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Decision on Korea

**In our simulation we travel back in time...
...to the first “Korea session” of the Security Council on 25 June 1950.**

It's your task to put yourself into the historical situation of the beginning of the 473rd Security Council meeting on 25 June 1950, with the following initial situation:

25 June 1950

The Democratic People's Republic of Korea launches a full-scale war against the Republic of Korea, which is positioned southern of the DPR Korea.

The UN Commission on Korea informs the Secretary General that a full-scale attacks against the Republic of Korea has been launched by North Korea. The USA requests an immediate meeting of the Security Council to deal with the Korean situation.

You are delegate of the country you chose, and you have to represent that country's position in terms of the Korea crisis as good as you can, bearing in mind, that your decisions possibly can effect the whole world seriously.

The Korean situation between 1945 and 1950 - a historical background

When in August 1945 the Japanese occupation of Korea ended, the Soviet and American occupation began. Korea was no longer a colony, but divided along the 38th parallel. Both superpowers tried to establish leaders and governments in their zones in favour of their political ideology. Though both promised to help establishing a unified and sovereign Korean Republic nothing substantial happened to guarantee that.

In 1947 the problem of Korean independence was brought before the UN by the United States. The Soviet Union insisted on bilateral negotiations and opposed this decision of the USA. After discussing the problem in the UN, the General Assembly recommended in their following resolutions free and democratic elections. To guarantee that, a UN Temporary Commission on Korea (UNTCOK) was established. UNTCOK was in fact unable to observe in the Soviet-controlled North Korea.

A Korean government with Syngman Rhee as Chairman was finally elected in May 1948 but only in South Korea. The General Assembly accepted that as the only legally elected government and Korean Republic and also created a new UN Commission on Korea (UNCOK) to continue the work of UNTCOK. In September 1948 a “Democratic People's Republic of Korea” under Kim Ill Sung was proclaimed in the North.

By 1949 both American and Soviet troops were withdrawn from the peninsula. UNCOK reported increasing military incidents along the 38th parallel and a military invasion by the North became a realistic scenario. Small engagements and attacks along the border from both Korean states were first signs of the coming war which finally began on 25 June 1950 with a large North Korean attack.

The USA requests the Security Council to convene for it's 473rd meeting on 25 June 1950, in order to deal with the Korean situation.

Now it's up to you to find a good way out of the crisis ...

Korean War Timeline	
24 July 1945	Potsdam Conference , President Truman asked USSR help against Japan
06 August 1945	Atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima
08 August 1945	120,000 Russian troops invaded Manchuria and Korea
09 September 1945	US accepts Japanese surrender in Korea, South of 38th parallel
14 November 1947	U.N. Resolution to remove troops from Korea after national elections.
08 February 1948	North Korean People's Army (NK) officially activated
08 April 1948	President Truman orders withdrawal of US troops from Korea
15 August 1948	The Republic of Korea was proclaimed. Syngman Rhee was elected first president, (by a legislature formed by popular elections conducted in May).
09 September 1948	Democratic People's Republic of Korea claims jurisdiction over all Korea
29 June 1949	Last US troops leave South Korea Korean Military Advisory Group (KMAG, 200 men) formed
12 January 1950	Truman's Secretary of State Dean Acheson confirms Korea and Taiwan are outside American Far East security cordon
01 June 1950	NK strength at 135,000, with seven assault divisions and 150 T34 tanks
25 June 1950	NK invades Republic of South Korea (ROK) without warning

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