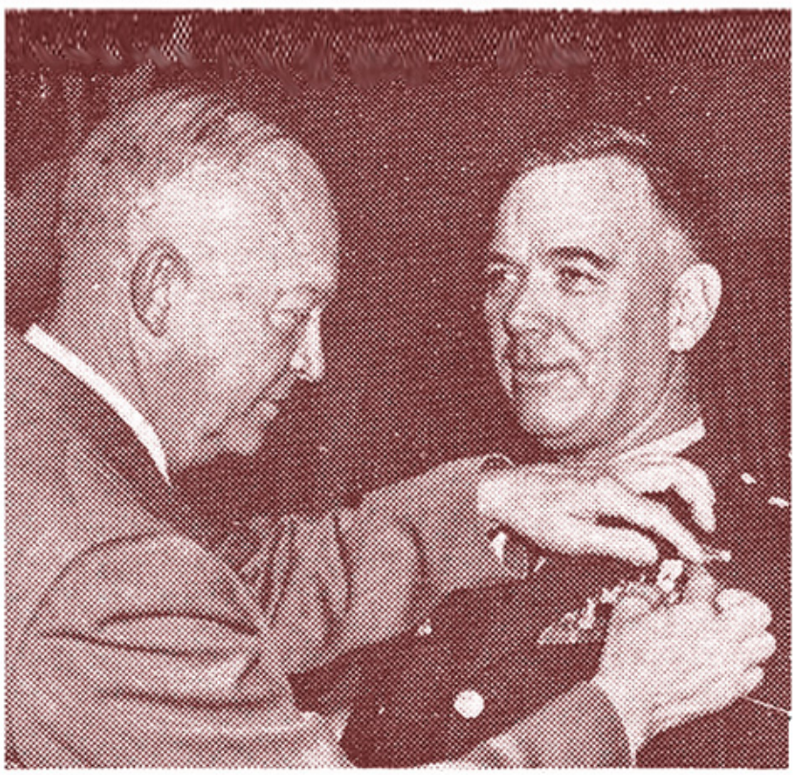
New Storm over Korea

Senators split over whether to make a sweeping investigation of the conduct and prospects of the Korean war. Democrats and some Republicans balked as Sen. Taft (R., Ohio) urged a probe after Gen. James A. Van Fleet told senators there had been ammunition shortages for the past 22 months. Pentagon officials denied the shortages were ever serious, claimed there always was sufficient ammunition for any job the troops had to do. Sen. Byrd (D., Va.) said he was shocked, called for the Administration and military leaders to answer the charges.



Pres. Eisenhower decorates Van Fleet.

Van Fleet also told Congress the draft term should be extended to 30 or 36 months (it's now 24) but the White House and congressional leaders said this wasn't likely. Meanwhile, a sag in re-enlistment rates posed a tightening of present draft rules to maintain military strength.

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