

Asia—I: A General War?

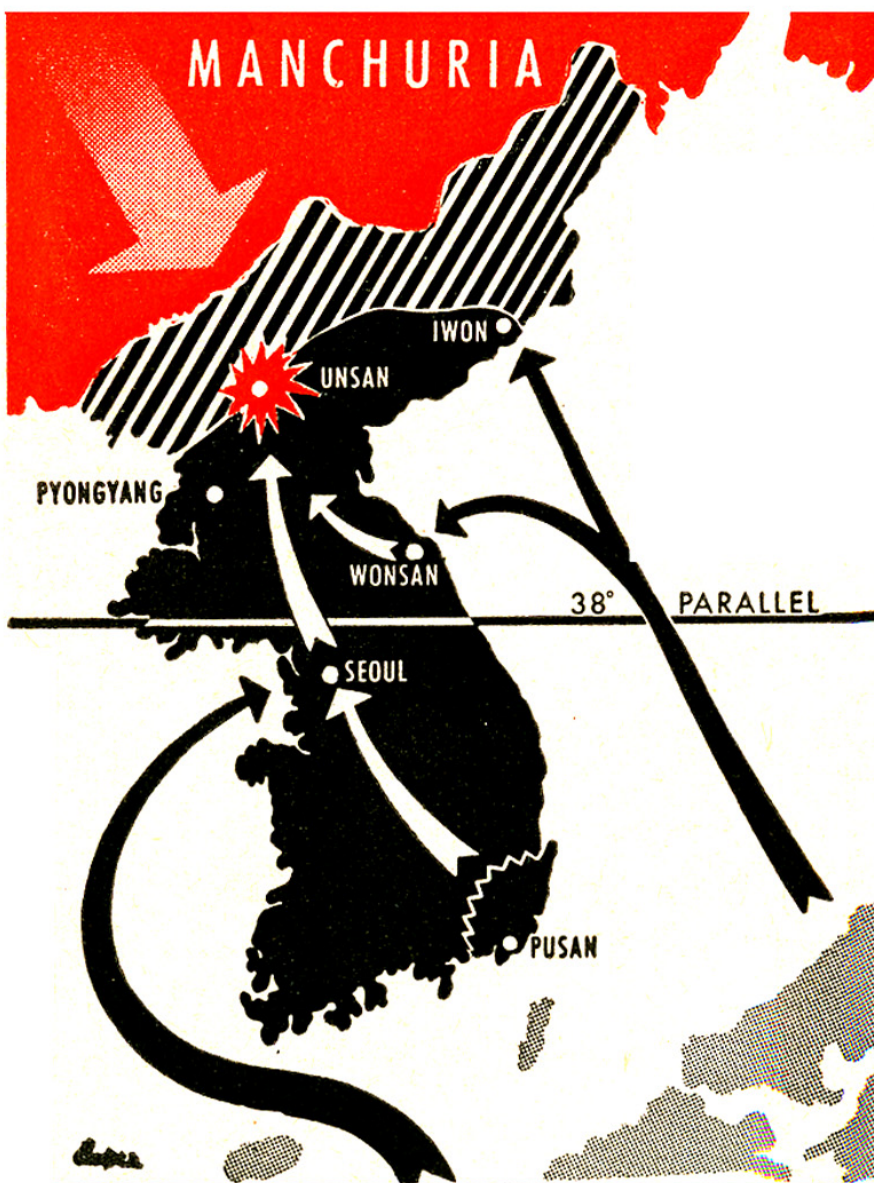
Threats of a general war in the Far East grew as perhaps 250,000 Chinese Communists jumped into the battle for Northwest Korea;



Caught in Korea: Chinese Communist prisoners in U.N. stockade.

at best, their intervention meant a winter campaign in the mountains; at worst, a world war.

Background: Gen. MacArthur told the U.N. "lawless" Chinese Army units had invaded Korea, opened a new war just as he was about to end the old one. This gave the U.N. a fresh problem: whether to order MacArthur to attack the invaders' Manchurian bases.



Ray Falk, QUICK Korea correspondent, said U.N. commanders felt bombing the bases would spread the war. Some officers thought the Reds fought to save power dams north of Unsan (map, l.), might quit if the dams' safety were assured.

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