

Thursday January 26, 1950



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Overview

January 26, 1950 (Thursday)

- 1950 Douglas C-54D-1-DC disappearance: A U.S. Air Force C-54 transport plane disappeared, along with 36 passengers and a crew of 8, somewhere over the Yukon territory in Canada. The plane had departed Elmendorf Air Force Base in Alaska, bound for Great Falls, Montana. More than sixty years later, the aircraft is still missing.
- As the Dominion of India became the Republic of India, Rajendra Prasad was sworn in as the first President, replacing the last Governor-General of India, Chakravathi Rajagopalachari.

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On the occasion of General of the Army MacArthur's 70th birthday, Ambassador [Philip C. Jessup](#) who would become a primary target of Senator [Joseph McCarthy](#) later this year, today said:

The days I have spent in Japan have given me a vivid impression of the extraordinary progress which the Japanese people have made since the end of the war. General MacArthur has rendered a service of extraordinary distinction and of great historical significance. It has been of unique value to me to have an opportunity to meet him and to discuss problems with him. These experiences and conversations have been of great value in the broad program of the Department of State for studying the problems of the Far East



President Truman sent this greeting :

"On the occasion of your birthday, I desire to express the appreciation and gratitude of your country for your services in war and peace which have made and will continue to make an important contribution to the great cause of freedom and democracy."

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As did Secretary of State Dean Acheson:

"My warm congratulations to you on this day. As you look back over other birthdays which have passed since the beginning of your career, you must find deep satisfaction in your record of splendid military achievements and statesmanship. I am joined by my associates in appreciation of the close cooperation and understanding which you have contributed to our mutual problems. You have my cordial best wishes for the years to come."

MacArthur was still working on the Peace treaty with Japan and was not much concerned with Korea.

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The U.S. and ROK Governments signed a military assistance agreement on 26 January 1950. This authorized substantial aid to the new government and formalized the establishment of the military advisory groups.

The final stipulation of this agreement came on an 15 March 1950, when the United States promised the Republic of Korea a total of \$10,970,000 in military aid. Of this, only a few hundred dollars' worth of signal wire reached the peninsula before 25 June, although signal equipment and spare parts worth \$350,000 were en route from San Francisco . [02-63]

North Korea Prepares

President Rhee's fears of attack from the north were not unreasonable. The Soviet Government was developing a strong native army in North Korea.

trained by Russian officers and equipped with material furnished by the Soviet Union, the North Korean Army grew into a powerful and efficient striking force between 1946 and 1950

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