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Under re-write of Japanese constitution Japanese women have more rights than women in US

US has no equal rights amendment

- Japanese women have significantly more rights than Americans

Japan becomes a baseball nation even more so than the US

- Baseball more popular in Japan than in US

1952 Occupation of Japan ends

In Germany

- We divide Germany into zones and assign each Allied country a zone to station troops in
- Idea that the 4 powers will meet and determine World policy towards Germany
  - o Jointly run Germany
  - o Russians get East Germany and then say that they don't want to cooperate
    - Beginning of the Cold War

All Conferences aimed at making peace, coming to peaceful solutions

- They can't come up with peaceful solutions
- Russia gone from friend to enemy over night

Atomic Diplomacy

- Use threat of atomic bomb to get the country's way
- Russia steals formula

Roosevelt replaced by Harry Truman who is fairly unqualified to be president

12 million Americans in uniform at end of war 7 million are overseas

- How do we get them home when it took 4 years to get them there
  - o Logistical issue

- o Riots on bases in Europe over unfairness
- Do we want them back home?
  - o As Russia becomes enemy do we want to signal that we are pulling out
  - o Russia may invade the other areas
  - o Keep troops there to keep Communists back

#### 52-20 Clubs

- Returning soldiers are back home without pay with parents
- Pays 20 dollars a week for a year (\$10,000 in a year)
- Given so you can adjust to society

#### Divorce was a taboo thing before WW2

- After WW2 Divorce becomes more generally accepted
- Congress Passes Dear John act that prevents women from getting a divorce without permission of husband who is serving in war
  - o Didn't apply after war was over
  - o "Dear John"=" Dear John, I don't love you anymore. I want a divorce."

#### Women undergo massive changes during war

- in WW1 millions of women took men's jobs and then relinquished the jobs to men
- After WW2 women refuse to give jobs back to men
  - o Women advance tremendously into 100s of 1,000 of jobs held almost exclusively by men

#### Baby Boom

- People could have gotten married in 1930 but it was during Depression so they waited
- in 1940 economy came back but next year war starts and husbands go to war

- Babies put off until after WW2
  - Women getting older and the clock is ticking so there's a rush to have children and the Birth rate soars beginning in 1946
  - Kids going to be getting to college age all at once
    - Converted Florida College for Women into FSU
    - Used old military base for men

#### How to reward vets from WW2

- Not going to give out land or cash
  - Still paying war benefits from the war of 1812 134 years later
- Came up with specific programs aimed at helping veterans
  - Came up with the GI Bill of Rights
    - Biggest right is that if you want to go to college the federal government will pay for it
    - Back then most Americans didn't go to college but now 12 million Americans get opportunity to go to school on GI bill
      - They find out there are not 12 million open seats in colleges
      - Federal government has to get involved in making colleges
    - Gave them low interest rates for buying home
    - Loans to start businesses, Farm loans
    - Help the veteran get help and adjust
    - Hospital perks

#### American economy undergoes huge changes

- Had wage and price controls to stop inflation