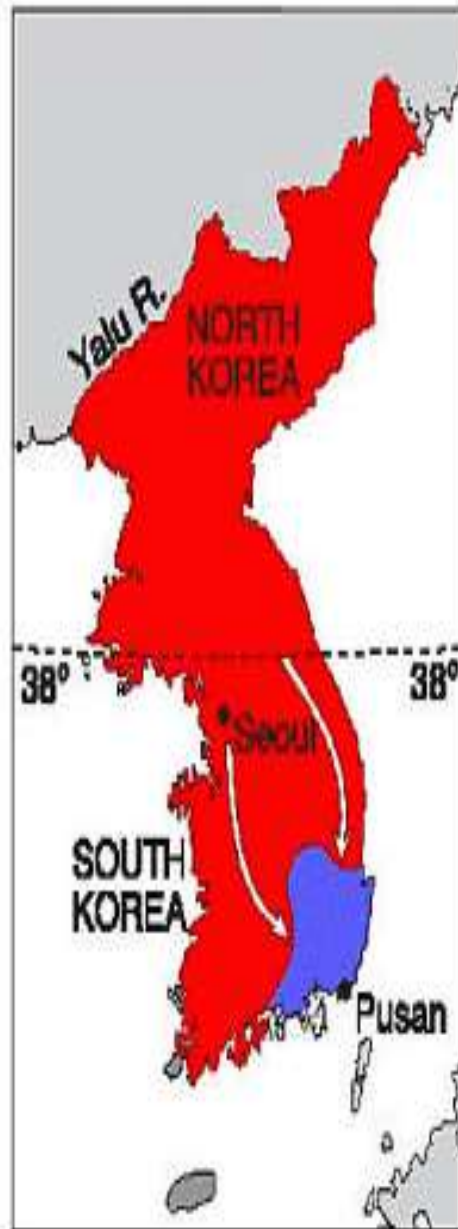
- The North Koreans surprised the world by invading South Korea and quickly controlled much of the South.



