

KOREAN WAR

“The Forgotten War”

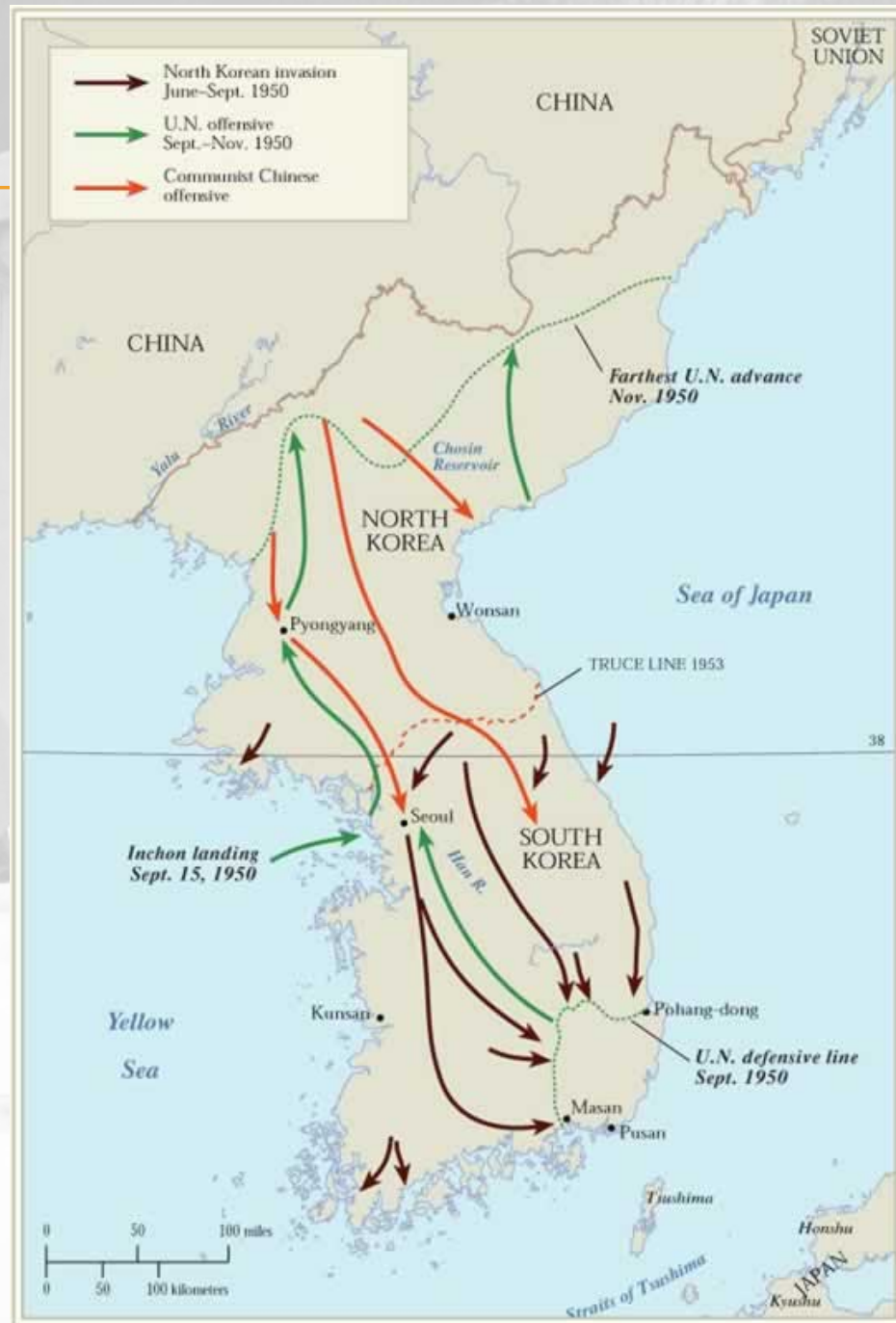


SOL NOTES

- ✘ Background: Korea (a Japanese colony) was occupied by the US and the USSR after WWII, divided at the 38th parallel (with Soviet Union in the North and US in the South).
- ✘ American involvement in the Korean War in the early 1950s reflected the American policy of containment of communism.
- ✘ After communist North Korea invaded South Korea, American military forces led a counterattack that drove deep into North Korea itself. Communist Chinese forces came into the war on the side of North Korea and the war threatened to widen, but eventually ended in a stalemate with South Korea free of communist occupation. Korea is still divided at the 38th parallel.

