WAR AGAINST JAPAN & EFFECTS:

- Japan kept taking territory of China and in 1931, were quite aggressive in their takeover in Manchuria. Chiang however, was too preoccupied with the Communists to care.

- In 1937 (when world war 2 really began for China), Japan began to takeover Beijing and the north of China; only then did Chiang react. He called a conference and invited the Communists who came together in a ‘United Front’.

HOWEVER...

→ *The Japanese were occupying China and Chiang had to move his base to the South (only control was West and South).*

→ *The Communists with their new leader Mao, had grown to 800,000 members by 1940.*