

# Friday February 17, 1950



[Sun Rise](#) 0742 1738  
[Moon Rise](#) 0700 1612  
[Moon Phase](#) 1% 1 day

## Weather

### [Korean Climate](#)

Mean Temp 28.6°C 83.48°F at Taegu

Heavy Overcast

[1950 Pacific Typhoon Season](#)

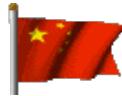
[Korea Temps - 1950-1953 - Station 143 \(Daegu\)](#)

## Overview

February 17, 1950 (Friday)

- In the worst railroad accident in the New York metropolitan area, 29 commuters were killed and 105 injured in the collision of two Long Island Railroad trains. At 10:38 pm, eastbound Train No. 192 ran through a red light signal and crashed head on into the westbound Train No. 175 at Rockville Centre, New York. Together, the two trains carried "about 1,000 passengers" and were ripped down the center of the cars.
- King Abdullah I of Jordan and Mossad Director Reuven Shiloah of Israel met at the King's winter palace at El Shuneh, where the King presented a seven-point treaty proposal.
- Mao Zedong, the leader of the Communist Party of the People's Republic of China, returned home from the Soviet Union after a stay of two months. Mao had arrived in Moscow on December 16, 1949, and remained there for nine weeks.
- **Died:** "Judy", 12, pointer dog for the British ship HMS *Grasshopper*, credited with saving the lives of its crew during World War II

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Today Mao, Zhou and party departed Moscow, with a treaty in hand of which Mao said"

*It is plain to see that the unity of the people of the two great countries, China and the Soviet Union, solidified by the alliance treaty, will be permanent and inviolable, and one which cannot be put asunder by anyone. Moreover, this unity will not only influence the prosperity of these two great countries, China and the Soviet Union, but will surely affect the future of humanity and the triumph of peace and justice all over the world.[59]*

And Zhou Enlai said:

*"these treaties and agreements made the Chinese people feel that they were no longer isolated." To the contrary, "they were now much stronger than ever before." [60]*

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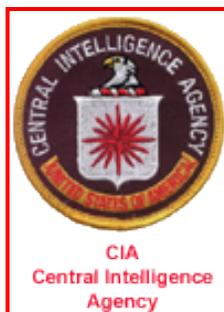
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Was the possibility of a war in Korea discussed? According to [Nikita Khrushchev's 1970](#) memoirs he relates the visit of both China's and North Korea's leadership and says:

*For many years we insisted that the initiative for starting the Korean War came from South Korea....I'm telling the truth now for the sake of history: it was the initiative of Comrade Kim Il-sung, and it was supported by Stalin and many others -- in fact, by everybody.[62]*

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