



IS THIS TOMORROW

From D-Day to Doomsday
Part B - Domestic

AMERICA UNDER COMMUNISM!

Mobilizing for WWII



- Military Strength
 - 5 million volunteered, 10 million drafted
 - OSRD (ex. radar, sonar, pesticides) and Manhattan Project – atomic bomb
- Financing the War
 - Income taxes raised, expanded to include middle and lower income households
 - Sold war bonds

• Industrial Coordination

- Millions of workers recruited to war industries, causing mass migrations
- Factories converted to war production
- War Production Board rationed supplies like oil, gas, rubber, etc.
- National War Labor Board limited union/strike activity in war industries

• Office of Price Administration

- Froze wages, prices, and rents to combat inflation that had been such a huge problem in WWI
- Created a ration system for gas, meat, sugar, shoes, etc.



Minorities in the War

- Women
 - WAAC formed to expand the role of women in the military, though still not able to fight
 - “Rosie the Riveter” symbolized women working in heavy industry for the first time
- African Americans
 - Military still segregated
 - Racial tensions increased in the north as a result of the Great Migration
 - FDR issued executive order asking for an end to discrimination in war related industries
 - GI Bill benefits not equally enjoyed due to educational and housing discrimination



Japanese Internment

- After Pearl Harbor, FDR issued Executive Order 9066 to contain Japanese Americans living on the West Coast
 - Businesses and homes were evacuated when they were moved into detention camps
 - Despite this, many Japanese Americans wanted to help the U.S. in the war effort and were eventually allowed to join



COMMUNION AND FOURTH ARMY CONTROL ADMINISTRATION
San Francisco, California
April 1, 1942

INSTRUCTIONS TO ALL PERSONS OF JAPANESE ANCESTRY

Living in the Following Area:

All that portions of the City and County of San Francisco, State of California, lying generally west of the north-south line established by Japanese Street, Broadway, Van Ness Avenue, and North Van Ness Avenue and lying generally north of the east-west line established by California Street, and the intersection of Market Street and Divisadero Street in San Francisco City.

All Japanese persons, both alien and American, will be evacuated from the above designated area by 12:00 o'clock, noon, Thursday, April 2, 1942.

Persons who are not of Japanese ancestry, but who are in the above designated area after 2:00 p.m., Thursday, April 2, 1942, at the Civil Control Station located at Alameda, California.

Persons of Japanese ancestry or population affected by this evacuation in the following areas:

• all public buildings, except those of the Federal Government, State of California, or in family groups.

• equipment to their own residences, as specified below.

• all of the family, or the person in whose name most of the Civil Control Station is located, before 10:00 a.m., Thursday, April 2, 1942, or between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m., Thursday, April 2, 1942.



JAPS KEEP MOVING - THIS IS A WHITE MAN'S NEIGHBORHOOD.

- In *Korematsu v. U.S.* (1944), the Supreme Court upheld the order as a constitutional exercise of executive power during wartime
 - The government has since admitted it was racially motivated because the victims did not pose a security threat, and reparations have been paid to families
 - The principle that executive power increases and civil liberties may be restricted during wartime still holds



Cold War at Home



- Loyalty Review Board
 - To investigate disloyalty in government employees
- House Un-American Activities Committee
 - Congress began investigating private industry too, like Hollywood
- McCarran Act
 - Unlawful to plan any action that might lead to...
 - Passed over Truman's veto
- The Rosenbergs
 - Implicated in leaking atomic secrets to USSR, executed



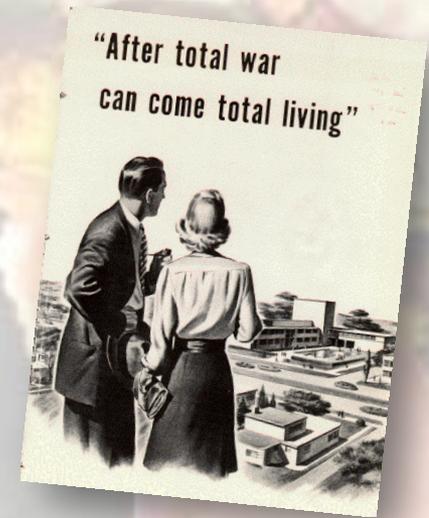
McCarthyism

- Joseph McCarthy claimed Democrats had let Communists infiltrate the State Department
- Led a “witch hunt” in the Senate
 - Unsupported accusations, bully tactics
 - Coerced people to “name” others that could have ties to communism in order to get themselves off the hook
- When he sparked an investigation against the Army, the televised hearings outraged the public and he got shut down



Postwar Economy

- Congress established controls to keep inflation somewhat under control after the OPA ended
- Cold War fears kept defense spending high
- The Marshall Plan helped trade with Europe
- The GI Bill helped veterans move to the suburbs
- Interstate Highways fueled trade
- Americans had saved and invested wisely during the 1930s-40s and were ready to spend





From Truman to Ike



- Truman struggled with Labor Union support
 - He threatened to draft striking workers into the army
 - Congress passed the Taft-Hartley act over his veto, overturning rights won by labor unions during the New Deal
- His support for Civil Rights caused division in the Democratic Party
 - Desegregated the military, asked Congress for anti-lynching law and ban on poll taxes
 - The Fair Deal extended New Deal reforms (Social Security, minimum wage, aid for cities) but was blocked in some cases by Republicans working with Dixiecrats
- Republicans nominated Dwight Eisenhower
 - Military expertise in stopping communism abroad
 - Dynamic conservatism (“Conservative when it comes to money and liberal when it comes to human beings.”)

Culture of the 1950s

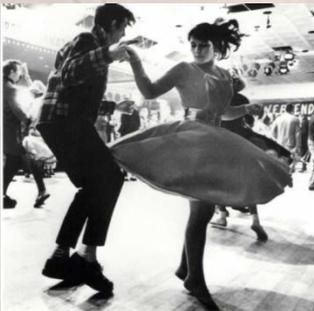
- Baby Boom

- High birth rate 1940-1960 led to the largest generation in American history
- Medical care (Ex. Jonas Salk, Dr. Spock)
- Glorification of homemaker v. new career opportunities



- Conformity and Consumerism

- Franchises, Levittowns, credit cards, automobiles
- Marketing: planned obsolescence, advertising
- Beatniks rebelled against conformity



- Pop Culture

- Americans, esp. teens, had more leisure time
- Television ushered in a new era in mass media
- Rock 'n' Roll grew out of rhythm and blues tradition, appealed to teens and made adults nervous

The Other America

- White flight
 - Middle class whites left cities for suburbs (w/ help of GI Bill)
 - Inner cities became neglected
 - Urban renewal failed to support displaced families
- Mexican immigrants
 - Braceros were allowed into the U.S. during WWII due to an agricultural shortage, were expected to return when it was over
- Native Americans
 - Made some gains during the 1920s-30s (citizenship, reservation autonomy)
 - Lost support from government during the 1940s-50s (discrimination in military during WWII, termination policy ended the reservation system)



Movement on Civil Rights



- *Brown v. Board of Education* (1954)
 - NAACP provided legal team under Thurgood Marshall
 - Overturned *Plessy v. Ferguson*: “Separate is inherently unequal”
 - Little Rock Nine: Eisenhower, National Guard



- Bus Boycott (1955)
 - Rosa Parks was an NAACP officer
 - MLK, Jr. elected to organize and lead

