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## **The Chinese Civil War**

### **Description of the Topic:**

A united China is now just a distant memory. This dividing conflict that has been persisting throughout China between the Nationalists and the Communists has brought upon needless devastation. Although the Japanese are a considerable threat looming on the horizon, the Communists are another evil that must be addressed, this one stemming not from across the Yellow Sea but from within China itself. The dreams and ideals of Sun Yat-sen led to the birth of the Republic of China as the Qing was overthrown. His leadership has led to a new age of China, one of increased openness and development.(Wang). His actions have left a lasting impact on China as democracy has been implemented. But his death in 1925 stopped him from completing his vision of a greater China.

The above-mentioned threat, the Communist party, was once a former ally. Them and the Kuomintang comprised an alliance to unite china (“Chinese Communist Party”). This alliance received aid from the Soviet Union which allowed for initial success. The alliance was strong, as there was a common enemy. However, since Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek took power in the Nationalist Party, tensions have been rising between the two parties. His campaign against communists and communist sympathizers caused radical elements of the Communist Party to take power and fight against Nationalist authority.

Now that conflict between us has started, the Kuomintang must maintain its status as the ruling party of China. We have had many victories against the Communists due to our superior military organization and technology. One notable victory was the encirclement campaign

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(“Long March”). This battle against the Communist forces has led to the retreat of their forces to northwestern China. Though the Communist forces are now in a weakened state, they cannot be underestimated. They must be kept weak until they are finally vanquished.

Recent Japanese expansion into Manchuria is also quite concerning. The rapid industrialization of the country has led to increased militarization and the rise of expansionist sentiments within the ranks of the Japanese government and senior military command (“Meiji Restoration”). Their military strength has been demonstrated through many conflicts such as the Sino-Japanese War, which was a decisive victory for the Japanese. As a result, Japan has received the Korean peninsula and Taiwan as concessions (“Japan's Modern History: An Outline of the Period”). Their most recent incursion into Manchuria has left both parties in China’s domestic conflict worried about a possible Japanese invasion (Swift). Though not a current threat, the Japanese are very powerful and have the capability of defeating both the Communists and Nationalists in one fell swoop.

**My Position:**

As the Minister of Human Resource Development, I oversee the systems of education, scientific development, and the development of skills in the civilian population. As China modernizes, its population must be educated to build China into a greater nation, on par with the industrialized powers of the West. Thus the importance of education and science cannot be lost in the storm of conflict that China has been engulfed in. The strong connection between education and scientific innovation in our history cannot be forgotten. Thus a person willing to

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make sure the civilian sector of China is secure is needed. For this to be done, the Nationalists must maintain their hold on China.

The Communist government that lies in the northwest, though weak, threatens the government that Sun Yat-sen fought hard to create. The victory of the Nationalists must be ensured in order to see that his vision of China comes to fruition. One tool that could be used against the Communists is education. The importance of education can be seen in many of the modern nations of the world. Nations that have rapidly industrialized and militarized have all invested in their systems of education. If the Nationalist wants to become a regional military power, they would need to invest in education.

Though the Nationalists are currently technologically superior to the Communist forces, our military hardware is still lacking. Thus scientific development would be needed to supplement the military and other aspects of government. To achieve this, changes in education must first be made as an educated population is needed for these developments. This would be needed as due to the Communist alliance with the Soviet Union, arms for the Soviet Union could be given to the Communist forces. Our technological edge over the Communists can easily be lost without increased military scientific development.

### **Solutions:**

When China was developing in the 1860s, there was a strong push for there to be specialized schools that would train students to be technical experts in their respective fields (Bailey). This push for reform was close to creating a unified school system until the Boxer

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Rebellion, which pushed many who had been part of this education system into spreading state-sponsored education to help unify the nation and develop the economy. The goal of this education system has shifted, as it is now focused on a western-style system of education which led to the creation of the Board of Education in 1905. A push for an education system where national unity is prioritized was necessary.

Educating the population with national unity in mind helps keep the country united and less susceptible to insurrection. This education system would be similar to proven systems of education seen in the west. Somewhat similar to the proposed system of education in the early 1900s, a combination of both Chinese and Western education would help produce a more educated population and skilled workforce. The transition towards a more western form of education would help China modernize as has been seen in the past with many successful countries around the globe. More could be done with an educated population such as more complex infrastructure projects, better military officer training, and the production of more advanced military hardware.

To implement such a program, large reforms must take place. Scholars who have had some form of western education would be hired as teachers. These teachers would receive training from Kuomintang party officials in order to provide their students with quality education and pride for their country. These new teachers would go around to schools in Nationalist held territory to teach a new generation of Chinese citizens. The expansion of the education program throughout China allows for a greater quantity of highly educated citizens to help develop new scientific programs. A new generation of engineers and chemists would help ensure victory

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against the weakened Communist forces and a possible Japanese invasion. If this educational reform program is put into action, many advancements can take place. Military hardware programs can be instituted due to a larger population of skilled laborers. The military hardware created through these new programs can provide an edge against enemies of the Kuomintang and China. The defeat of the Communists would finally take place with these improvements in education and military technology.

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