

Lecture 24: In an American Lake

0. Intro

- How to reform Japan in the postwar for no war
- How to rebuild Japan in the postwar for Cold War

1. A Country in Shambles

- a) The dead, the homeless, the returnees, the hungry
- b) The economy: industry, shipping, thermal power, infrastructure

2. Immediate Goals of the Allied (US) Occupation [1945-1952(72)]

- a) General Douglas MacArthur as Supreme Commander of the Allied Powers (SCAP): executive & legislative authority.
- b) "Demilitarization & Democratization")
Statement of **"The Five Great Reforms"**, October 1945:
 - 1) emancipation of women
 - 2) promotion of labor unions
 - 3) democratization of education
 - 4) democratization of the economic system
 - 5) democratization of the legal system
- c) The new Constitution of Japan (issued 11/3/46; in effect 1947):
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3. Cold War Goals: The "Reverse Course" (approx. 1948-1952)

- a) Japan as bulwark of anti-communism; the Pacific as "an American lake"
- b) Steering towards a reverse course.
- c) 2nd-3rd Yoshida (Shigeru) cabinets, 10/48-10/52 from progressive social/political reform to conservative economic development:
 - 1) suspension of war reparations
 - 2) removal of product controls on war-related industries
 - 3) re-establishment of monopolies & govt.-business nexus
 - 4) reinstatement of purged business & political leaders
 - 5) repression of labor unions and communists

4. "End" of Occupation

- a) San Francisco Peace Treaty
& the Japanese-US Security Treaty (Anpo), 4/28/52
- b) Ryûkyû Islands (Okinawa) remains under US Occupation until 1972