"The United States after 1945"

Week 3: From Pragmatism to Détente
Today:

From Pragmatism to Détente:
Richard M. Nixon, Gerald Ford
and James E. Carter

Ménage à Trois
In Retrospect
There is a bright side (to Watergate)
Do We Have to Be So Gratuitously Snotty?
‘Silent majority’
divided nation
Tricky Dick
respect for law and order
deficits
explosion of welfare state
Vietnam

Paris, 27 January 1973

My Lai (1969)

William Calley

John Kerry (VVAW)

credibility gap
End of a dream
everywhere at any moment
triangular diplomacy

Realpolitik

Beijing (Feb 1972), Moscow (May 1972)
The Yom Kippur War, oil shock
The Watergate Affair

‘plumbers’

impeachment

8 August 1974

Spiro Agnew (Ford)

‘imperial’ presidency
The Bretton Woods system

deficits, commerce (1893)
15 August 1971 ($), December ($), February 1973
1 oz t (troy ounce) (Au) = $ 35 (31,1034768 g)

‘our currency but your problem’
Ford, not Cadillac

non-elected (9 Aug 1974)

pardon

recession

Saigon, Apollo-Soyuz, Helsinki

Bicentennary, Vladivostok
James Earl Carter, ‘Jimmy’

‘Never Again Vietnam’

‘hysterical preoccupation’ (South)

image, human rights, recession

crisis of confidence, 15 July 1979

messanger or message
The Panama Canal

Latin America

Omar Torrijos

the Canal, US Army School of the Americas

7 September 1977 (31 December 1999), neutrality

strong opposition
The Camp David Agreements (1979)

SC Resolution 242 (1967)

normalisation, Palestinians

Sadat (Jerusalem), Begin (Ismailia) (1977)

Peace Treaty, W.Bank/Gaza

Nobel Peace Prize (2002)
Iran (1978-1979)
the Shah, SAVAK (1979)
Ayatollah R. Khomeyni
the Islamic Republic
hostages (octobre 1979), Eagle Claw
20 January 1981 (444)
The Soviet Union

hysteria/firmness

Cyrus Vance/Zbigniew Brzeziński

human rights

‘parallel interests’ (China)

SALT II (1979)
Afghanistan

instability

Operation Cyclone

December 1979

the Mujaheddin (the djihadists)

retaliation, détente