Ryukyu Island Group

Spanish flag *change to*  Japan flag

*Left-side labels*

WWII in the Pacific

Begins

Fighting throughout

the Pacific

Conquest/Liberation

Peace Treaty

April 28, 1952

Civil Affairs Administration

Post-USMG

1 (Pearl Harbor Attack)

Conflict begun by Japanese forces

2 Military response by US forces follows

3 Japanese military forces in Ryukyus surrender

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7 WWII in Pacific ends

8 Japan agrees to place Ryukyus in trusteeship

9 United States is sole administering authority

10 USMG holds Ryukyus as quasi-trusteeship

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13 Ryukyu island group is also an independent customs territory

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15 Ryukyu people enjoy fundamental rights under US Constitution

16 US officials take steps to nurture formation of local Ryukyu Civil Government

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19 Announced date effective: May 15, 1972

20 Ryukyus are returned to Japan, becoming Okinawa Prefecture

*Use Ryukyus-image.gif*

21 Correct flag is flying, according to Ryukyu’s final legal status

*Use Japan flag*