

EISENHOWER VISITS KOREA

Half a million people throng the streets of Seoul, capital of South Korea, in the hope of catching a glimpse of General Dwight Eisenhower. Rumours indicate that the President-Elect will be making a whirlwind visit to the town. But now President Syngman Rhee tells them that, for security reasons and because his stay is so short, Eisenhower will be unable to receive their greeting in person.

Over the frozen Korean countryside, the General's plane flies in. A salute from the troops - and onto the icy runway steps Ike to be greeted by Major-General Pollock. General Mark Clark, the United Nations Supreme Commander in the Far East, is also there to greet him.

During his three-day stay in Korea, Ike is determined to meet as many veterans from the battlefield as he can and, from their experiences, plan a way of ending this bitter conflict. Acting as his aide, though usually keeping well in the background is Eisenhower's son, John - on the right.

The General, who pays high tribute to the fighting qualities of the men of the South Korean forces, says that he intends to make their army both bigger and better, although (he points out) they will need help from outside for a long time to come. Now the nations who are already giving that help in defence of South Korea march past. First come men from Britain.

Now some of the French who are fighting in Korea march past - followed by more troops from the Commonwealth.

Major-General West, Commander of the British Commonwealth Division, chats with Eisenhower, who then makes his way near to the front-line where a demonstration is staged under real fire. President Syngman Rhee also watches the mock-battle.

After his tour, the General warns that there is no trick solution to the Korean problem and that decisive victory is difficult without yet more bloodshed. Now President Rhee presents Eisenhower with the Korean flag - a gesture of his people's thanks for the efforts of the United Nations to restore peace to his country.