**Expansion in Asia**

**Central**

- Steppe Statute of 1891- 40 acres of land to peasant settlers
- 1910- Stolypin pushed for greater migration to accommodate rising peasant demands for land in European Russia
- Islam= major religion in central Asia
  - N2- All Russian Muslim League- Represented in 1st Dumas but not allowed after 1907 law
  - Communists= condemnation of any repression
- From 1915 to 1917- attempt conscription; people were not fit enough (Ramadan)
  - Conscription revolt- showed how sensitive population was
- Soviet regimes- more sensitive to wants and needs of Central Asia
  - Shown in constitutions
  - Used remote areas for dumping grounds
    - Crimean Tartars- departed to South Kazakhstan in 1945 after being accused of collaborating with Germany
- 1957- Khrushchev- decree 'On the Rehabilitation of Deported Peoples'
  - Some groups excluded- Volga Germans, Meskhetians
  - He was also involved in affairs of Central Asia; virgin land
  - Indigenous people felt swamped by immigrants

**Far East**

**China**

- USSR provided financial support even though govt was anti-Communist (KMT)
  - Lenin and Stalin saw the KMT as the only viable option to fully restore unity in China after WW1
- 1924 Peace Treaty with leader Sun Yat-Sen (who died in 1925 and was replaced by Chiang who was far more conservative)
  - 1927- Chiang ordered extermination of trouble makers; communists, trade unionists, peasant leaders
    - Chinese Communist leader, Mao Zedong, set up base in NE China and gained considerable support from 1934-1937
- USSR continued to support KMT, particularly when Chiang struggled to resist Japanese advances in 1937
  - CCP called truce with KMT to fight common enemy
    - CCP was very effective at guerrilla tactics against Japan (Stalin also helped by establishing air units)
- After defeat of Japan in WW2- fighting between CCP and KMT continued
  - 1949- Mao gained control of mainland China
  - Oct 1949=People's Republic of China, Mao= president
  - Nov 1949- Treaty of Friendship, Alliance and Mutual Assistance with Russia
    - Cordial relations until Stalin’s death