S. RES. 140

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 17, 1951

Mr. Johnston of Colorado submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

RESOLUTION

Whereas to permit civilization to be destroyed by World War III is utter insanity and unworthy of the men of this century; and

Whereas the Korean War has every appearance of being a hopeless conflict of attrition and indecisiveness and a breeder of bitter racial hatreds; and

Whereas a limited war, like a limited or smoldering fire, is gravely dangerous, for it may burst forth into a world-wide conflagration at any moment; and

Whereas the North and South Koreans, the Chinese, and the United Nations have suffered more than one million casualties, with the only tangible result, so far, the indescribable misery which has been heaped upon the Korean people; and

Whereas tremendous strides have been made in the development of hitherto unused lethal and destructive weapons of war with potentials of unbelievable fury and horror; and
Whereas by slaughtering additional millions of humans an uneasy peace might in time be forced upon the vanquished; and

Whereas the people of the United States traditionally have held the people of China in the highest esteem and affection and still do; and

Whereas the people of the United States have long recognized the wisdom of the principles of the Monroe Doctrine so eloquently portrayed by the slogan “Asia for Asians” if it were to be applied to Asia; and

Whereas it has long been the policy of the American people that no nation should seek to extend its form of government over any other nation or people, but that as an inherent right every people should be left free to determine its own form of government and its own way of life, unhampered, unsullied, unthreatened, unafraid—the little along with the great and the powerful; and

Whereas the traditional policy and desire of the people of the United States of America is now and has been a just and enduring peace; and

Whereas it is never too early for God-fearing and peace-loving peoples to earnestly endeavor to stop needless human slaughter: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Senate that the United Nations call upon all nations and all groups now engaged in the war in Korea to cease fire and declare an armistice effective at 4 antemeridian (Korean time) June 25, 1951; and that prior thereto the United Nations forces retire to points south and the opposing forces retire to points
north of the thirty-eighth parallel; and that before December
31, 1951, all prisoners of the Korean War shall be exchanged
and all non-Korean persons, military and nonmilitary (except
the ordinary diplomatic representatives), shall depart from
North and South Korea.