

ARMISTICE

Lights were on in the President's study at the White House on Sunday evening. <sup>11:30 PM</sup> The long war was virtually over.

~~Mr. Eisenhower~~ Mr. Eisenhower bade the nation not relax its efforts

EISENHOWER SPEAKS ABOUT KOREAN ARMISTICE

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"My fellow citizens: tonight we greet with prayers and thanksgiving the official news that an armistice was signed almost an hour ago in Korea.

It will quickly bring to an end fighting between the United Nations' forces and the Communist armies. For this nation the cost of repelling aggression has been high. In thousands of homes it has been incalculable. It has been paid in terms of tragedy. With special feelings of sorry and solemn gratitude we think of those who were called upon to lay down their lives in the far off land to prove that once again only courage and sacrifice can keep freedom alive upon the earth. To the widows and orphans of this war and to those veterans who have disabling wounds, America resumes tonight her pledge of lasting devotion and care. Our thoughts turn also to those other Americans wearied by many months of imprisonment behind the enemy lines. The swift return of all of them will bring joy to thousands of families which will be evidence of good faith on the part of those with whom we have signed this armistice.

Soldiers, sailors and airmen of 16 different countries have stood as partners <sup>throughout</sup> beside us during those long and bitter months. <sup>American thanks go to each</sup> <sup>have seen the struggle</sup> <sup>of this enemy we</sup> ..... meet the challenge of aggression, not with pathetic words of protest, but with deeds of decisive purpose. <sup>It is proper that</sup> This ~~policy~~ we salute

- particularly the valorous armies of the Republic of Korea, for they have done even more <sup>than</sup> to prove their right to freedom.

Inspired by President Syngman Rhee they have given an example of courage and patriotism which again demonstrates that men of the West and of the East can fight and work and live together side by side in pursuit of a just and noble cause.

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..... the negotiations of the conference table is to begin. On this sabbath evening each of us devoutly prays that all nations may come to see the wisdom of composing differences in this fashion before rather than after there is resort to brutal and futile battle. Now as we strive to bring about that wisdom ..... emotions and steady our resolution. It is thus we have won an armistice of a single battleground, not peace in the world. We may not now relax our guard or cease our quest. Throughout

the coming months from the period of prisoners screening ..... political conferences which makes towards the unification of Korea, we and our United Nation allies must be vigilant against the possibility of untoward developments. And as we do so we shall fervently strive to.....

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*armistice will in fact be*

free peoples one step nearer to their goal of world of peace. My fellow

citizens, almost 90 years ago Abraham Lincoln at the end of a war delivered his second inaugural address. At the end of that speech he spoke some words which I think more clearly would express the true feelings of America tonight. These... any other words ever spoken or written.

'..... towards none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see that right, let us strive all to finish the work therein, to do all that each may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations.' This is our resolve and our dedication."