

## Chapter 23 Notes

**Amy Tan – Joy Luck Club** – Story about US China relations. Nixon the 40<sup>th</sup> President

**Ford** – failed because he couldn't control economy. Industry slowed, costs rose, inflation rose

**Stagflation** – combination of stagnating growth and rising inflation.

**OPEC** – Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries – set prices

During **Yom Kippur War in 73**, Saudi Arabia put embargo on oil to Israel's allies, oil prices 4x

As gas prices rose, people didn't drive cars. Went to foreign cars, saved gas.

Steel hurt w/o oil. Congress wanted tariffs on imported steel, but Congress denied

**WIN – Whip Inflation Now** – high interest rates, less money available, oversupply goods, lower prices

Vetoed health, housing, education, cooled inflation, but unemployment up. **Recession**

**Carter** – During NRG shortage, asked people to turn heat to 68, gasless Sundays, extended school vacations

**Human Rights** – Offered moral support for Soviet **dissidents** – those openly criticized soviet policy

Refused to participate in 80 Olympics when Soviets invaded Afghanistan

**Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty – SALT II** – Congress never approved, slowed for Afghanistan

**Panama Canal** – return to Panama in 2000, US right to defend neutrality

**Camp David Accords** – settlement between Israel (**Begin – PM**) and Egypt (**Anwar al-Sadat – Pres**)

Established “**Framework for Peace**”, later, Megin and Sadat signed treaty in the White House

**Khomeini** overthrows **Pahlavi**, storms US embassy in Tehran, takes occupants hostage for 444 days

“**US Can Not do Anything**”, setup commando raid, dust storm, crashed w/ cargo plane, abort

Had to give back 8 billion in assets before releasing hostages, released on Reagan's inauguration

**Environment – Love Canal, NY** – evacuated by EPA, 1<sup>st</sup> ghost town. New regulations followed it.

Putting waste in rivers stop by 85, gave 19 mil; to build waste treatment plants.

**Three Mile Island Nuclear PP, Harrisburg, PA** – Reactor 2 overheated, 100,000 evacuated, never exploded

**Robert Lekachman** – a shift from the easy politics of growth to the era of limits

**Reagan** makes speech in **Eureka College, IL** – Everything good that's happened to me started here

Promised to “get the gov off people's backs,” won with a **mandate**

**Neoconservatism** – belief that government should not interfere with business, popular in 1900's

**Born Again** – evangelical Christians, Carter was one, **televangelists** – TV ministers - **Falwell**

Believed in conservatism, **Christian Voice** – CA religious group that supported Reagan

**Falwell – Moral Majority** – supported Reagan, but disbanded in 89 following several scandals

Ran mostly in West and Southwest, captured 44/50 states and DC, 489 – 50 votes. People liked him

Reagan Democrats – Reagan supporters in the Democratic states near the Great Lakes and NE

Won every state except Carter's home state of Georgia. **Keynes** – key for economy is gov spending

**Reaganomics – Supply side economics** – reduce taxes, especially wealthy, more profit/goods

Lower taxes, but more military spending, cut domestic programs, fewer grants, less Medicare

Inflation was down, interest rates high, can't borrow money, unemployment rose

**572 businesses failed in a week.** In 82 – 83, interest, inflation, unemployment dropped

**President's Task Force on Regulatory Relief** – committee to advise him on how rules can be eased

**Highway Traffic Safety Admin** slowed demands for air bags, Airlines allowed to compete freely

Didn't support environment. **Sec of Interior Watt** increased land for oil drilling, mining, logging

He was dividing “haves” and “have nots” Didn't care much for women's issues. Didn't balance budget

Tried to reverse prayer in school and women's right to abortion. **Appointed 1<sup>st</sup> woman, O'Connor.**

US troops attack Grenada, students at St. George's University shaken. Reagan played wild west heroes earlier

Soviets was an “evil empire,” Soviets install repressive gov in Poland, MIG shoots Korean Air Jet

Tried to reduce Soviet arms, if they reduced, US would stop putting missiles aimed at the Soviets

**Star Wars – Strategic Defense Initiative** – Satellite system to defend against missiles

Wanted to control Central America. **El Salvador** – communist guerillas and **death squads** killed people

Sent troops and “advisors” to train troops, Elected Duarte, but killings continued

**Grenada** – Bishop overthrew gov, allied himself with Cuba and Soviets. Cubans were in Grenada, US attacked

**Nicaragua – Sandinistas** – Marxist revolutionaries – overthrew harsh dictator Somoza. US supported Somoza.  
**Sandinistas** aided by Cubans, Soviets, and were helping El Salvador. CIA trained contras and went in  
**Iran Contra Scandal** –top level officials involved. Inouye (Sen, Hawaii) – Foreign policy at stake  
Sold guns to Iran to free American Hostages in Lebanon after insisting that US would make no deals  
Profits from arms sales given to Nicaraguan contras. Ran by **NSC aide North** and his boss **Poindexter**  
Reagan admits the sales, but denies contra connection. Poindexter confirms, but North spilled  
He previously lied to Congress, shredded evidence and changed crucial docs. Sentenced Comm. Service  
Met Gen Secretary Gorbachev in Geneva, Switzerland. Didn't go too well, neither side trusted the other  
**Reykjavik, Iceland** – Gorbachev had huge arms reduction plan. Can't agree on weapons on space  
**Gorbachov/wife Raisa** visited Washington, Reagan went to Moscow. **Gorbymania** – people excited  
Ultimately, signed **Intermediate Nuclear Forces Treaty**, banning one type of nuclear missiles  
Bush ran against Dukakis, bush Won big, won because of Reagan, won in the South, Reagan Democrats