

KOREA AT WAR

Northern Government Declares State of Hostilities; 60,000 Red Troops Attack Along 200-Mile Front; Rhee Telephones Appeal for U.S. Help to Tokyo

Airliner Missing With 58 Aboard

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (INS)—A Northwest Airlines DC-4 transport plane, carrying 52 persons, disappeared early Saturday over stormy Lake Michigan in what may be the worst disaster in the history of American commercial aviation.

Smuggling Ring Broken by U.S.

WASHINGTON (INS)—The government has broken wide open a huge alien smuggling ring and arrested 80 persons including two members of the Sicilian "Cosa Nostra" gang.

9 from Ditched B-29 Picked Up in Pacific

HONOLULU (AP)—A brief message out of the Pacific yesterday said nine of 11 crewmen of an ill-fated Superfortress were safe.

Dulles To Talk to SCAP on Korean War Situation

By Col. Ross Porter. TOKYO—John Foster Dulles, State Department adviser, will enter with General of the Army Douglas MacArthur concerning the Korean war this evening as soon as he arrives by plane from Kyoto.



SAW AREA OF ATTACK—A week ago John Foster Dulles (in black suit), State Department adviser, paid a visit to the area shown above along the 38th parallel in Korea and inspected installations of the South Korean government. This was one of the first sectors to fall to the Reds Sunday morning. Shown

U.S. To Hold Russia Responsible for War

WASHINGTON (UP)—State Department officials said Sunday that the United States will hold Russia responsible for the Communist North Korean attack against the independent South Korean republic which this country and the United Nations brought into being and have supported.

But there was no indication that the United States intends to take direct military action of its own in defense of South Korea.

SCAP Rejects Purge Protest

TOKYO (INS)—General Douglas MacArthur rejected the Soviet protest against the purge of 41 Japanese Communist party leaders Sunday as "sheerest misuse of diplomatic privilege."

President Foresees Continued Prosperity

BALTIMORE (UP)—President Truman Saturday confidently predicted that the American economy will continue to expand as long as the American people are willing to plan for expansion.

Assembly Ousts Bidault Cabinet

PARIS (INS)—France's middle-road government was ousted by the National Assembly Saturday night deep in the warning of defeated Premier Georges Bidault that the action might have "grave consequences" on the French plan for "European industries."

Accord Periled By Aggression, Sebald Asserts

YOKOHAMA (UP)—SCAP diplomatic chief William J. Sebald Sunday said that international cooperation was being threatened by "rampant imperialistic aggression which disregards the common interest of all for the sake of immediate advantage on the part of one nation or group."

TOKYO (INS)—The long-feared civil war in Korea began with bloody fighting Sunday morning.

The Communist troops of the north hit the 38th parallel with tremendous power at 5 a.m. Six hours later, at 11 a.m., the Pyongyang Radio announced a declaration of war by the Communist regime of the north against the anti-Communist government of the south.

BY NOON the Communist regulars, 60,000 crack troops trained by Russian military experts, had established a line averaging three kilometers in depth south of the border across the whole peninsula on a 200-mile front.

President Syngman Rhee in Seoul telephoned an appeal for American aid to Tokyo.

Specifically he wanted help for the rifles of his 55,000 infantrymen, each of whom has been issued only 50 rounds of rifle ammunition.

THE CABINET went into an emergency session in Seoul at 2 p.m. to formulate strategy and to frame a plea for American aid.

A plane-load of American officers already was on route to Seoul when the cabinet session began. The American left Haneda at 1 p.m.

Northern Communists appeared to have heavy military advantages over the South.

IN AFRICA the Defense Ministry in Seoul issued the following analysis of Northern strength:

150,000 first-line troops, crack units trained and armed by the Russians. 195 aircraft of all types, including bombers. 18 steel-clad warships. Good supply of bazookas and mortar and some tanks. 350,000 second line troops.

THE APPEAL to SCAP will stress that the situation is desperate.

So far, Rhee said in a telephone conversation there have been no uprisings, but police throughout the south or the peninsula has been alerted for possible trouble such as the bloody revolt in 1948.

The war, Rhee reported, opened with sporadic attacks at 5 a.m. Sunday along the entire 200-mile length of the 38th parallel.

KARSON, he said, fell at 10 a.m. Daegu in the northwest at 9:45 after the important nearby town of Paik Caon had been captured.

By Chon, a few miles from Kaesum along the 38th parallel cutting across the peninsula, also was captured. The Seoul government, Rhee declared, would make a forceful declaration at 2 p.m. Sunday.

SEoul (UP)—American Ambassador John J. Muccio broadcast the following statement to the 2,000 Americans in Korea, including the military mission, over the English-language radio station WPT Sunday: