

North Korea Slanders U.N. Forces To Hide Guilt of Aggression

Statement by Secretary Acheson

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The aggressor in Korea has tried all manner of tricks to divert the attention of the world from his crime. One of these has been to slander the United Nations forces fighting to stop the aggression in Korea with the charge that they are bombing and killing defenseless civilians. The air activity of the United Nations forces in Korea has been, and is, directed solely at military targets of the invader. These targets are enemy troop concentrations, supply dumps, war plants, and communications lines. It is well-known that the Communist command has compelled helpless civilians to labor on these military sites. Peaceful villages are used to cover the tanks of the invading army. Civilian dress is used to disguise the soldiers of aggression.

We and all the free peoples of the United Nations abhor war. It was only a short time ago that our allies suffered the blows of totalitarian aggression. It is not we who have brought the horrors of war to Korea. The world knows, and I am confident that the people of Korea know, who is responsible for the calamities which have befallen their land. I am sure that few will be deceived by the fraudulent attempt to transfer the guilt for the crime in Korea to the United Nations forces which are supporting the people of Korea against the aggressor.