

## China Notes – Sino-Soviet Split to Hong Kong

### Sino-Soviet Split:

- Mao didn't like **Khrushchev's** policy of peaceful **co-existence** with the US
- Refused to sign the **Partial Test Ban Treaty** in 1963, USSR didn't want China to get too powerful = **containment**
- **Nixon**, in 1971 lifted US trade ban with China, by 1973 trade had reached **\$500 million**
- 1971, China had its own seat at the UN
- **Ping Pong Diplomacy**, US relations began when US ping pong team was invited to play a series of matches in China in 1970
- Nixon was the first **President of the US** to visit communist China in 1972

### Death of Mao:

- Died on Sept. 9, 1976
- **Gang of Four** was blamed for the **Cultural Revolution**, not Mao
- Deng believed in **foreign trade**
- Deng won the leadership in 1978
- Modernize agriculture, industry, defense and science
- Returned the land to the **peasants**
- Gave workers **cash** as an incentive to work harder
- Small private **enterprise** was allowed
- "To get rich is glorious"
- **Special Economic Zones** established for open-door trade with the West – foreign companies came to China (China got new **machinery**, infrastructure and foreign currency, while Western companies got to reduce their **labour** costs.
- Profit incentive became more important

- Freedom of **movement** for population, introduced **Western banking**
  - o People left **rural areas** for city life
  - o Resulted in a **free market** economy under **dictatorial** (communist party) control
- China's economy boomed in the 1980's, productivity grew by **20%**, infrastructure couldn't keep up

### Tiananmen Square:

- Huge (**30 NFL teams** and another 190 teams could play there at once)
- **Hu Yaobang** – Deng's replacement for when he died, died on April 15, 1989
- police were to close the square, but tens of thousands of students got in the night before the funeral (Apr. 22)
- demanded dialogue and removal of Deng as a leader
- May 13 & 14 students held a **hunger strike**, just when the Sino-Soviet **Summit** was due to begin, major Western news networks were there to report on the summit
- After, sent 100,000 **PLA** troops to control the situation
- 1 million people tried to block routes into the square for the army, laid in front of convoys, army turned away
- Sat., June 3, fighting broke out, PLA opened fire on crowds with **armor piercing bullets** and 50 cal. Machine guns
- Sunday, students voted to evacuate the square, were leaving when they ran into a column of **11 tanks**, one tank drove over 11 protestors from behind
- Monday, one protestor stepped in front of a moving **tank**, jumped on it and dared it to keep moving, he was not run over
- Chinese government announced deaths at **323**, Red Cross reported **2,600-3,000** dead

- **30,000** arrests made, censorship of press re-imposed, **564,000** students were to be **re-educated**

### Taiwan:

- China not willing to recognize their **independence**
- US still backs Taiwan financially and **militarily**

### Hong Kong:

- Britain gave the colony back to China in **1997**
- 50 year agreement in place to not change the city **socially**, and to retain their **capitalist economy**