

# Monday May 15, 1950

[Sun Rise](#) 0523 1930  
[Moon Rise](#) 0408 1800  
[Moon Phase](#) 1% 28 days

## Weather

### [Korean Climate](#)

Mean Temp 22°C 71.6°F at Taegu

Heavy Overcast

### [1950 Pacific Typhoon Season](#)

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

## Overview

### May 15, 1950 (Monday)

- In what one historian describes as "arguably the most import and date in PRC diplomatic treaty" as well as "a terrible blunder", Mao Zedong approved Kim Il-sung's plan for North Korea to invade South Korea, starting the Korean War.
- General Józef Kuropieska, of the People's Army of Poland, was arrested on fabricated charges of spying for the West, starting a purge of officers by the Defense Minister, Marshal Konstantin Rokossovsky. The "Trial of the Generals" would take place in 1951, with 40 indicted officers being sentenced to death.
- **Born:** Renate Stecher, East German track athlete, gold medalist in 1972 and 1976, in Dreiheide

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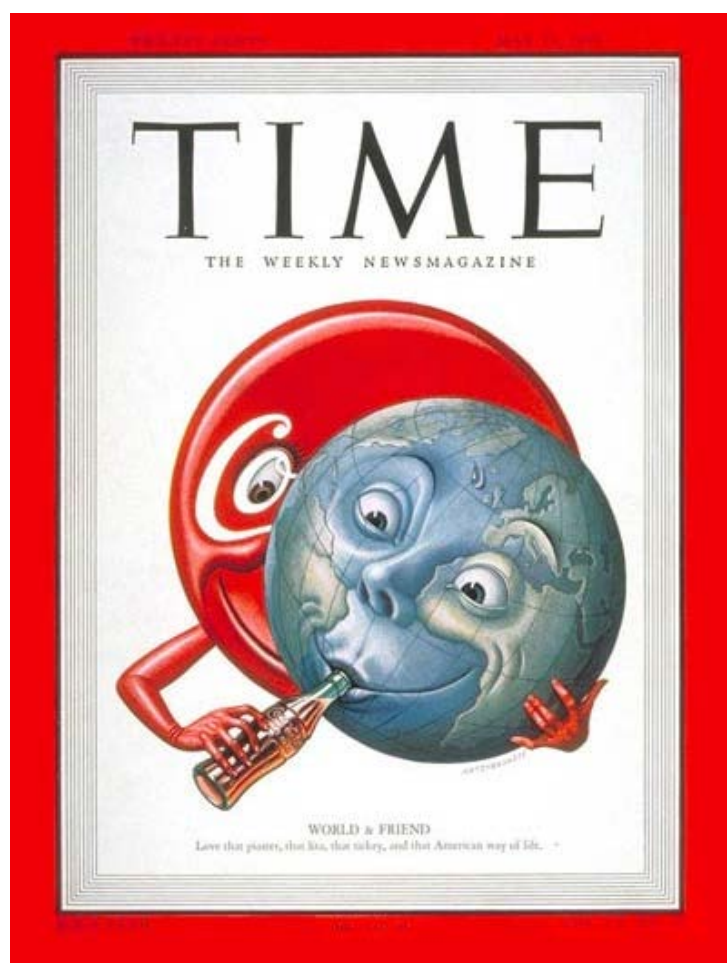


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The US Navy announced the creation at the Ordnance Aero-physics Laboratory, Daingerfield, Texas of a high altitude test chamber. It is capable of simulating altitudes of 100,000 feet, (about 19 miles) and ramjets up to four feet in diameter.

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