













Lesson 2 (MW 5.02)











At the end of World War II, two Chinese governments existed side-by-side.

















The Communists, led by Mao Zedong, had built a strong base in Northern China.















The People's Liberation Army of the Communists included nearly one million troops.





When efforts to form a coalition government in 1946 failed, a full-scale civil war broke out between the Nationalists and the Communists.

















THE CHINESE CIVIL WAR

COLD WAR

DIVERSE TRAVEL

15/06/1949



NATIONALISTS

LEADER: CHIANG KAI-SHEK PARTY: KUOMINTANG CAPITAL: CANTON IDEOLOGY: AUTHORITARIAN GOVERNMENT: UNELECTED INFANTRY: 1,490,000 CASUALTIES: 1,500,000

FORMER HEADQUATERS Nanking

BELLIGERENTS











COMMUNISTS

MAO ZEDONG LEADER: PARTY: CCP CAPITAL: BEIPING IDEOLOGY: COMMUNIST GOVERNMENT: UNELECTED INFANTRY: 4,000,000 CASUALTIES: 250,000

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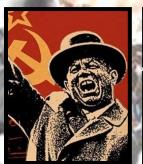












In the countryside, promises of land attracted millions of peasants to the Communist Party.



Many joined Mao's People's Liberation Army (or PLA).









In the cities, middle-class
Chinese, who were alienated by
Chiang's repressive policies,
supported the Communists.





Chiang's troops began to defect to the Communists. Even whole divisions (officers and soldiers) defected.









By 1948, the Mao's PLA surrounded Beijing.



The following spring it crossed the Yangtze River and occupied Shanghai.



During the next few months, Chiang Kai-shek and two million followers fled to the island of Taiwan.













On October 1,1949, Mao
Zedong mounted the rostrum
of the Gate of Heavenly Peace
in Beijing and made a victory
statement to the thousands
gathered in the square before
him. Mao announced:

"The Chinese people have stood up. ... Nobody will insult us again."





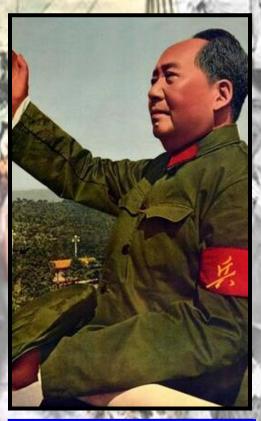






























The Communist Party, under the leadership of Chairman Mao Zedong, now ruled China.





In 1955, the Communist
Chinese Government launched
a new program to build a
socialist society. All private
farmland was collectivized.













Peasant families were allowed to keep small plots for their private use, but they worked chiefly in large collective farms.



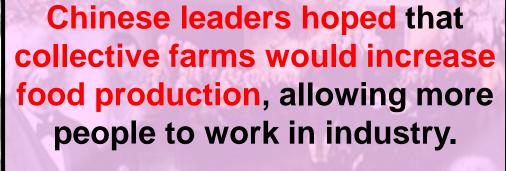
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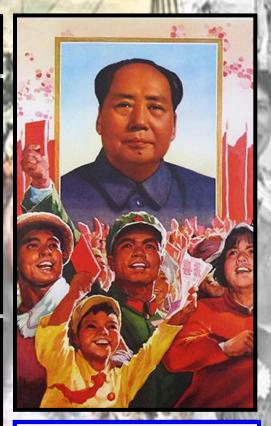








Food production, however, did not grow. Meanwhile, China's vast population continued to expand.











By 1957, China had approximately 657 million people living within its borders.





In 1958, Mao began a more radical program known as the **Great Leap Forward**











Under this program, more than 700,000 existing collective farms, normally the size of a village were combined into 26,000 vast communes.



Each commune contained more than 30,000 people who lived and worked together.













Since they had communal child care, more than 500,000 Chinese mothers worked in the fields alongside their husbands by mid-1958.















Mao Zedong hoped his Great
Leap Forward program would
mobilize the people for a
massive effort to speed up
economic growth and reach the
final stage of communism (the
classless society) before the
end of the 20th Century.









The Communist Party's official slogan promised the following to the Chinese people:



"Hard work for a few years, happiness for a thousand."



Despite such slogans, the Great Leap Forward was an economic disaster.

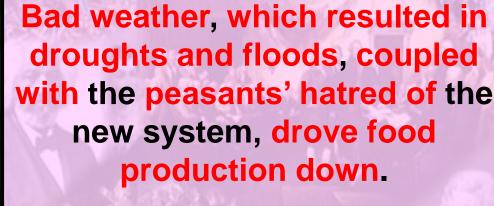














As a result, nearly 15 million people died of starvation. (You read that right... 15 MILLION.)







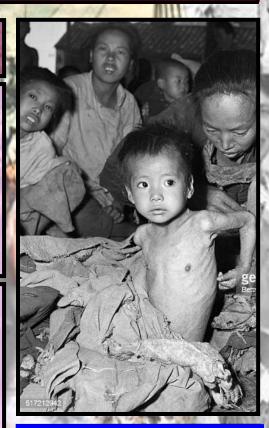


Many peasants were reportedly reduced to eating the bark off trees and, in some cases, to allowing infants to starve.





