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- \* 1945 The Republic of China (ROC) takes control of Taiwan.
- \* 1947 The February 28 Incident sparks an islandwide uprising.
- \* 1949 The Kuomintang (KMT) government relocates to Taiwan and the People's Republic of China (PRC) is established on the mainland.
- \* 1951 By the San Francisco Peace Treaty Japan renounces sovereignty over Taiwan, but the treaty does not designate a receiver.
- \* 1971 Taiwan-based KMT government withdraws from the United Nations in anticipation of a General Assembly vote to give its seat to the PRC.
- \* 1979 Diplomatic ties between Taiwan and the United States are severed.
- A democracy rally in Kaohsiung City turns violent, an event known as the Kaohsiung Incident.
- 1986 The Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) is established in defiance of a prohibition on the formation of new political parties.
- \* 1987 Martial law, in effect since 1949, is lifted, and a ban on private visits to China is repealed.
- \* 1996 Taiwan's first direct presidential election is held.
- \* 2000 The second direct presidential election results in Taiwan's first transfer of political power, from the KMT to the DPP.
- \* 2002 Taiwan becomes a member of the World Trade Organization.