1 TRIGGER: JUNE 1950

✘ **North Korea** and **China** invade South.



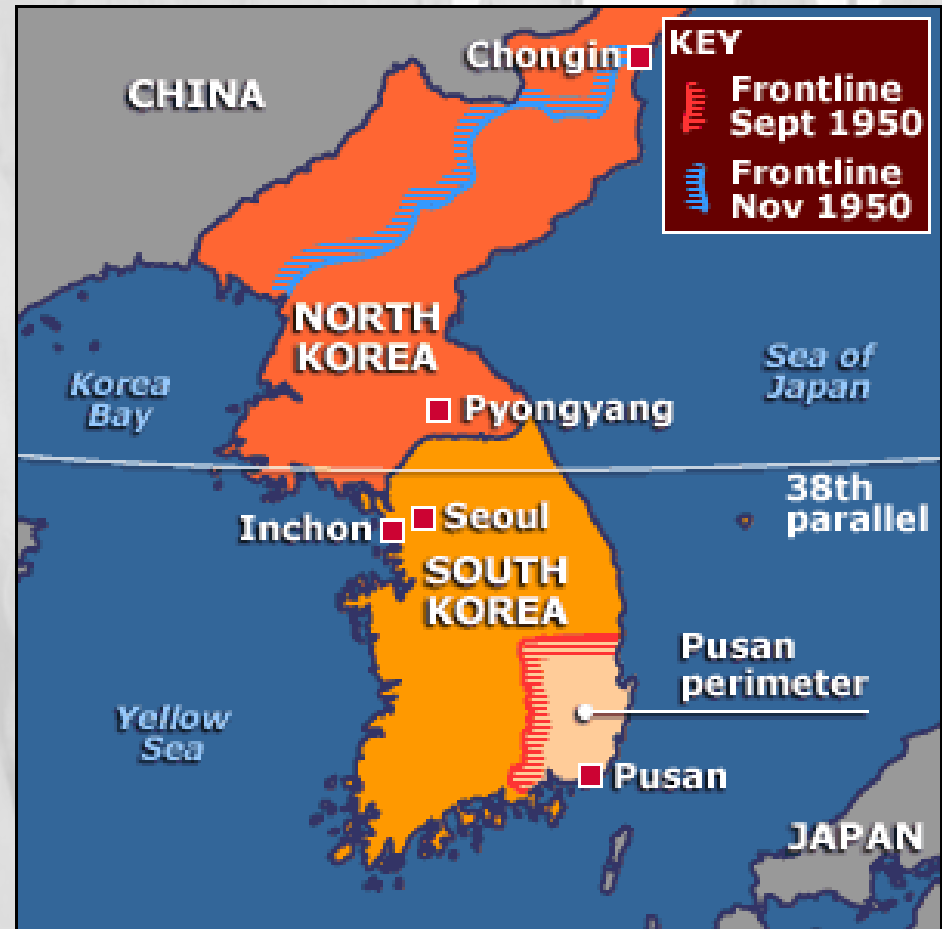
2 GOAL: TRUMAN & UN

- ✘ “**Limited War**” to push North Korea back and stop spread of **communism**.



3 EARLY ON: AUG/SEPT 1950

- ✘ UN forces (led by US) quickly forced to “**Pusan Perimeter**”



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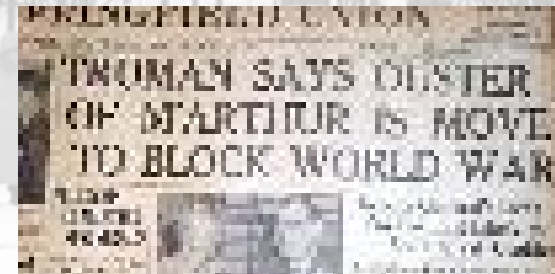
- ✘ **MacArthur** lands in enemy territory, sweeps north to Chinese border
- ✘ **China** then enters war to help out North

Photo # 80-G-421944 Struble, MacArthur & Smith at Inchon, 1950



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- ✘ MacArthur goes public with his wish for use of **atomic bomb** vs. China (Truman disagrees, due to “**limited war**” goal)
- ✘ -MacArthur **fired**



5. OUTCOME: STALEMATE

- ✘ (deadlock, a draw, in chess=no legal moves possible)
- ✘ stalemate exists along **38th Parallel** until 1953 (*original* and near current division)
- ✘ no change in government
- ✘ **35,000** die
- ✘ **100,000** wounded
- ✘ -called the “**Forgotten War**”

