



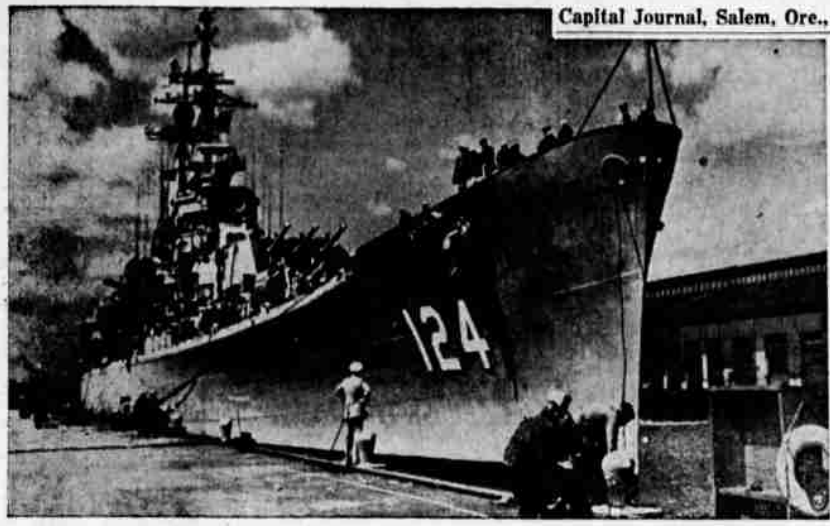
7th U. S. Fleet Makeup Told

Washington, June 28 (AP)—The Seventh U.S. fleet, which has been ordered to help the South Koreans and to defend Formosa, includes the 27,000-ton medium aircraft carrier Valley Forge.

The Seventh fleet is based in the Philippines-Guam area and is commanded by Vice Adm. Arthur D. Struble.

Other ships in the fleet are: the heavy cruiser Rochester; the destroyers Maddox, Brush, Taussig, Samuel N. Moore, Eversole, Shetland; the smaller escort destroyers Fletcher and Radford; the submarines Remora, Seguno and Catfish; the seaplane tender Suison; the fleet oiler Navasota; the high speed transport Wan-tuck.

In addition to the Seventh fleet, the navy has in Japan, directly under Gen. Douglas MacArthur, the light cruiser Junco and the destroyers De Haven, Mansfield, Collett and Lyman K. Swenson. These naval forces are commanded by Vice Adm. Calvin T. Joy.



Fleet Flagship—President Truman has ordered the U. S. Seventh fleet to prevent any attack on the island of Formosa. This task has fallen to Vice Admiral Arthur D. Struble who commands the fleet from his flagship, the U.S.S. Rochester (above). The fleet is now in the Okinawa area. (Acme Telephoto)

Call to Stalin Gets Nowhere

Los Angeles, June 28 (AP)—Nobody in the Kremlin wanted to talk to William R. Solons, 83, when he telephoned Premier Stalin to get the "low down" on strife in Korea.

Solons, who says he's interested in foreign affairs, got through to Moscow yesterday but neither Stalin nor Andrei Vishinsky would answer. He told friends he doubted Stalin had a hand in the Korean crisis and wanted to ask the Russian leader.

The division is generally believed to have been agreed on at the Roosevelt-Stalin-Churchill Yalta meeting in February, 1945, but the details were never made public.

The United States put the question before the United Nations in 1947.

A U.N. commission returned from Korea reporting that Russian-dominated North Korea had refused to cooperate in efforts to unify the country.

The U.N. then ordered elections. The north refused to take part. Two-thirds of Korea's 30,000,000 people in the south elected 200 representatives and left 100 seats vacant in case the north should decide to participate.

The U.N.-sponsored republic of Korea, based on these elections, was inaugurated Aug. 15, 1948. Russia vetoed its application for membership in the United Nations.

At almost the same time, North Korea declared itself a people's democratic republic and claimed jurisdiction over the whole peninsula.

'Daily Worker' Gives Party 'Line' on Korea

New York, June 28 (AP)—The Daily Worker Tuesday detailed the communist party "line" on the Korean war.

It said "the Korean people's republic army and the liberation forces of South Korea" had entered Seoul, capital of the South Korea republic.

"The puppet regime of Syngman Rhee appears unable to command any strength even among the troops," the Worker said.

A front page banner asserted that John Foster Dulles, republican foreign policy advisor, was "the triggerman who started war in Korea."

South Korean Navy Sails from Hawaii

Honolulu, T.H., June 28 (AP)—Three converted American navy patrol craft, now part of the south Korean navy, sailed Monday night from Pearl Harbor under secret orders.

