

# Tuesday February 21, 1950



[Sun Rise](#) 0741 1742  
[Moon Rise](#) 0937 2042  
[Moon Phase](#) 21% 5 days

## 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 21, 1950 (Tuesday)

- The first International Pancake Race was staged between competitors at Olney, Buckinghamshire (which had started the tradition in 1445) in England, and in Liberal, Kansas, in the United States. The President of the Jaycees service club in Liberal had read about the race and had written to the vicar of St. Peter's and St. Paul's Church in Olney, with the housewives in both towns trying to make the best time in the race. The two towns have competed on every Shrove Tuesday since then.
- WOI-TV began broadcasting from studios at Iowa State University in Ames, becoming the first regular broadcaster of educational television. As the first TV station to cover most of Iowa, WOI also carried some programming from commercial networks; the first fully noncommercial educational TV station would be KUHT of the University of Houston, which would sign on May 25, 1953.

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The CIA's Daily Summary for today addresses USSR's pressure in Europe and South East Asia. The [US Ambassador Herschel Johnson in Rio de Janeiro](#) reports that the [Brazilian Minister in Vienna](#) has been informed by [Austrian Foreign Minister Karl Gruber](#) that he is "absolutely sure" the Soviet command in Vienna began about twenty days ago military preparations which indicate the USSR is planning large scale military action.

While the CIA discounted the assertions as improbable, they still said,(just in case the improbable occurs):

*that the preponderance of Soviet military strength in Europe and stringent security measures in the Soviet sphere provide the USSR with the capabilities for initiating military operations with little or no advance information becoming available to the Western Powers*

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Turning to South East Asia they reported that:

*US Ambassador Kirk in Moscow suggests that the recently concluded Sino-Soviet treaty prepares the way for these two principal partners in World Communism to assume in the near future "militant initiative in Southeast Asia to a maximum degree short of open war." The Ambassador believes that Stalin and Mao probably estimate that Communist expansion in Southeast Asia in the near future is both militarily and politically feasible. Kirk considers Burma and Indochina to be the prime targets in Southeast Asia because their inclusion in the Communist sphere would advance Communist forces toward the goal of world domination and because these countries, plus Thailand, would pro-vide China with a solution to-its food problem.*

To this estimate the CIA agreed, but did not suggest any time line when it to occur. [\[note\]](#)

Notes for Tuesday February 21, 1950

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