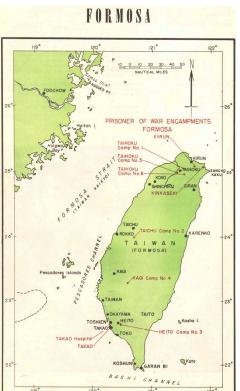




Korea

Asia: 1950

- **AMBROSE**: HST needed another crisis to test containment & Asia is best b/c they might be able to help Chaing get back to mainland from **Formosa**
 - Trying to complete unilateral peace w/JPN
 - US wants to est. bases → Communists & Moderates wary
 - Korea
 - North – Communist, Russian-controlled, **Kim Il-Sung**
 - South – “Democratic”, US-controlled, **Syngman Rhee**
 - US: Korea's not worth it, but not fighting defies NSC-68



Kim



Rhee



We Didn't Think You'd Care, So...

- 6/25/50 – DPRK cross 38th Parallel
 - HST begins “bold” diplomatic counter-attack
 - Uses UN to take “concrete steps to punish aggression” →
 - Extends Truman Doctrine to Pacific IN ONE DAY!
 - Aid French vs. Ho Chi Minh
 - Aid Philippines against **Huks**
 - Moved 7th Fleet to protect Formosa from Mao
 - Didn’t think he’d need to put boots on the ground
 - Wires Stalin & asks for support
 - **AMBROSE**: Contain, not conquer. Goal: *Status quo ante*



Struggles and Successes

- Things do not go well initially → troops to Korea
 - **AMBROSE**: If he didn't, political suicide.
 - Did it without EUR, JPN, or Congress's approval!
- **MacArthur** gains upper hand @ **Pusan**; wants to take DPRK too →
 - US: Maybe we can do MORE than contain!?
 - Pyongyang will be “1st Iron Curtain capital liberated!”
 - **Eisenhower** named Supreme Commander of NATO



Mac Keeps Going...

- **Inchon** – Amphibious landing *behind* enemy
 - Huge success → Takes **Seoul** back, then north of 38°
- **10/10/50** – China publicly states they will enter conflict if US continues north →
 - HST meets w/ Mac on **Wake Is.** & convinces him to not invade CHN
 - **AMBROSE**: (Revision) Before, histo. focused on Mac's assumption CHN wouldn't fight, but both he and HST wanted liberation of Korea. Just differed on means.



The Tide Turns Back

- 10/25 – Mac makes it to **Yalu R.** → surprised by CHN & completely reverses military situation →
- FP back to status quo → only time US ever tried to free a communist state by force
- Jan. 1951 – DPRK reclaims Seoul



Truman ANGRY

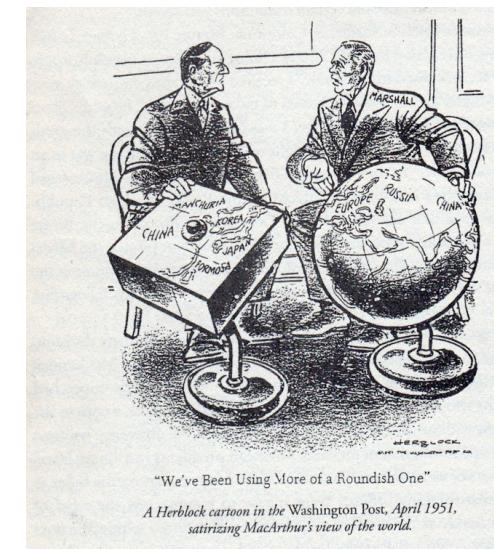
- Attlee worried Mac might use bomb; worried US might pull out of Korea & fight CHN for pride
- AMBROSE: After that, only the most extreme McCarthyite could complain HST was ignoring communist threat.
 - Emergency powers, H-Bomb, Draft, \$50B defense budget, 2 divisions to EUR, 2x army, 2x air groups to 95, bases in MAR, LBY, KSA; got JPN peace treaty, aided FRA, GRE/TUR to NATO, rearmed GER & aided Franco in exchange for a base in ESP (122)
 - AMBROSE: HST's “achievements are breathtaking.”
 - Cost: “Increased the risk of war while making war immeasurably more dangerous”



“If any Communist showed his head on the free side of the line, someone—usually an American—would be there to shoot him.” – S.A.

Mac vs. HST II

- AMBROSE: Containment is frustrating. People want to fight/win/destroy the threat.
- Feb. '51 – Mac = cure for this frustration.
 - Drives DPRK/CHN back to 38° w/ offensive
 - Sabotaged efforts for ceasefire by crossing & demanding unconditional surrender→
 - HST fires Mac → Mac a hero @ home, HST lowest approval rating EVER (22%)



Peace?

- **AMBROSE**: People rejecting containment b/c HST rejected victory.
- **7/10/51** – Peace negotiations began w/out ceasefire
 - Broke down in 2 days → fighting wore on, but stabilized around 38th Parallel; US casualties dropped, rearmament continued
 - Mac hearing est. that US could not destroy USSR or CHN → Stalemate @ Panmunjom **7/27/1953** and endures...
- **AMBROSE**: The measure of HST's triumph is that all his successors stayed with his policies.



Never thought
I'd be this happy
again!



Kissinger Questions

- What were the causes of US action in Korea?
- What is Limited Objective War & how is it different from Total War?
- How was containment tested in Korea?
- What were Truman's foreign policy mistakes?
- What were military & diplomatic mistakes?
- What were the mistakes in brokering peace?
- What should they have done according to Kissinger?
- What were the results of Korea? Winners & Losers?

