

**The U.S. Excursion into “Star Trek” Diplomacy:  
Policymaking in the Rearview Mirror in China, Korea, and Southeast Asia**

I. Captain Kirk and the Starship *Enterprise* as Metaphor for American Foreign Policy

II. Japan

A. 1945–1950: Economic Difficulties and the Dodge Plan

1. *Zaibatsu* reorganized around their banks
2. Joseph Dodge – Detroit Banker
  - a. goals: halt inflation, remove government controls over trade, bring economy back to full strength
  - b. measures: balanced budget; end subsidies; end lending by Reconstruction Finance Bank; fixed exchange rate for yen

B. 1950–1953: Economic Revival During Korean War

1. Akio Morita and Masaru Ibuka
  - a. Japan’s first tape recorder
  - b. purchased license from Bell Labs for transistor for \$25,000
  - c. Had to convince MITI; founding of Sony
2. Edwards Deming (MIT) — Quality Control
  - a. system of mathematical analysis
  - b. commitment of both managers and workers
  - c. senior engineers had to be on shop floor

C. 1953–Present

III. China

A. Nanking [Nanjing] Decade, 1928–1937

1. Dictatorship under Central Committee
  - a. German military advisers replace Soviet military advisers in KMT Army
  - b. KMT Army dominated by Whampoa clique
2. Long March to Yenan [Yan’an] of Chinese Communist Party (CCP), 1934–1935
  - a. Marx’s critique does not fit Chinese conditions
  - b. Mao Tse-tung [Mao Zedong] (1893–1976)
  - c. Lenin’s critique of Imperialism

B. War with Japan, 1937–1945

C. Civil War and Establishment of People’s Republic of China, 1945–1949

D. Chinese People’s Republic

1. Pro-Soviet period (1950–1957)
2. “Let a thousand flowers bloom” (1957–1958)
3. Great Leap Forward (1958–1960)
4. Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution (1966–1976)
  - a. Chou En-lai [Zhou Enlai] splits with Mao
  - b. Lin Baio (dies in plane crash in 1971 escaping to Soviet Union)
  - c. Mao dies, 1976
5. Technological Adaptation
  - a. Walking Tractor
    - engineers: Zeng Xiuland and Chen Wanxiang at Sichuan tractor factory
  - b. Robotics < reverse engineering from Japanese
5. China After Mao
  - a. Teng Hsiao-p’ing [Deng Xiaoping]
  - b. Limited capitalism
  - c. Special Economic Zones
  - d. Democracy Wall Movement (1978–1979)
  - e. Tiananmen Square (1989)
6. U.S.-Chinese Relations

#### IV. Korean War (1950–1953)

- A. Korea Divided after World War II
- B. Attempt to Reunite Korea
  1. U.S. Secretary of State Dean Acheson Makes a Speech
  2. Soviet Union Boycott of Security Council of UN

#### V. War in Vietnam (1945–1973)

- A. Ho Chi Minh Declares Vietnam’s Independence
- B. French Reoccupation
  1. Battle of Dien Ben Phu (1954)
  2. Geneva Treaty (1954)
    - a. Temporary demarcation line at 17th parallel
    - b. Elections of a united Vietnam to be held within two years
- C. American Involvement
  1. U.S. Prevents Elections
  2. Domino Theory
  3. Lack of Information Concerning Vietnam Among Policymakers
    - a. Vietnam was traditional enemy of China
    - b. Vietnam was like Korea
    - c. Extrapolation of Cold War thinking to Southeast Asia
      - (1) Diem = “good” guy who became “bad” guy
      - (2) Ho Chi Minh = “bad” guy