In 1960, the government made some changes. It began to break up the communes and return to collective farms and some private plots.





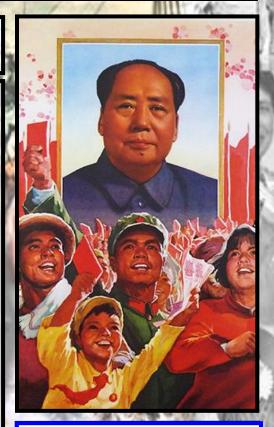








Despite opposition within the Communist Party and the commune failure, Mao still dreamed of a classless society.











In Mao's eyes, only permanent revolution, an atmosphere of constant revolutionary fervor, could enable the Chinese to overcome the past and achieve the final stage of communism.



In 1966, Mao launched the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution.







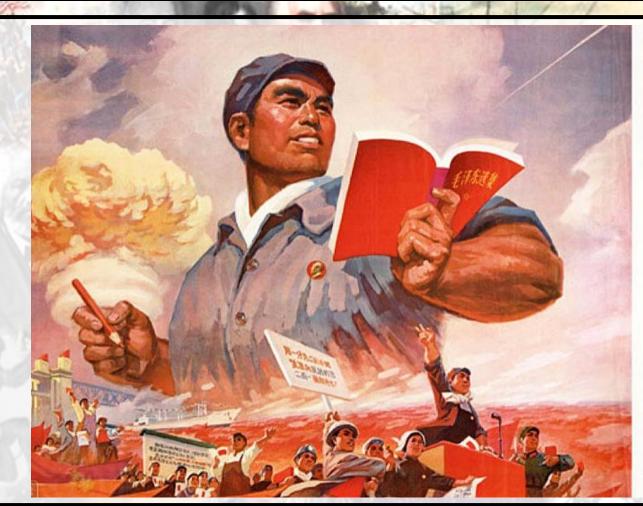












哲学变为群众手里的尖锐







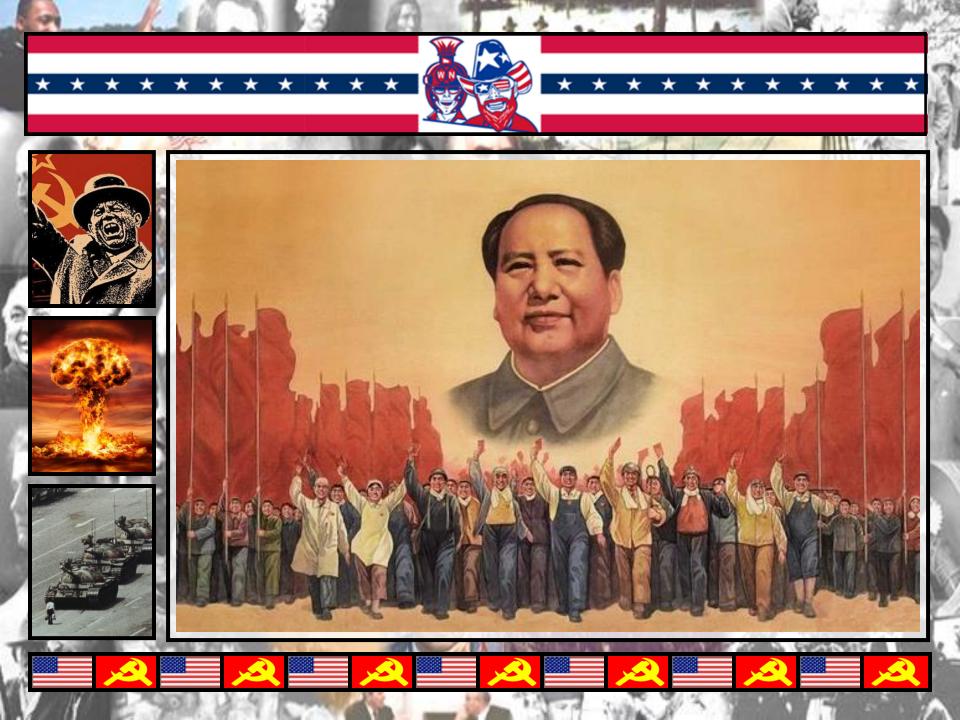
















The Chinese name literally meant "great revolution to create a proletarian (working class) culture".





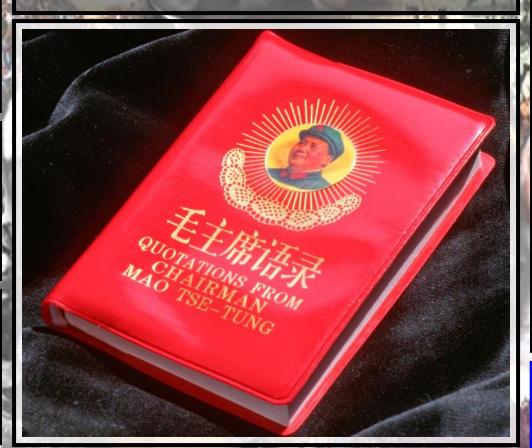






















It was hailed as the most important source of knowledge in *all* areas.



