

HIST 3970: Modern China

Reforms and Imperialism, 1860-1900

I. TONGZHI "RESTORATION"

Crossroads: The Qing in 1860

- Domestic and foreign threats
- Emperor Tongzhi (1862-75)



A. Spirits of Restoration

- Back to Golden Ages
- Power struggles btw Empress Dowager and Prince Gong
– Cixi Taihou (Tzu-hsi Dowager)



Western Technology Not Wanted

- Why?
- Guo Songtao



“West for Technology, East for Essence”

- Self-strengthening Movements (1861-95)
- Selective adaption of elements of Western learning and technology to China's needs



Reforms	Qing	PRC
Political & Cultural Changes	Limited	Limited
Economic & Technological Changes	Widespread	Widespread

B. Chinese Reform Leaders

- Provincial leaders who suppressed domestic rebellions led the restoration movements
 - Zeng Goufan
 - Li Hongzhang
- Commanders of regional armies
 - The Hunan Army
 - The Anhui Army
- Intellectual and political leaders
- Precursors of the era of warlordism (1916-28)



C. Military Reforms

- Buildup of modern military equipment in China
- Limits?



D. Industrial Reforms

- Conservatives' views on railroads
- Shanghai-Wusong Line
- Chinese railroads



E. Educational Reforms

- Western education at home and abroad



F. Foreign Relations Reforms

- Zongli Yamen
– Office for the Management of the Business of All Foreign Countries (1861)
- Tongwen Guan (School of Combined Learning)



II. THE SINO-JAPANESE WAR (1895)

A. Loss of Tributary States

- Decline of the Qing's influence over Asian neighbors
- Then, loss of its own territories after 1895



B. "Opening" of Korea

- "Hermit Kingdom"
- Treaty of Kanghwa with Japan (1876)



C. Military Interventions

- Donghak peasant uprisings (1894)
- Divided Korean ruling groups
- Foreign interventions



D. Japanese Military Victories

- A test case for the effectiveness of the reform movements
- Destruction of the Qing forces



E. The Treaty of Shimonoseki (1895)

- Korea became a Japanese protectorate?
- Payment of indemnities
- Cession of Taiwan and Liaodong region of southern Manchuria
- Opening of four ports to Japanese traders


