

## **Ch 26 Section 2 The Cold War Heats Up**

### **China Becomes a Communist Country**

#### **Nationalists Versus Communists**

- Chinese Communists battle nationalist government of **Chiang Kai-shek**
- U.S. supports Chiang, but his government is inefficient, corrupt
- Communists, led by **Mao Zedong**, work to get peasant support
- Peasants flock to Red Army; by 1945, communists control north China

#### **Renewed Civil War**

- 1944–47, U.S. sends military aid to Nationalists to oppose communism
- 1949, Nationalists lose and flee to island of **Taiwan**
- Communists establish People's Republic of China in mainland
- U.S. does not recognize Communist Chinese government

#### **America Reacts to Communist Takeover**

- U.S. public stunned by Communist takeover
- Conservatives blame Truman for not sending enough aid

### **The Korean War**

#### **A Divided Country**

- **38th parallel** (38° N latitude) divides Japanese surrender in Korea
- North of 38th parallel surrenders to U.S.S.R.; south to U.S.
- Republic of Korea, Democratic People's Republic of Korea founded

#### **North Korea Attacks South Korea**

- 1950, North Korea invades South, begins **Korean War**
- South Korea calls on UN to stop invasion; Security Council approves
- MacArthur put in command of South Korean, U.S., other forces

#### **The United States Fights in Korea**

##### **MacArthur's Counterattack**

- North Korea drives south, captures Seoul
- UN, South Korean troops forced into small defensive zone
- MacArthur attacks North Koreans from 2 sides, pushes into north
- South appears to be winning

##### **The Chinese Fight Back**

- China sends troops to help North Korea; push south, capture Seoul
- Fighting continues for 2 more years

##### **MacArthur Recommends Attacking China**

- MacArthur calls for war with China; Truman rejects request
- Soviet Union, China have mutual assistance pact
- UN, South Korea retake Seoul, advance north to 38th parallel

##### **MacArthur Versus Truman**

- MacArthur continues to push for invasion of China; Truman fires him
- Public outraged over hero's dismissal
- Congressional committee investigation concludes Truman right

##### **Settling for Stalemate**

- 1951, Soviet Union suggests cease-fire
- 1953 armistice: Korea still divided; demilitarized zone established
- Lack of success, high human, financial costs help elect Eisenhower