The book was in every hotel, in every school, and in factories, communes, and universities.



Few people conversed without referring to the *Little Red Book*.

































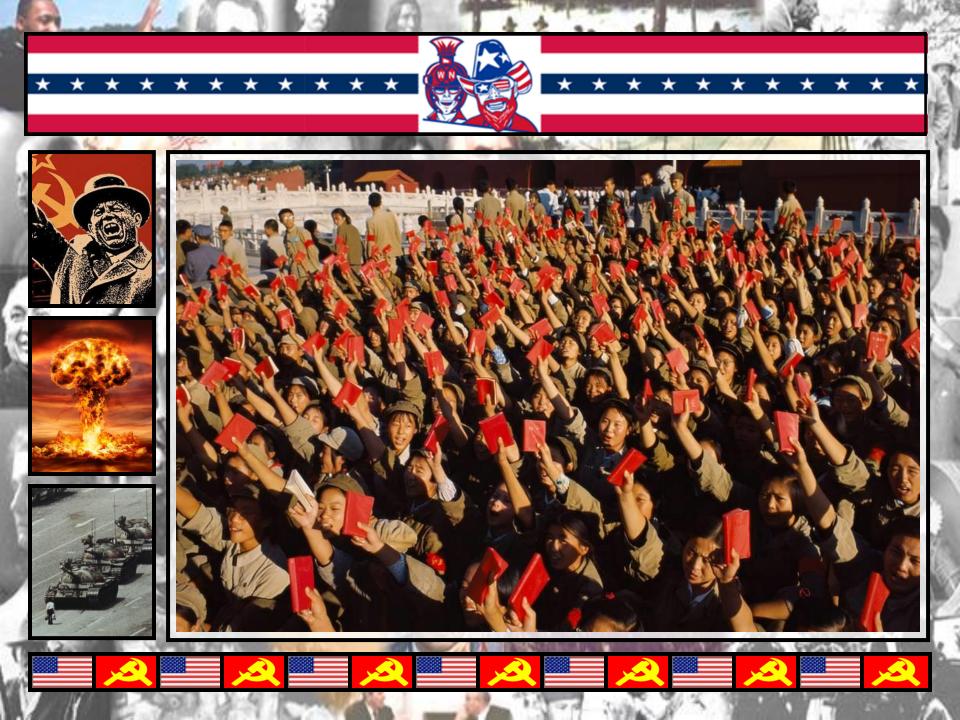




























沿着毛主席的革命文艺路线胜利前进











To further the Cultural Revolution, the Red Guards were formed.

These were revolutionary groups composed of unhappy party members and discontented young people.



























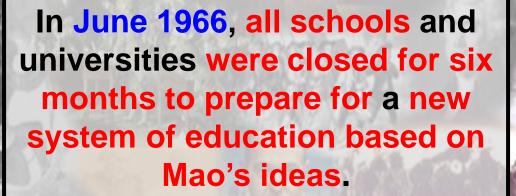


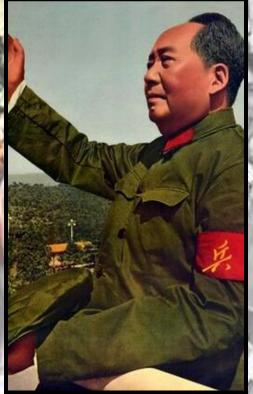




They were urged to take to the streets to cleanse Chinese society of "impure elements" that went the capitalist road.































Mao had launched China on a new forced march toward communism.





The Red Guards set out across the nation to eliminate the "Four Olds": old ideas, old culture, old customs, and old habits.













The Red Guards destroyed temples, books written by foreigners, and foreign music.



They tore down street signs and replaced them with ones carrying revolutionary names.













The city of Shanghai even ordered that red (the revolutionary color) traffic lights would indicate that traffic could move... not stop.



Destruction of property was matched by attacks on individuals who had deviated from Mao's thought.











Those so accused were humiliated at public meetings, where they were forced to admit their "crimes".



Many were brutally beaten, often fatally.



Intellectuals and artists accused of being pro-Western were especially open to attack.



































Red Guards broke the fingers of one pianist for the "crime" of playing the works of Frederic Chopin, the 19th Century European composer.



Nien Cheng, who worked for the British-owned Shell Oil Company in Shanghai, was imprisoned for seven years.









She told of her experience in Life and Death in Shanghai.





From the start of its socialist revolution, the Communist Party had wanted to create a new kind of citizen, one who would give the utmost for the good of all China.











In Mao's words, the people "should be resolute, fear no sacrifice, and surmount every difficulty to win victory."



During the 1950s and 1960s, the Chinese Government made some basic changes.









Women could now take part in politics and had equal marital rights – a dramatic shift.





Mao feared that loyalty to the family would interfere with loyalty to the state.









During the Cultural Revolution, for example, children were encouraged to report negative comments their parents made about the government.





Mao soon found that it wasn't easy to maintain a permanent revolution or constant mood of revolutionary enthusiasm.











Key groups, including
Communist Party members and
many military officers, did not
share Mao's desire for
permanent revolution.





Many people, disgusted by the actions of the Red Guards, began to turn against the movement.









On September 9, 1976, Mao Zedong died at the age of 82.