The ships, which docked at Honolulu Harbor Friday, went to Pearl Harbor Sunday after the Korean civil war broke out. They were originally scheduled to lay over in Hawaii seven days for "engine repairs" and refueling.

With the ships is Admiral Il Won-Sohn, Korea's ranking naval officer, as chief of naval operations.

Truman's Decision on Korea No Violation of Constitution

Washington, June 28 (AP)—President Truman's decision to send American air and sea forces to the support of embattled South Korea does not mean that the United States has declared war.

Nor does it mean that the United States is legally at war—even if there is shooting, as there already is.

It means that the United States, on behalf of the United Nations, is acting to "restore international peace and security," Mr. Truman acted for the United Nations and within the framework of the UN charter.

A few members of congress promptly raised the question whether Mr. Truman had violated the constitution and taken upon himself the power—reserved to congress by the constitution—of declaring war.

The great majority of congress, however, backed the president's legal authority—through the UN charter—to do what he did.

The vital question is: What will Russia do now?

As diplomatic authorities see it, any one of three courses is open to the Soviet union. Russia could:

- 1—Do nothing.
- 2—Take further indirect action in support of North Korea which provoked the world crisis by invading South Korea.
- 3—Take direct action in support of North Korea, a communist puppet. This conceivably could lead to World War III.



High Spots in Korean Announcement—President Truman has announced that U. S. planes and warships would be sent to aid of forces in South Korea (1), object of communist invasion; that the U. S. Seventh fleet was being directed to prevent any communist attack on Formosa (2); that arms aid would be speeded to the Philippines (3), and Indochina (4). Map also locates Itazuke airbase in southern Japan to which Americans in South Korea are being flown. Shaded areas are those under communist control. (AP Wirephoto)

visitors will not be permitted on board ships berthed at shore stations," a directive said.

The capital city of Canberra, Australia, was designed by an American architect.

Small Korea Has Seen Little But Strife Since 57 B. C.

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Korea, a country whose native name means "morning calm," has seen little but strife since its recorded history began in 57 B.C.

The 600-mile long, 135 mile-wide peninsula extends southward from Manchuria between the Yellow Sea and the Sea of Japan.

For 2,000 years invaders from the north, east and west have fought for possession of well-watered, temperate Korea, whose fertile fields are protected from Manchurian and Pacific winds by a rugged mountain chain.

Korean folklore says the nation owes its birth to a divine being who came to earth in the form of a wind. Finding a virgin sitting besides a stream he blew upon her and she brought forth a son, Tangun, who supposedly founded a dynasty which lasted from 2333 B.C. to 1122 B.C.

Only from 57 B.C., however, with the establishment of the kingdom of Silla in South Korea are there accurate records of the country.

In 1392 General Yi Taicho drove out Japanese pirates ravaging the east coast and founded the Kingdom of Chosen, which included most of the 86,000 square miles of modern Korea.

He made Seoul, still Korea's chief city, his capital.

The Japanese sent an army of 300,000 to conquer the country in 1592 but were finally routed. A Korean-invented-and-

fisheries, mines, and the personal wealth of Koreans.

More than 1,000,000 fled to try to make a living in Siberia and Manchuria.

The Koreans, spurred by President Wilson's famous 14 points after World War I, proclaimed their independence. The Japanese tortured their leaders to death but others sprang up and formed a secret provisional government in Seoul.

They elected Dr. Syngman Rhee, now president of South Korea, to head the government. He was then in the United States. Rhee had been a pupil of Wilson at Princeton University.

Military authorities said that to enable Russian troops from the north and American troops from the south to crush an estimated 178,000 Japanese garrison troops between them, Korea was divided into American and Soviet zones of influence at the 38th parallel.

Sudden Attack on S. Korea Warns of Surprise A-Assault

Washington, June 28 (AP)—Military experts pointed today to the sudden attack on South Korea as a warning that the United States must always be on guard against a surprise atomic assault.

Recalling that the Japanese inflicted a serious blow to U. S. armed strength at Pearl Harbor, they said the nation might never recover from a similar attack in this atomic age.

W. Stuart Symington, chairman of the national security resources board, emphasized the need of civil defense planning Monday night in a speech before the annual convention of the American Red Cross.

He told delegates that "for the first time in history, a foreign government has the capacity to attack all of America's home soil tonight."

"Behind the Iron Curtain there has been an atomic explosion," he said. "Behind that curtain is the air equipment capable of delivering a surprise atomic attack against any part of the United States."

"We have no adequate defense against such an attack."

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