

## Soviet reply to the United States aide-memoire (29 June 1950)

**Caption:** On 29 June 1950, in reply to the US aide-memoire of 27 June 1950, the Soviet Government denies all allegations of interference in the Korean conflict.

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## Soviet Government's reply to U.S. "aide-memoire" of June 29, 1950

"In connection with the statement of the Government of the United States of America forwarded by you on June 27, the Soviet Government has instructed me to state the following:

"1. According to reliable data of the Soviet Government, the events taking place in Korea were provoked by the attack of troops of the South Korean authorities on the North Korean border regions. Therefore responsibility for these events rests with the South Korean authorities and with those who stand behind their backs.

"2. As is known, the Soviet Government withdrew its troops from Korea earlier than this was done by the Government of the United States of America and thereby confirmed its traditional principle of non-interference in the internal affairs of other states. The Soviet Government continues to adhere to the principle of the impermissibility of interference of foreign powers in the internal affairs of Korea.

"3. It is incorrect that the Soviet Government refused to take part in the Security Council meetings. With the best will in the world it was impossible for the Soviet Government to take part in the Security Council meetings inasmuch as, owing to the position of the United States Government, a permanent member of the Security Council — China — has not been admitted to the Council, which renders it impossible for the Security Council to adopt decisions having legal force."