As leader of China from 1949-1976, Mao's reforms to industrialize (Great Leap Forward) and abolish old ways of life (Cultural Revolution) killed 78 million people.











For comparison, Adolf Hitler murdered 17 million people; Joseph Stalin killed 23 million.





A group of practical-minded reformers, led by Deng Xiaoping [pronounced "Duhng shyow ping"], seized power and ended the Cultural Revolution.















In 1949, the Cold War spread from Europe to Asia when the Chinese Communists won the Chinese Civil War (1927-1949) and set up a new Communist regime.















American fears about the spread of communism intensified, especially when the new Chinese Communist leaders made it clear that they supported "national wars of liberation" (or movements for revolution) in Africa, Asia, and Latin America.















When war broke out in Korea (1950-1953), the Cold War had officially arrived in Asia.











China's involvement in the Korean War led to renewed Western fears of China.



In turn, China became even more isolated from the major Western powers.















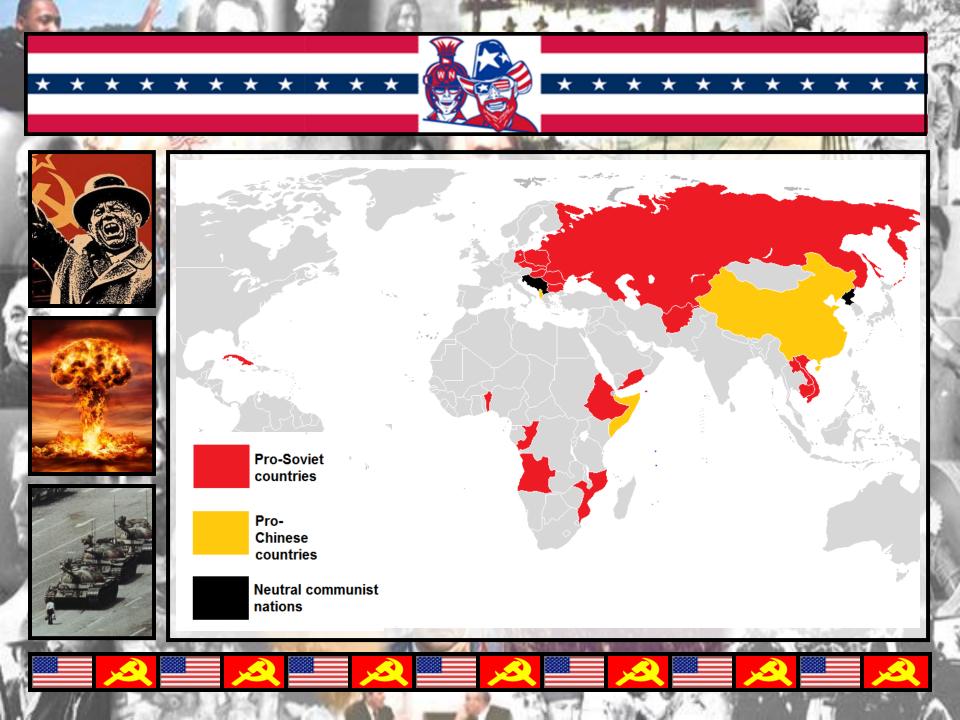


Even that became more difficult as relations between China and the Soviet Union began to deteriorate in the late 1950s.













Several issues divided China and the Soviet Union.





For one thing, the Chinese were not happy with the amount of economic aid provided by the Soviets.



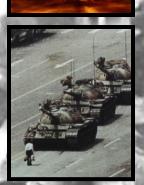








A more important issue was their disagreement over the Cold War.



The Chinese wanted the Soviets to go on the offensive to promote world revolution.











Specifically, China wanted Soviet aid in retaking Taiwan from Chiang Kai-shek.



The Soviets, however, were trying to improve relations with the West and refused.



During the 1960s, the dispute between China and the Soviet Union broke into the open.











Military units on both sides of the frontier clashed on a number of occasions.





Faced with internal problems and a serious security threat from the Soviets on its northern frontier, some Chinese leaders wanted to improve relations with the U.S.









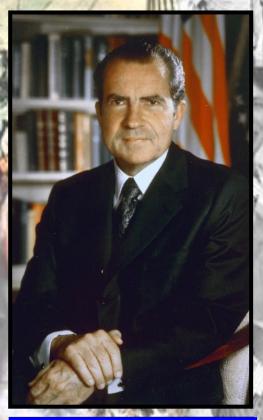




From February 21-28, 1972,
President Richard Nixon visited
Mao in China. He became the
first U.S. President to visit
Communist China.



The visit allowed the U.S. public to see pictures of China for the first time in 20 years.









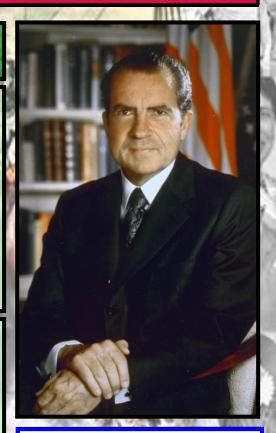


Strategically, Nixon's trip shifted the Cold War balance, further driving a wedge between the Soviets and Chinese.

