

New Territories Under the Stars and Stripes

- ✦ By 1917 - U.S. controlled:
 - ✦ Philippines, Guam, Wake Is., Midway, Johnston Is., Howland & Baker Is., Samoa, Jarvis & Palmyra Is., Hawaii, Alaska, Panama Canal Zone, Virgin Is., Puerto Rico, & Guantanamo Bay, Cuba
 - ✦ See map on pg. 521
- ✦ Other areas in Central America & the Caribbean were **protectorates – independent but controlled by the U.S.**
- ✦ **Cubans theoretically independent but U.S. exercised great control**
 - ✦ Cubans didn't like U.S. interference but **there were benefits**
 - ✦ **U.S. helped modernize Cuba** (infrastructure, schools, farms)
 - ✦ **Yellow fever nearly eliminated**
 - ✦ **Dr. Walter Reed** & others including Cuban Dr. Carlos Finlay
 - ✦ Discovered mosquitoes as carriers – drained breeding ponds
 - ✦ Interestingly, **Cuban constitution drafted by Americans**
 - ✦ Called the **Platt Amendment** (1901)– part of military spending bill
 - ✦ P.A. made Cuba a protectorate
 - ✦ Included in amendment:
 - ✦ Cuba not allowed to make treaties limiting its independence
 - ✦ Not allowed to have foreign powers control its territory
 - ✦ U.S. could intervene in Cuban affairs
 - ✦ Cuba couldn't go into debt
 - ✦ U.S. could buy/lease land in Cuba (Guan. Bay)
 - ✦ **Cuba was dependent on heavy U.S. investment**
 - ✦ **Platt Amendment abolished in 1934 but U.S. econ. influence remained strong into the 1960's**
 - ✦ U.S. retained G. Bay
- ✦ **Puerto Rico** had a U.S. appointed governor
 - ✦ Pres. Of U.S. could appoint members of PR legis.
 - ✦ **1917 – PR's given right to elect their legis.**
 - ✦ **1950 – PR's draft their own constitution**
 - ✦ **1952 – PR becomes a commonwealth – make own laws & handle own \$ - Defense & tariffs controlled by U.S.**
 - ✦ **PR's considered U.S. citizens**
 - ✦ Recent elections held to see if PR's wanted to be a state
 - ✦ So far, no
- ✦ **Like Cuba, Hawaii had huge plantations**
 - ✦ Workers were imported from China, Portugal, Japan
 - ✦ **Soon Hawaiians were a minority in their own country**

