

1945 -
1947

- GMD, with more troops and better equipment, forced the Communists to be on the defensive
- The GMD was able to force the CCP out of the cities, and in December 1945 Mao reverted to his policy of creating bases outside the cities.
- US call for ceasefires

1947-
1948

- Ceasefires worked to the CCP's advantage, as it saved them from a final assault on their headquarters
- PLA reverted to guerrilla strategies
- The PLA attacked GMD supply routes and allowed cities to fall under GMD control
- By March 1948 CCP in control of Manchuria

1949

- January 1949 - CCP strong enough to launch conventional attacks
- In April 1949 the PLA launched successful offensives and took Nanjing. In May Shanghai was captured. In October, Guangzhou fell to the CCP.
- On 1 October 1949, Mao proclaimed the establishment of the People's Republic of China in Beijing.