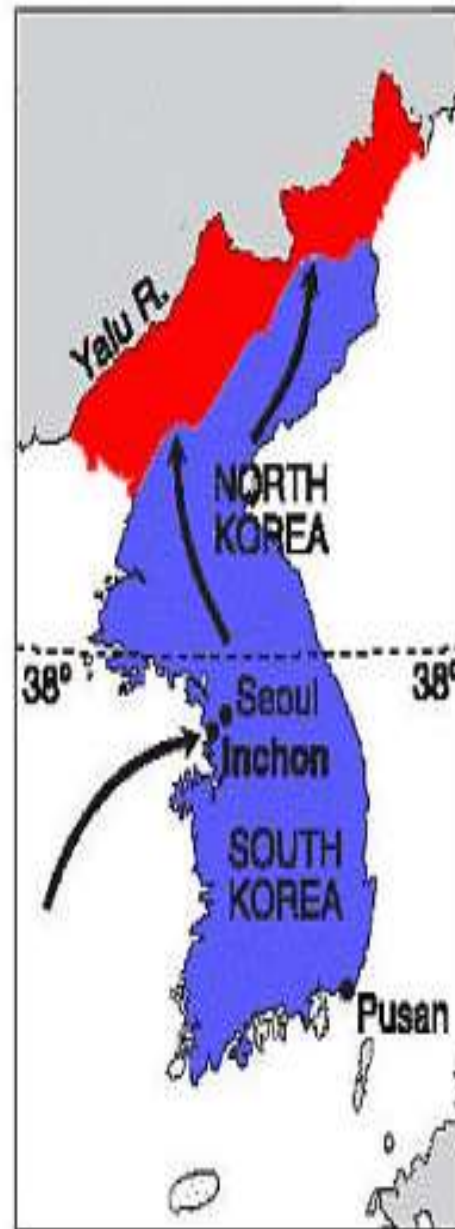
THE KOREAN WAR IN FOUR MAPS



June 25, 1950



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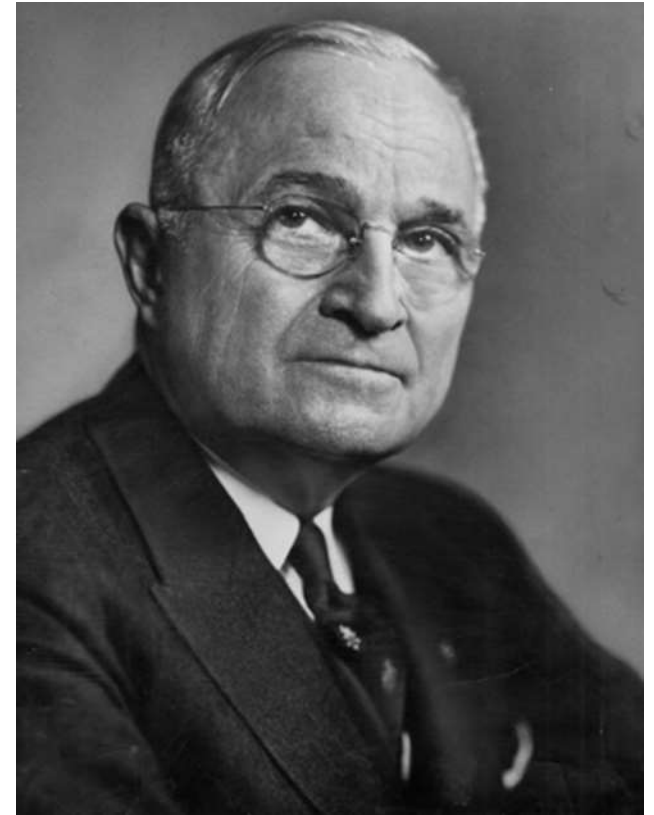
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The United Nations Responds

- The UN formed after World War II.
 - Peace keeping organization.
- Harry Truman was able to get the UN Security Council to approve military action in Korea.



Containment

- The US wanted to contain communism.
- There was a fear of US leaders that if Korea fell, communism would spread to Japan.
 - Domino Theory.



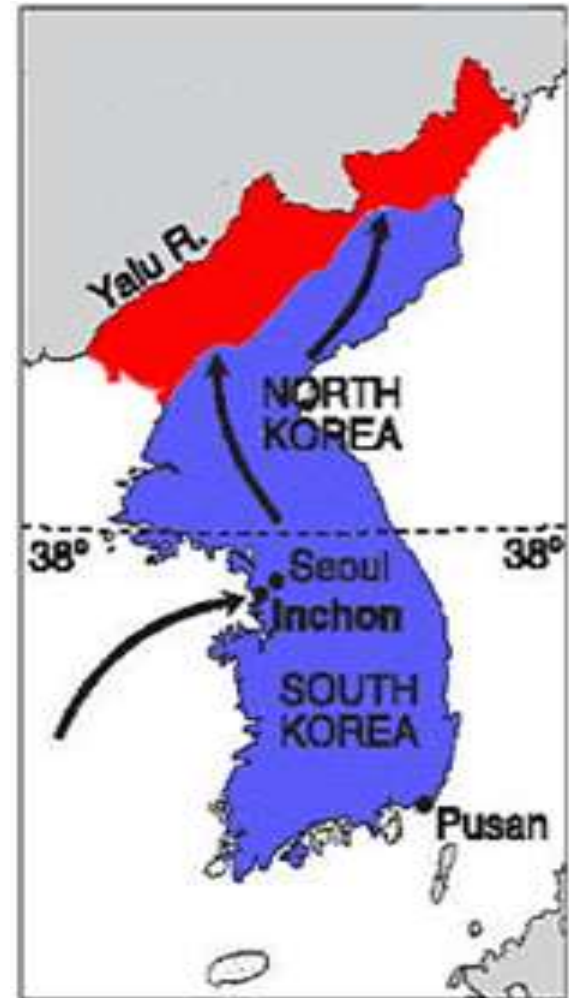
Military Action



- General Douglas MacArthur was appointed head of the UN forces.
- With primary support of the US military, the UN came to the defense of South Korea.
- Truman will eventually FIRE MacArthur

Pushing North Korea Back

- The UN forces over time push the North Korean forces back to within miles of the Korea China boarder.



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China Attacks

- The Chinese
come to the aid of
the North
Koreans and
attack UN Forces.
- They push UN
forces back to the
38th Parallel.



Stalemate & Armistice

- For two years, the sides fought to a stalemate.
- Negotiations for an armistice continued for those two years.
- Finally in July 1953, the armistice was signed.

The DMZ

- The Demilitarized Zone
- The boarder between the two where military presence is very strong.
- There has never been a peace agreement between the two countries and the threat of violence is a fear around the world.

Order of Operations

- Complete the Korean War Assignment