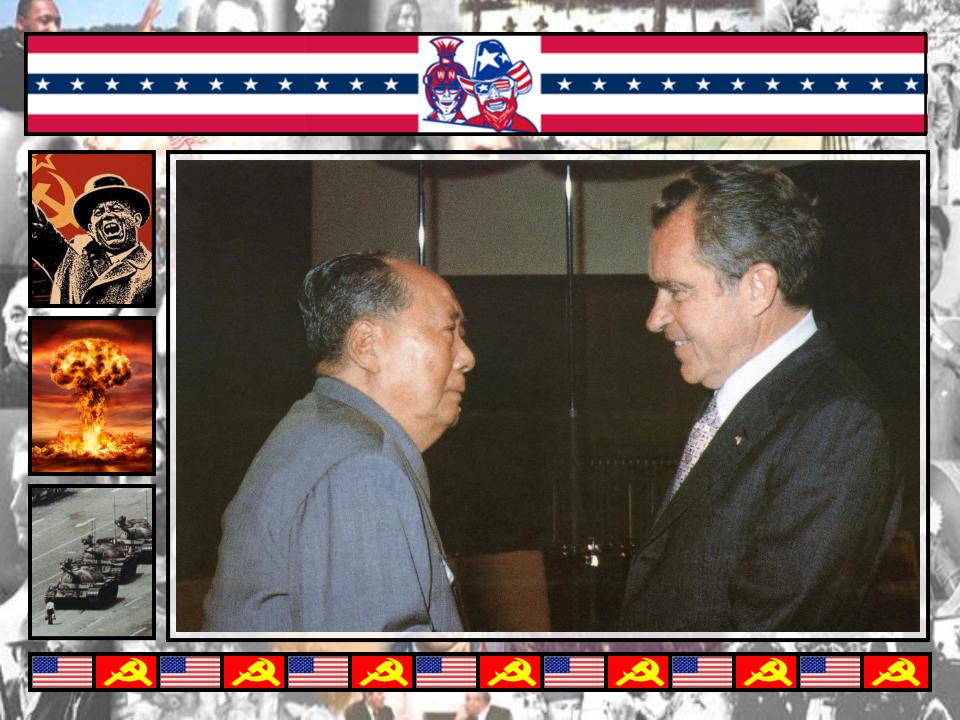


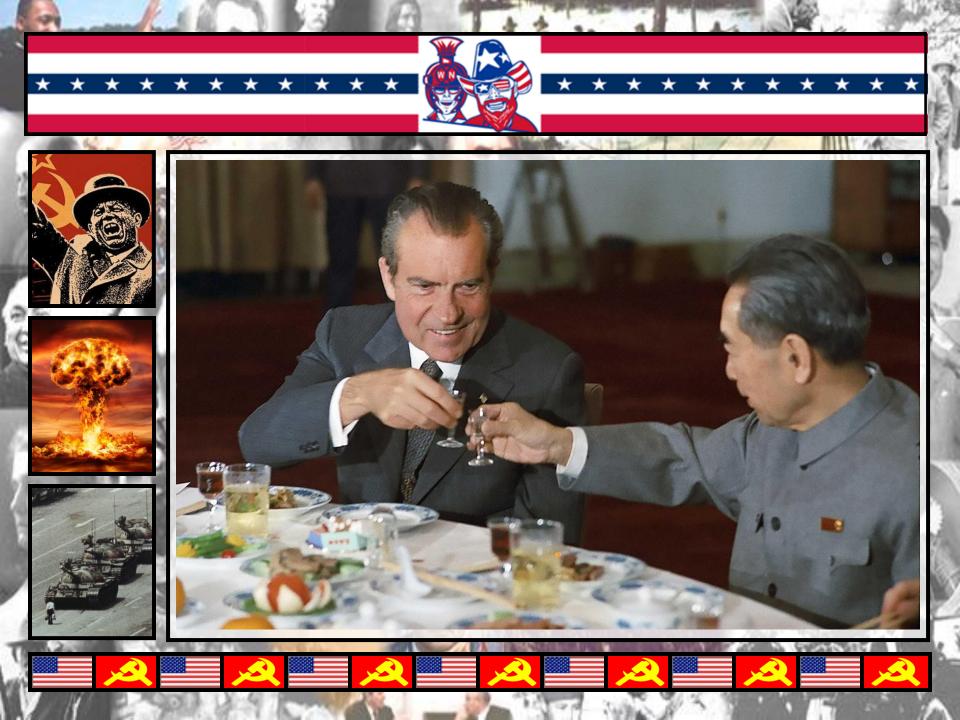


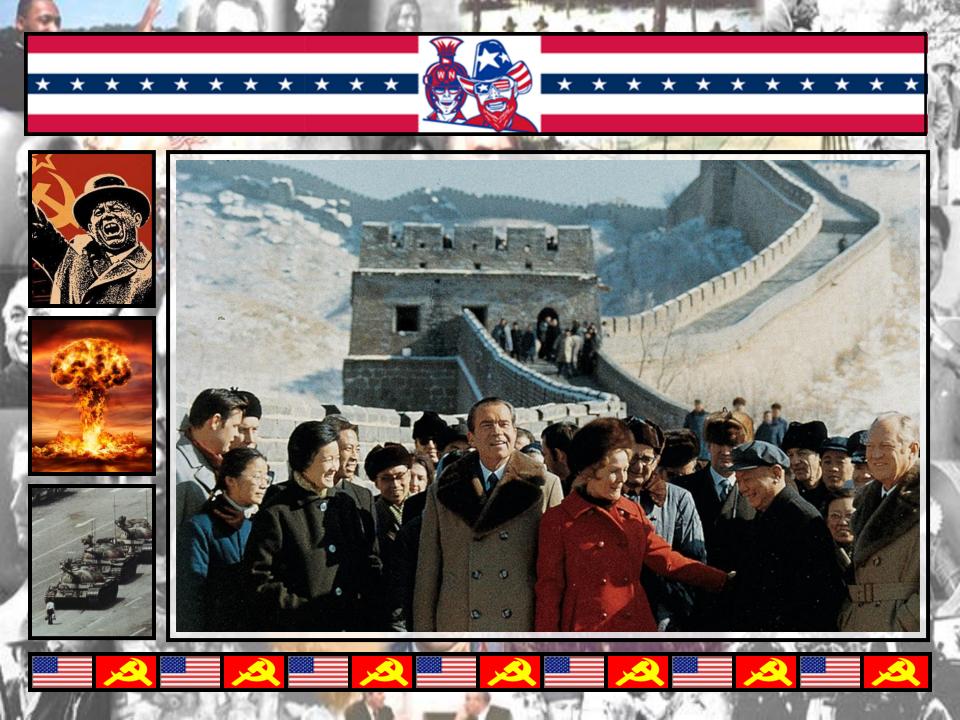
The two sides agreed to improve relations. China's long isolation from the West was coming to an end.











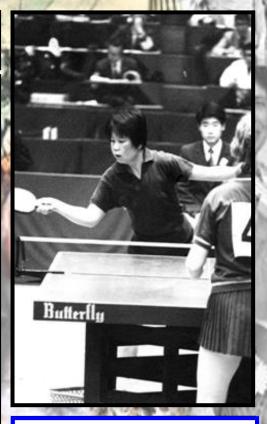








Interestingly enough, tensions between the U.S. and China were eased thanks to a series of highly publicized table tennis (or ping pong) matches between American and Chinese athletes.



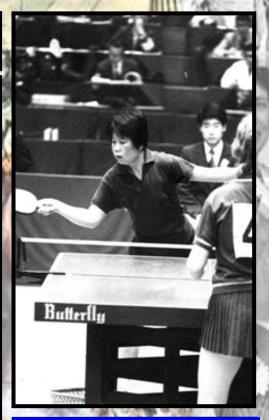








In April 1971, nine players from the U.S. Table Tennis team took a trip to China, becoming the first delegation of Americans to visit China since before the Chinese Civil War.

