

# Taking Action: 1900-1949



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## **The Demise of the Qing Dynasty**

**The death of the dynasty was the result of many problems both internal and external—from the Empress Dowager and the various wars and rebellions.**

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## **Reformers in the wake of Qing**

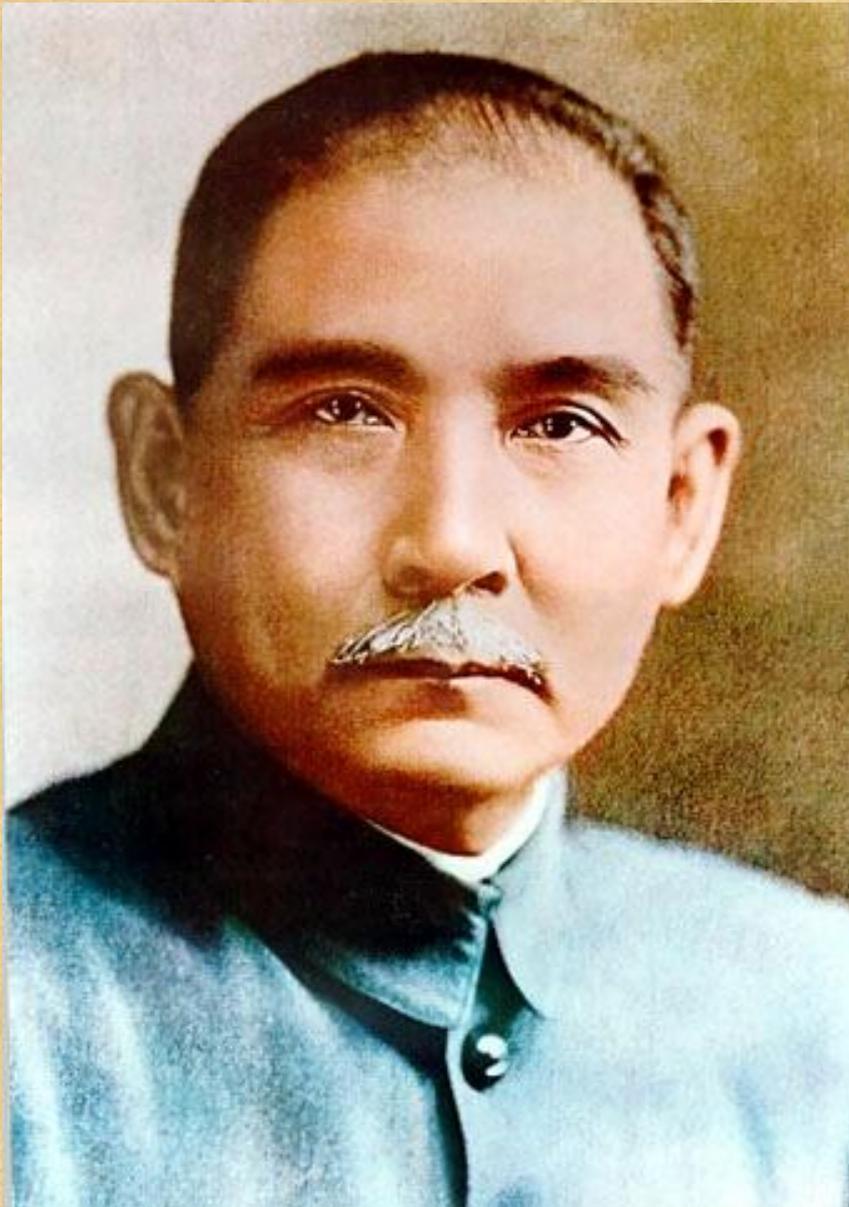


**Kang Youwei**



**Liang Qichao**

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## Sun Yatsen (1866-1925)

**Exposed to Western values, Sun pushes for a democratic reforms.**

**Revolutionary Alliance starts numerous rebellions. Yuan Shikai named the new president of the republic. By early 1912, Qing Dynasty had been overthrown. However, Yuan merely became a new Chinese dictator/emperor.**

