

# The Three D's

Democratization, Demilitarization, Decentralization

# Article 9

Aspiring sincerely to an international peace based on justice and order, the Japanese people forever renounce war as a sovereign right of the nation and the threat or use of force as a means of settling international disputes.

In order to accomplish the aim of the preceding paragraph, land, sea, and air forces, as well as other war potential, will never be maintained. The right of belligerency of the state will not be recognized.

# Fundamental Law on Education, 1947

Education shall aim at the full development of personality, striving for the rearing of the people, sound in mind and body, who shall love truth and justice, esteem individual value, respect labor and have a deep sense of responsibility, and be imbued with the independent spirit, as builders of a peaceful state and society.

[Imperial Rescript, 1890]

Ye, Our subjects, be filial to your parents, affectionate to your brothers and sisters; as husbands and wives be harmonious, as friends be true....pursue learning and cultivate the arts, and thereby develop intellectual faculties and perfect moral powers....should emergency arise, offer yourselves courageously to the state; and thus guard and maintain the prosperity of Our Imperial Throne.”

# HCLC

Holding Company Liquidation Commission

# Production Control

*seisan kanri* (生産管理)

# Yoshida Doctrine

- Concede to the US as much as necessary, but as little as possible to keep the US-Japan alliance strong
- Prioritize economic growth over defense spending

# Reverse Course

# George Kennan in Japan Feb, 1948

- Architect of containment policy
- Called reversal of early SCAP reforms his greatest success, after Marshall Plan
- Allow Japan an “Empire to the South”
- Remilitarize Japan





# Rollback on Art. 9

- Remilitarize Japan
- Use Article 51 of UN Charter as international “common law” that supersedes national constitutions
- Art. 51: “Nothing in the present Charter shall impair the inherent right of individual or collective defense.”
- SDF: Self-Defense Force (*jieitai*, 自衛隊)

“The terrific problem is how then the Japanese are going to get along **unless they reopen some sort of Empire toward the South.** Clearly we have got...to achieve opening up of trade possibilities, commercial possibilities for Japan on a scale very far greater than anything Japan knew before.”

—George Kennan

# Charles Willoughby

- Born Adolf Weidenbach
- Head SCAP G-2  
Intelligence section
- MacArthur called him  
“My lovable fascist”
- Supporter of Franco in  
Spain



# Depurge of wartime planners

- Sasakawa Ryoichi
- In Sugamo 1945-8
- Wartime profiteer
- Met with Mussolini



# Depurge of wartime planners

- Founder postwar Nippon Foundation, etc
- Funds Japanese grad studies in US
- 1980s: “I’m the world’s richest fascist”



# Kodama Yoshio

- China *ronin*
- Wartime profiteer
- Postwar Yakuza godfather
- Offered private army to US effort in Korean War
- Mobilized yakuza against Anpo protesters 1960



# Masutarō Shōriki

- Unindicted War Criminal
- Judō Master (10th dan)
- Owner of Yomiuri News
- Owner of Yomiuri Giants
- First commissioner of Japanese Baseball League
- First Chairman of JAEC



# Kishi Nobusuke

- Manchukuo development czar
- Vice minister of munitions under Tojo
- Sugamo 1945-8
- PM 1957-60



(NY11) WASHINGTON, June 20--MAY WITH A MISSION--Prime Minister Kishi of Japan relaxes with a cigarette at Japanese embassy reception in his honor last night. The 60-year-old Japanese leader, on a state visit, is holding talks with U.S. leaders aimed at creating a "new era" in Japanese-American relations. (AP Wirephoto) (651015px-stf) 1957





Kishi Nobusuke



# 1949 Red Purge

- JCP membership from 8000 in 1946 to 100,000 1949
- 20,000 civil servants & school teachers dismissed
- radio and newspapers raided
- “housebreaking of the unions”

# The Dodge Line

- Detroit banker Joseph Dodge
- Economic aid to Japan
- Free or reduced tech transfer
  - Nylon (Dupont), nuclear tech (GE), transistor (Bell labs), TV (Corning)
- Favorable exchange rate to foster exports
- Still recession threatened in 1949

# Tech Transfer

- Licensed coproduction of US weapons
- Nylon from Dupont
- Transistor from Bell Labs —> Sony
- TV from Corning
- Nuclear Power from GE and Westinghouse  
(Atoms for Peace, 1952)

# Creation of LDP

- 1955 Merger of two Conservative Parties
- Funded by CIA and Kodama
- Ruled Japan from 1955-93; 94-2009
- Two factions: Kishi wing (anti-Yoshida) and Yoshida wing

# 1955 System

# The “San Francisco System”

- Rearm Japan
- Allow US bases
- Okinawa to US
- USSR did not sign
- KMT/CCP not present





# Miike Coal Mine Strike

- 1959-60 vs. Mitsui Mining
- Strike declared on Jan 25, 1960
- Struggle between “total labor and total capital”
- 100,000 protesters within the mine compound
- Vicious strike-busters
- Union leader stabbed to death
- New, Enterprise Union formed



# Japan Socialist Party

- Asanuma Inejiro
- Traveled to China 1959
- Supported War to 1942
- JSP head 1960



# Return of Yoshida doctrine

- Ikeda Hayato
- Beginning of Capitalism without capitalism
- 1964 Olympics as international coming out party
- Yoshida doctrine until Nakasone 1982-7



# The 1955 System

## Depoliticizing Politics

- Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) rule from 1955 to 2009 (with one break in 1993)
- Merger of two conservative parties
- Japan Socialist Party (JSP) as permanent opposition
- “One and a half party system”
- “Steel and Rice” Coalition

# Depoliticizing Capitalism

- Maruyama Masao-Yoshimoto Takaaki debate
- “Seen from the Inside of the Building”
- “GNP First!”
- Whither Anpo?
- JSP?

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# The Three C's

Car, Cooler (Refrigerator), Color TV



# Income Doubling Plan, or Capitalism without capitalism

“[The] Doubling National Income Plan should have an objective of achieving full employment and radically raising people’s living standard by rapidly doubling the gross national product. Special effort must be made to **rectify the existing disparity of living standards and income between farming and nonfarming populations, between major enterprises and smaller business, between urban and rural residents, and between high- and low-income strata**, to promote balanced development of national economy and people’s living.”

# *Doken Kokka*

“The Construction State”

# *Doken Kokka*

- Non-military Deficit Financing
- Compare with US Pentagon system
- Dams, Roads, Infrastructure, Regional tech and manufacturing centers
- MITI and National Plans (*zenso*)

# Japan, Inc.

“The Construction State”

# *Sarariiman*

## サラリーマン

- Lifetime employment
- Seniority promotions
- Middle-manager
- Lower salary, bonus structure
- Life, work, home tied to company
- Women (OL) work until marriage—then run family budget, children's education

