How to Turn a Society Upside Down? The PRC and Its "Corners"

The Korean War and its Aftermath

- Division of Korea, 1945
- The Sino-Soviet Treaty of Friendship, Alliance, and Mutual Assistance, 2/1950
- Soviet-Korean-Chinese consultations
- Korean War, 6/25/1950 7/27/1953
- Taiwan and the Seventh Fleet
- Chinese Peoples Volunteers
- Limited War
- Panmunjom armistice, 7/27/1953

Key Figures

- Peng Dehuai
- Lin Biao
- Kim II-sung
- Syngman Rhee

Alliances

"Like Lips and Teeth" (referring to the Sino-Soviet relationship)

Triumph & Troubles

- Suppression of Counterrevolutionaries, 1950-53 / Maos estimate: 0.1% of 500 million
- US non-recognition & trade embargo
- Crack in the socialist camp
- Nikita Khrushchev
- De-Stalinization
- Hungarian Uprising, 10/1956
- Luo Řuiging

Building Socialism

- Stalin: Economic Problems of Socialism in the USSR, 1952
- "Transition to socialism", 9/1952
- First Five-Year Plan, 1953-57 (the 14th, 2021-25)
- Planned economy / public ownership / distribution according to labor contribution
- · Agriculture: coopératives; preliminary & advanced
- Industries & commerce: public-private partnership; buy-out policy
- Intellectuals: red and expert
- Methods: Soviet assistance & mass line

Ending New Democracy

- Mao on ten major relationships 4/25/1956
- Decision on eliminating illiteracy, 3/1956

- Double-Hundred Orientation, 5/1956
- Mao on internal contradictions of the people, 2/27/1957
- Anti-Rightist Campaign, 7/1957

Communist Landscaping in the 1950s

- Graduated revolution; class-states as neighbors.
- AUTONOMOUS REGIONS OF NATIONAL MINORITIES at the borders of:
 - SOCIALIST CENTER (PRC)
 - UNREFORMED NATIONAL MINORITY AREAS
 - NATIONALIST STATES (Korea, Taiwan, Vietnam)
 - SOCIALIST STATES
 - IMPERIALIST AND REACTIONARY STATES

Chinese Nation Reclassified and Reterritorialized

- Multiethnic Nation
- Nationality classification
- 55 national minorities
- Regional autonomy

Smart Class Struggle

- Nationality question
- Great Han chauvinism & narrow local nationalism
- Upper-class orientation
- Dalai-Panchen visit, 1954-55
- Preparatory Committee for Tibetan Autonomous Region, 4/1956
- Democratic reform