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**Yuan Shikai**

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## Dislodging Authority

1916-1928 was a new warlord period  
Tibet and Mongolia opted out of China



Hu Shi attacks “a dead language”

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**Lu Xun (1881-1936)**

**Wrote in the vernacular**

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**China is pulled from within and without**

- **Students desire for modernization**
- **Other countries involved**
- **Internal resistance to drop “Chinese-ness”**
- **Rise of communism**

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## **Building a party-state**

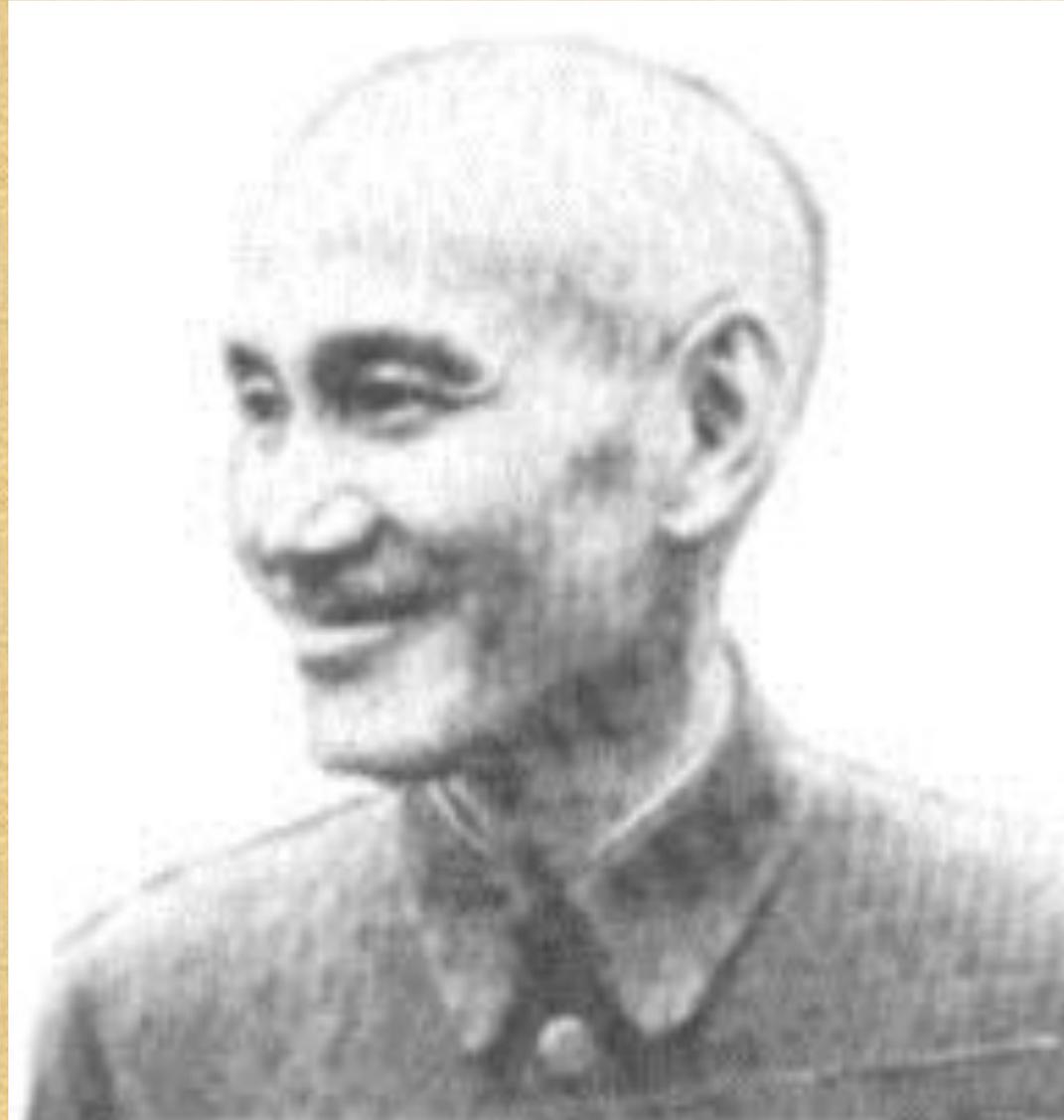
- **Comintern assists China**
- **Growing unrest spread**
- **The United Front attempted to bridge the gap between the Nationalists and Communists**

