

Consequences of World War II:

1. Number of nations in debt to the U.S. (it enhances

American power)

- America emerges as the only nation intact politically, socially and economically.

2. The rebuilding of Europe

3. Growth of American national corporations

- government builds factories and leases it out to

companies.

4. Social Changes:

- women begin to have more economic power

- people begin to look to the federal

government for

change in policies (sets the stage for the Civil Rights

Movement)

- the Servicemen's Readjustment Act ("GI Bill")

a) opens the door to people who had never imagined going to college.

b) it has *unintended social and demographic changes*: (Ex. hospitals, schools dormitories. . .

creates jobs for the economy . . . cars, roads, appliances, malls, etc.)

5) Shift in political power to the southwest region of the country:

**- people begin migrating to the southwest
WHY??**

a) jobs (aerospace, defense/military, oil industries)

b) Tourism (Southern CA, Las Vegas, Florida)

c) Retirement communities

- shift in political power

a) House of Representatives is based on population

***** A more urban, industrial, technological America emerges after WWII.**