

Lecture 29

Occupied Japan

O. Problems & Parameters:

- 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):
Articles 1 & 9

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

- The "Yoshida Tripod": Party–Bureaucracy–Finance

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