* 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

= \textit{OIL}
C. US freeze on Japanese assets in US + a total embargo especially $\rightarrow OIL$
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