

*** WW II as Catalyst to
Creation of New
States**

A. Setting the Stage for War to the South

1. Japanese troops into northern Indochina in fall of 1940
2. FDR's "partial" embargo - scrap iron & aviation fuel

3. July 1941 Vichy France gives Japan access to remainder of Indochina colony
4. FDR assumes the US Philippine colony is a target

B. Why Japan's Interest in Southeast Asia?

1. Pan-Asian ideology
2. China frustrations
3. European colonizers gone
4. Resources (food, rubber, & tin)

5. The big resource

= *OIL*

C. US freeze on Japanese assets
in US + a total embargo

especially → *OIL*

Japan's Expansion Plans Nov. 1941



D. Taking Southeast Asia - Dec.
1941 to May 1942

- a. Dec. 8 attacks on Manila,
Hong Kong & Malaya
- b. Feb-March (Rangoon,
Burma; Singapore &
Jakarta)

c. April 9 Bataan Peninsula +
May 6 Corregidor Island,
Philippines

d. May 1 Burma
Mandalay



Japan's Asian Empire 1942



E. Southeast Asia & Japanese Occupation

1. Loss of respect for white colonizers
 - a. British, French, & Dutch
 - b. American exception

2. Initial welcomes & responses
 - a. general response of region
 - b. Philippine exception
 - c. Overseas Chinese exception
 - d. little Thai impact