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   The struggle was against North and South Korea; yet, China was the main force behind North Korea and North Korea would never fall until China stopped helping them. President Truman refused to use nuclear weapons and MacArthur openly critiqued Truman for the decision. Truman fired MacArthur as a result. Neither side could achieve a decisive victory, so an armistice was signed by the two sides. Technically, this did not end the war, it simply meant cooperation would exist between the regions. In South Korea, Democracy could be established. Yet, North Korea remained under Communism. To this day, there is tension between the two areas.

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