

Friday May 12, 1950



[Sun Rise](#) 0525 1928
[Moon Rise](#) 0302 1506
[Moon Phase](#) 15% 25 days

Weather

[Korean Climate](#)

Mean Temp 20.1°C 68.18°F at Taegu

Heavy Overcast

[1950 Pacific Typhoon Season](#)

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

Overview

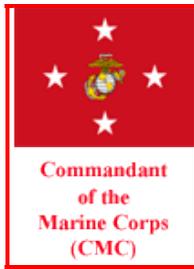
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- Eugene Dennis (real name Francis Xavier Waldron), the General Secretary of the Communist Party USA, began a one-year jail sentence for contempt of Congress.
- The Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR restored the death penalty for crimes committed during peacetime, after having abolished it nearly three years earlier on May 26, 1947.
- **Born:** Ching Hai, Vietnamese-born spiritual leader, in Quảng Ngãi Province; and Billy Squier, American rock musician, in Wellesley, Massachusetts

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[General Smith's](#) report received immediate action and formed the basis for a letter from [General Cates](#) to the [CNO](#), [Admiral Sherman](#). The letter, written on **12 May 1950**, stressed the urgency of obtaining new and adequate equipment for the Marine Corps to cope with the manifest threat of the atomic bomb to the conventional ship-to-shore movement.

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HRP-1

"The HRP," the Commandant said, "has never been considered as a service type helicopter, but rather a means to develop the techniques and tactics of this new art. The Marine Corps is now at the crossroads. It possesses the knowledge but not the means to apply this knowledge. If the art of amphibious warfare is to be pursued, adequate means must be provided."

To stress his point further, General Cates said,

"The Marine Corps is effectively curtailed from performing this new concept in amphibious assault by one factor—the lack of suitable helicopters ."

Finally, Admiral Sherman was requested to take urgent action on these points, primarily to: raise the priority for the XHR2S-1 from its presently CNO-assigned status of 1C to 1B, and additionally,

"to see that experimental helicopters be procured and evaluated with a view to procuring two 15-plane assault squadrons...as soon as possible." [31]

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