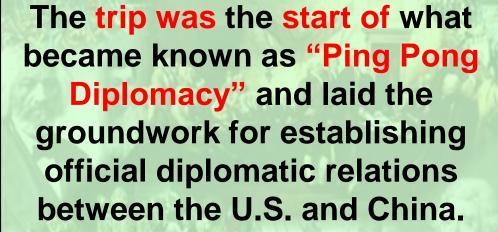










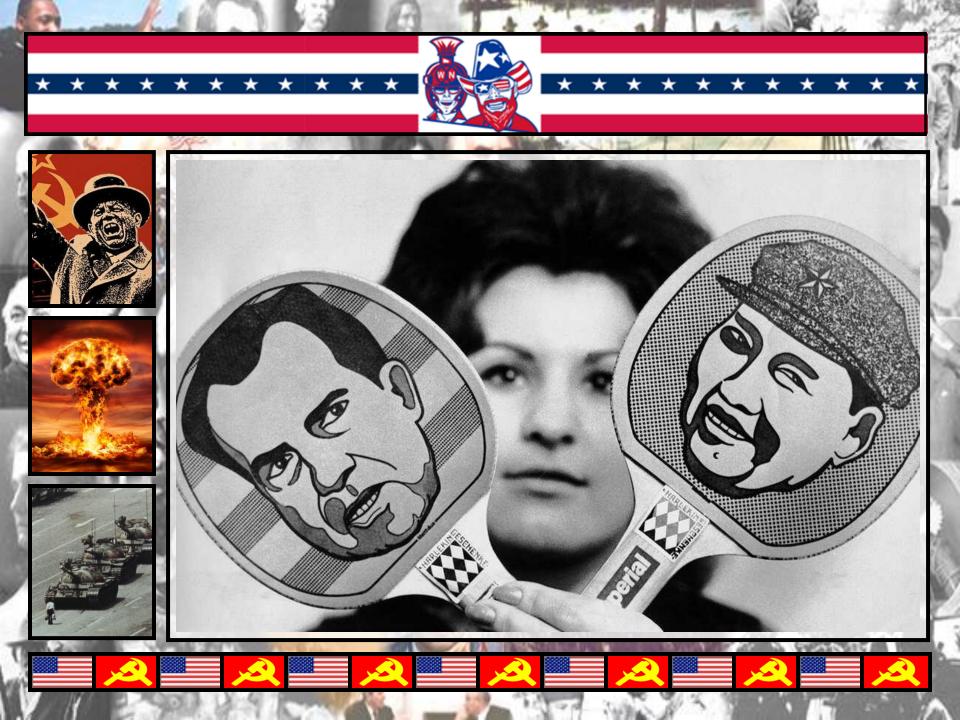


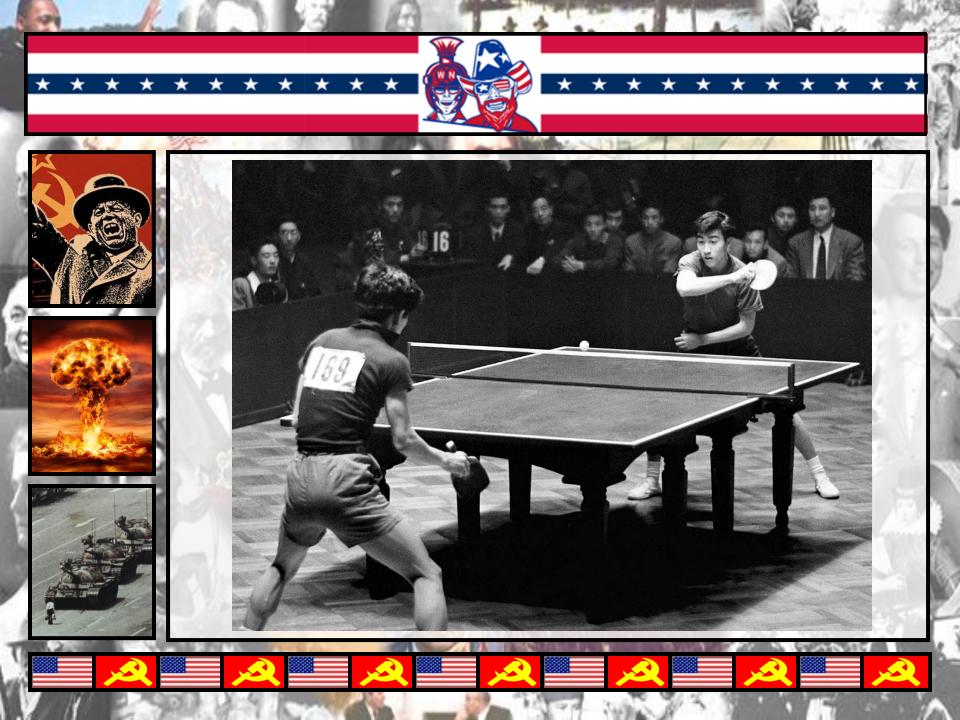


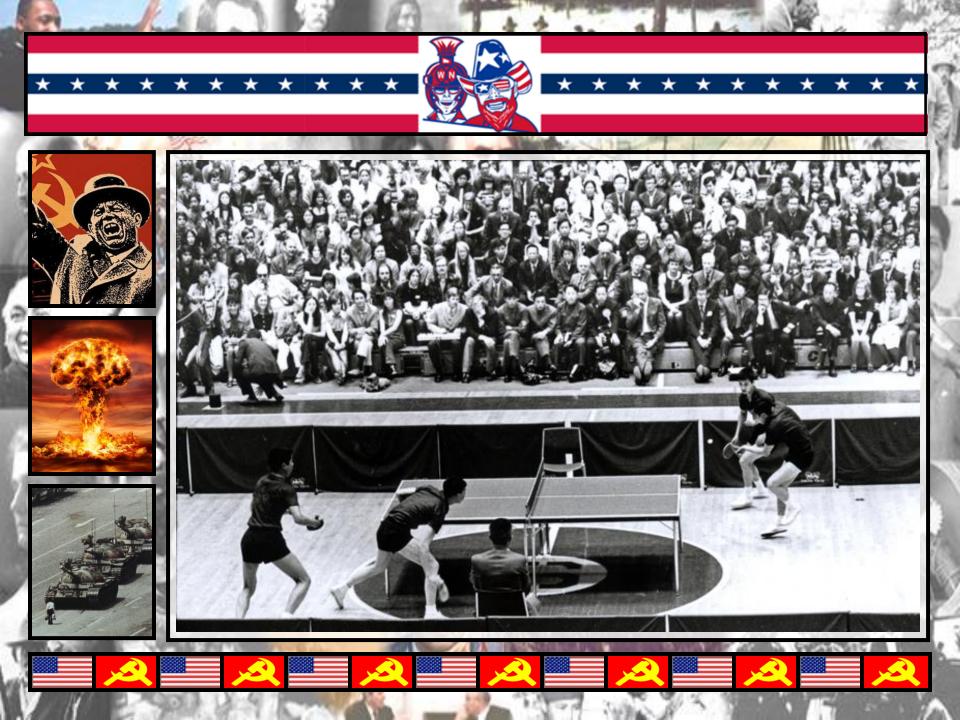
In fact, it helped pave the way for Nixon's historic trip to China the following year.