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## Jiang Jieshi

- **Nationalist with military background**
- **Linked with Nazis**
- **New Life Movement**
- **Lead Chinese modernization**
- **Emphasized urban and not rural development**

**Jiang Jieshi  
(Chiang Kai-shek)**



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## **Liberating Women**

- **Paradigm shift in view of women**
  - **Qui Jin was a leading activist**
- **Foot binding, sexism, arranged marriages, voting, divorce, etc. were some of the feminist issues**

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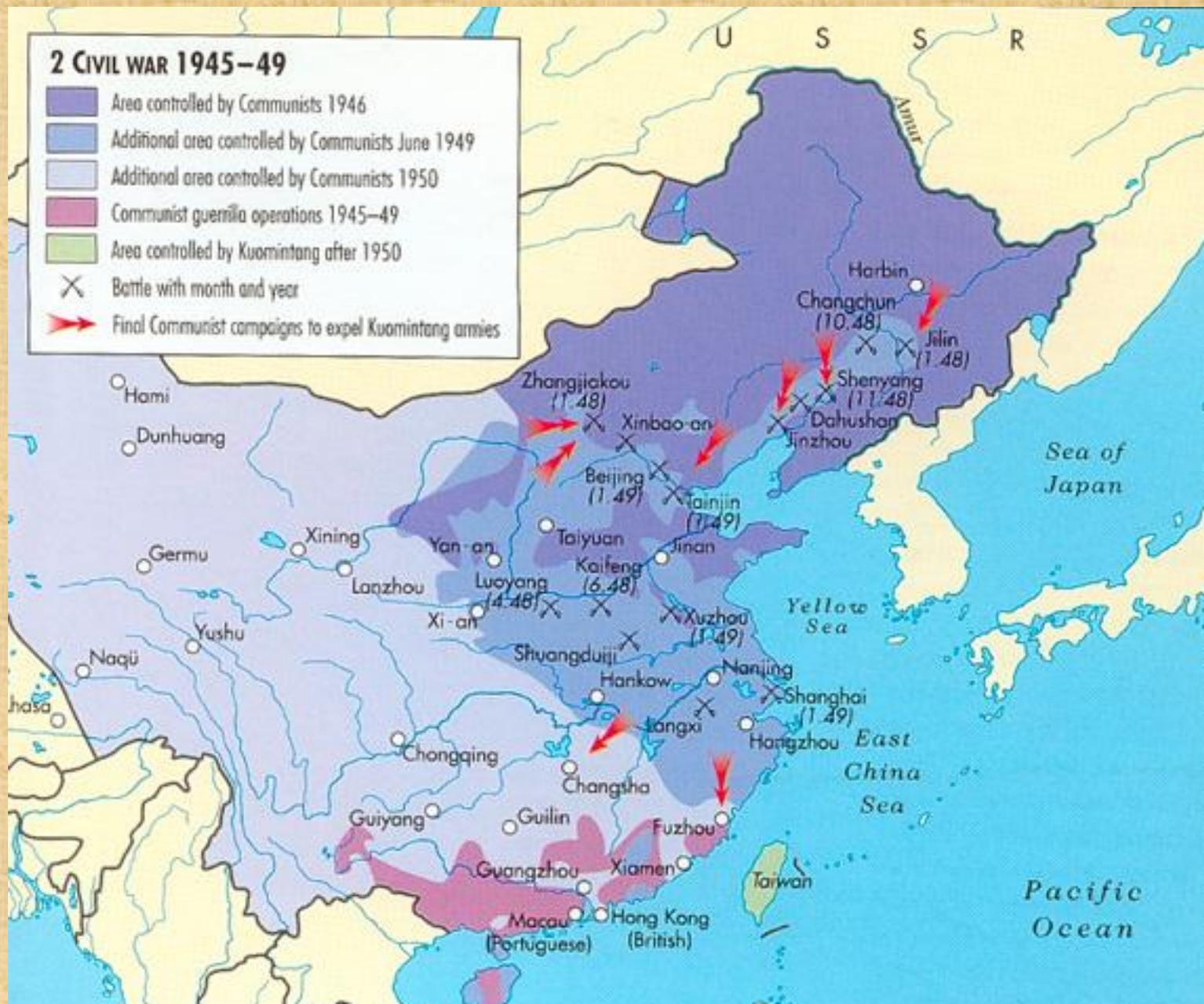
## **Japanese Invasion**

