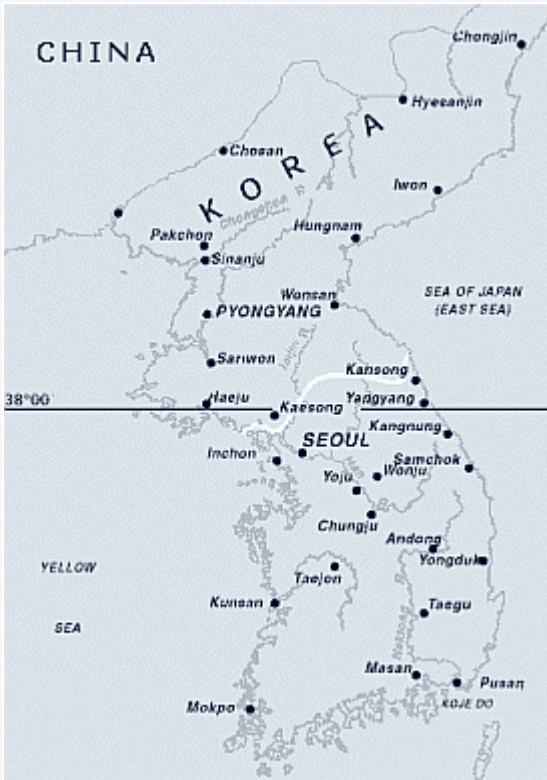


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At the end of WWII, the political demographic of Korea underwent major change. Formerly in the hands of the Japanese, control of the Korean Peninsula was divided [along the 38th parallel] between the USA and the Soviet Union. Socially and politically, the Soviet Union and the USA were poles apart. While the USA supported a more liberal South, the Soviet Union instilled communist values in the North.

As the years progressed, tension between the two opposing factions intensified. By mid 1950 this tension had forged the formation of two opposing armies. Dissention reached it's peak on June 25th, when the Northern Korean Army crossed the border and headed for the Southern Capital.

Seoul fell to the North in less than a week. This was followed by a push towards Pusan, a vital strategic port. The USA were quick to respond with offers of air and sea support. Strongly supported by the United Nations Security Council, twenty-one other nations offered to support the US in their bid to repel the 'communist threat'. Australia was one.



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