

# Thursday May 18, 1950

[Sun Rise](#) 0520 1933  
[Moon Rise](#) 0537 2101  
[Moon Phase](#) 3% 2 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 \(Daegu\)](#)

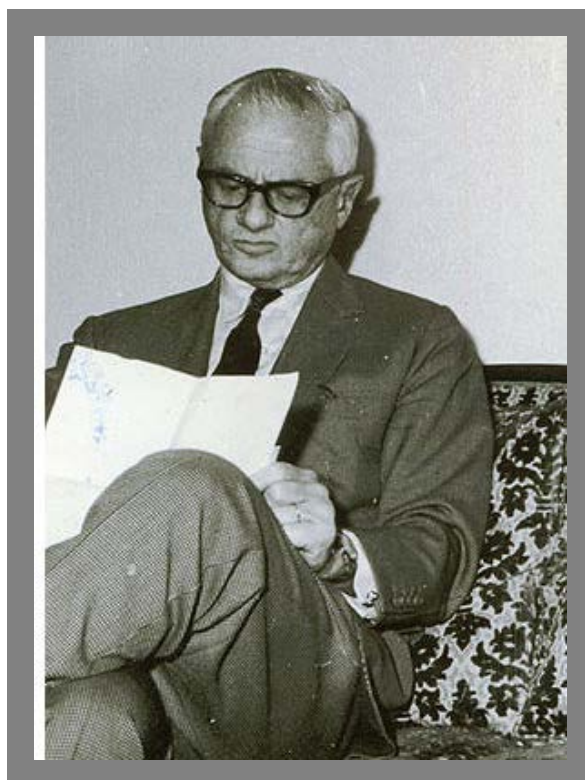
## Overview

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- The Oberammergau Passion Play was performed for the first time since 1934, in the Bavarian West German village Oberammergau. The U.S. and British High Commissioners, as well as American and British military officers, appeared for the first performance after receiving assurances that none of the performers were former Nazis.
- Saint Vincenza Gerosa (1784-1847) and Saint Bartolomea Capitanio (1807-1836), co-founders of the Sisters of Charity of Levore, were both canonized by Pope Pius XII as saints of the Roman Catholic Church.
- **Born:** Mark Mothersbaugh, American musician (Devo), in Akron, Ohio

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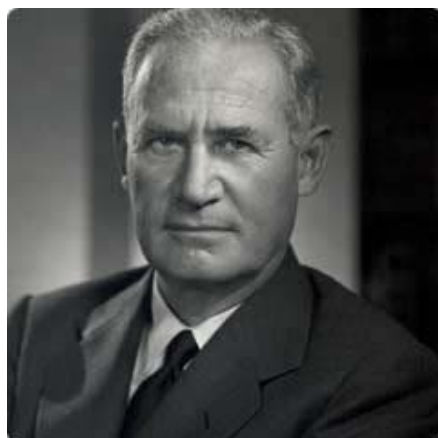
[Cyrus Leo Sulzberger](#) of the New York Times, today asked General MacArthur his opinion of the governments containment policy in Asia. Sulzberger said:

*"He smiled and said he was astonished to hear me refer to an American policy."*

Given that Dean Acheson would go to Europe eleven times and never go to the Pacific, one could infer the same thing from the facts. To which MacArthur also inferred:

*"under no circumstances would the United States engage in the military defense of the Korean peninsula."*

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A page later in William Manchester's biography, MacArthur is said to have told Sulzberger:

*"You have got to remember that war at the beginning was a sort of gladiatorial contest. You might start with the basis of the fight between David and Goliath."*

Professional units replaced individual contestants, he continued, and then the concept of peace treaties emerged, to safeguard victories. "However," he said, "as the world became more closely integrated and war became a more total concept involving every man, woman and child, and as destruction became so terribly great, war has ceased to be a medium for the settling of quarrels. The opinion of the masses . . . is against it."

Therefore:

*"I don't believe that war is imminent because the people of the world would neither desire it nor would they be willing to permit it. That goes for both sides. That is the basic reason for my belief that war is not upon the doorstep."*

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