- **Manchuria gave leverage in China**
  - **Shanghai attacked by Japan**
  - **Jiang captured by Japanese**
- **Japan moved against Shanghai**
  - **Rape of Nanking followed**
- **Flying Tigers from US helped China defend itself against the Japanese**
  - **the Big Four, UN, and FDR**

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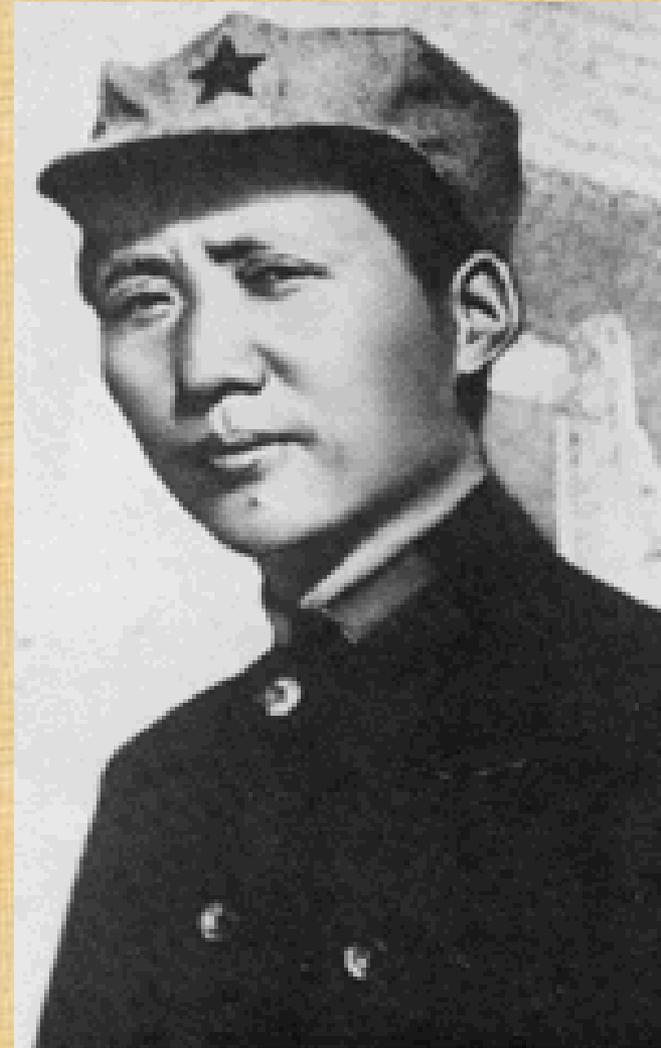
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## Communist Victory

- Due in part to corruption, economy, and lack of solving rural problems by the Nationalists
- Mao's Long March—6000 miles
- Power base—peasants



Mao Zedong