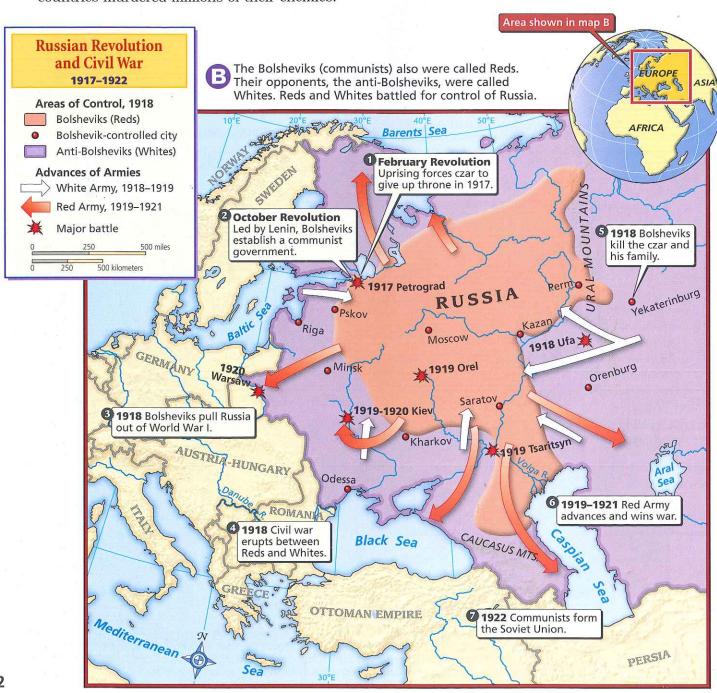
## R ise of Communism

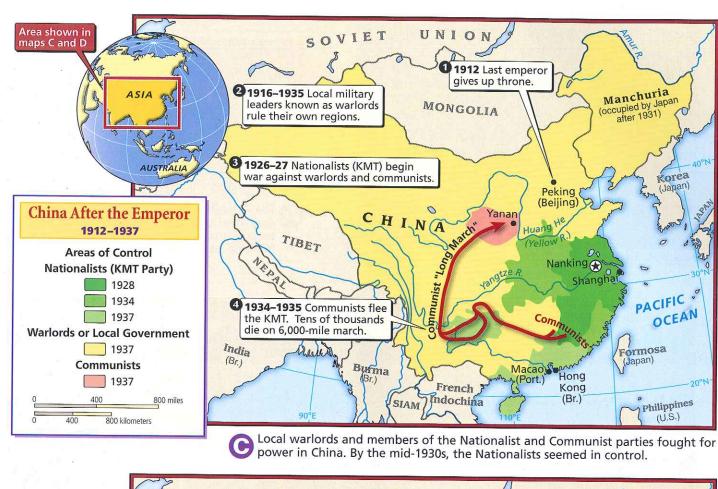
In the early 1900s, the people of Russia and China were unhappy with their rulers and governments. Some were attracted to communism as a way of achieving radical changes in their countries.

- In 1917 angry Russian soldiers, workers, and peasants overthrew the czar. Civil war followed.
- The communists won the war and remade Russia as the Soviet Union.
- After the Chinese emperor lost power in 1912, China collapsed into chaos and civil war. The Chinese communists finally gained control in 1949.
- Afterward the victorious communists in both countries murdered millions of their enemies.



Lenin was the leader of the Bolshevik (or Communist) Party. His army and secret police crushed all opponents in Russia.







After World War II, the Communists forced the Nationalists onto the island of Taiwan. Compare the areas under Communist control by 1937 and by 1950.