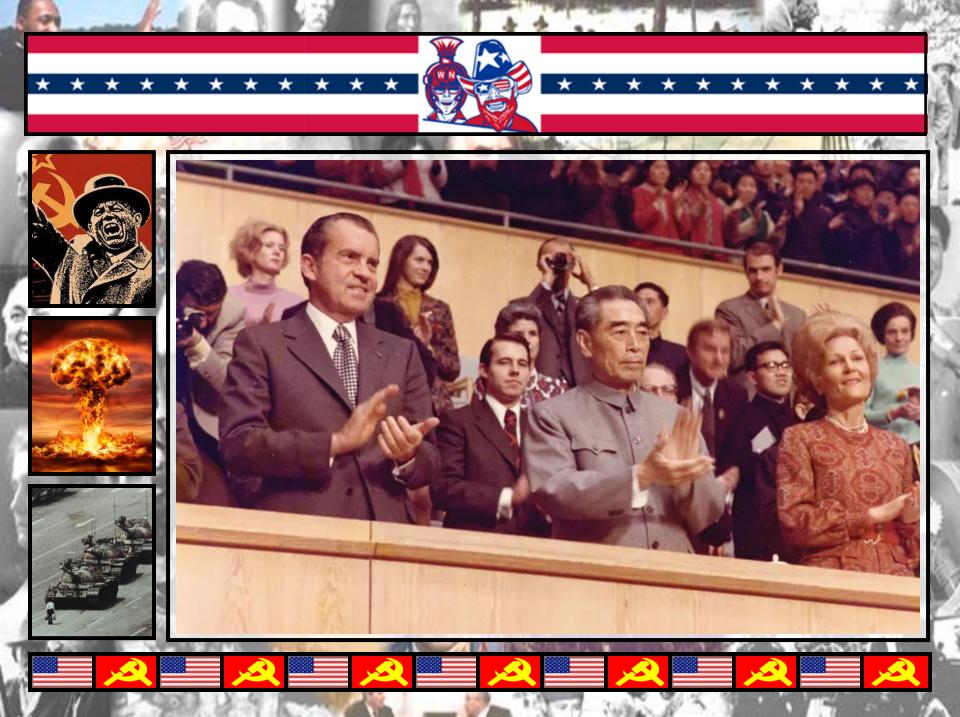


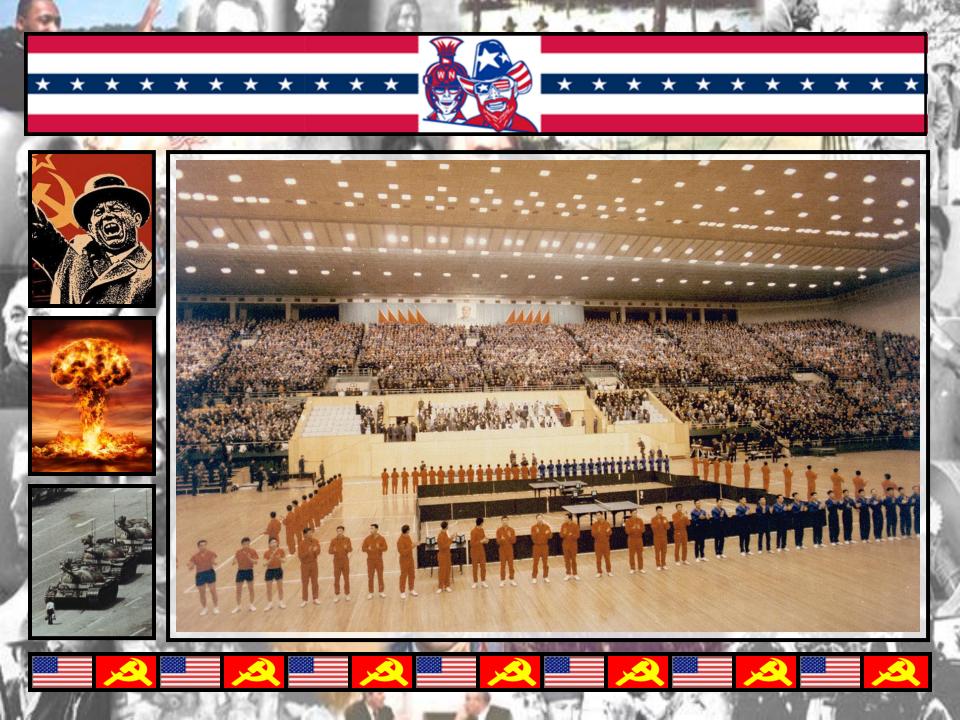
















The end of the Cultural Revolution also affected Chinese foreign policy.



In the late 1970s, China sought to improve relations with the West.



In 1979, diplomatic ties were established with the U.S.















By the 1990s, China emerged as an independent power and began to play an increasingly active role in Asian affairs.









QUESTION



1. How was the Great Leap Forward designed to help China? Why did it fail?







QUESTION



2. How was the Cultural Revolution designed to help China? Why did it fail?







QUESTION 3



3. What was Mao's Little Red Book? How did people use it in China?







QUESTION



4. Why did China and the Soviet Union have a falling out during the 1960s and 1970s?







QUESTION 5



5. How did "Ping Pong Diplomacy" pave the way for Nixon's historic trip to China?







