

Hist104 Lecture 17: Hot and Cold War in East Asia

0. Keywords

Douglas MacArthur, “reverse course,” US-Japan Security Treaty, Korean Conflict, People’s Republic of China (PRC), The Great Leap Forward, The Cultural Revolution

1. US Occupation of Japan (1945-52)

- a. Immediate goals: demilitarization and democratization
- b. The Cold War “Reverse Course”
- c. “End” of US Occupation

2. The Korean Conflict (1950-53)

- a. Partition of Korea at war’s end
- b. First serious hot war in Cold War
- c. Economic godsend for Japan
- d. Cease-fire without peace treaty

3. Mao and the PRC (1949-1976)

- a. Founding of the PRC, 1949
- b. Great Leap Forward, 1958-60
- c. Cultural Revolution, 1966-76
- d. Mao’s Legacy, post-1976