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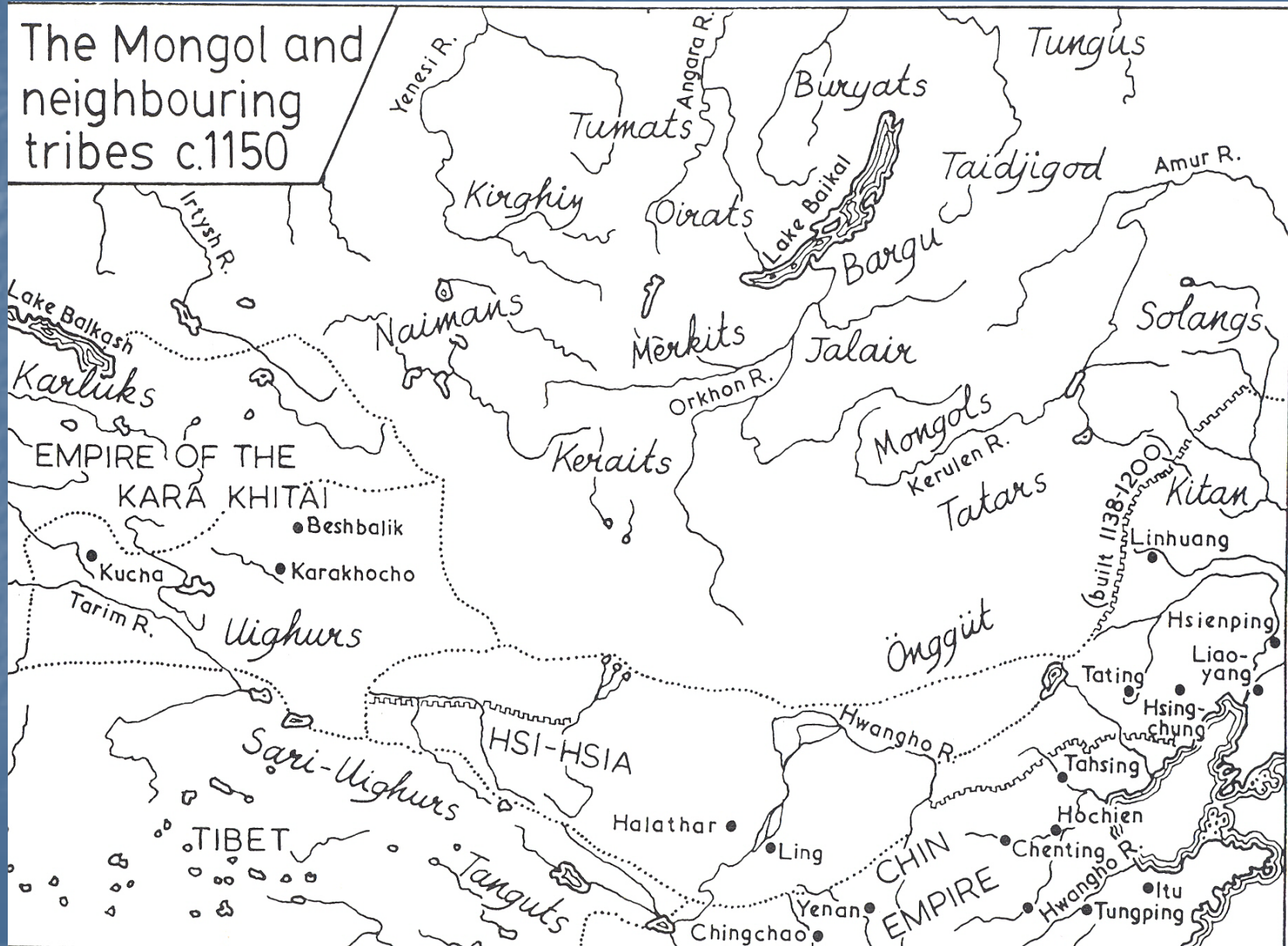
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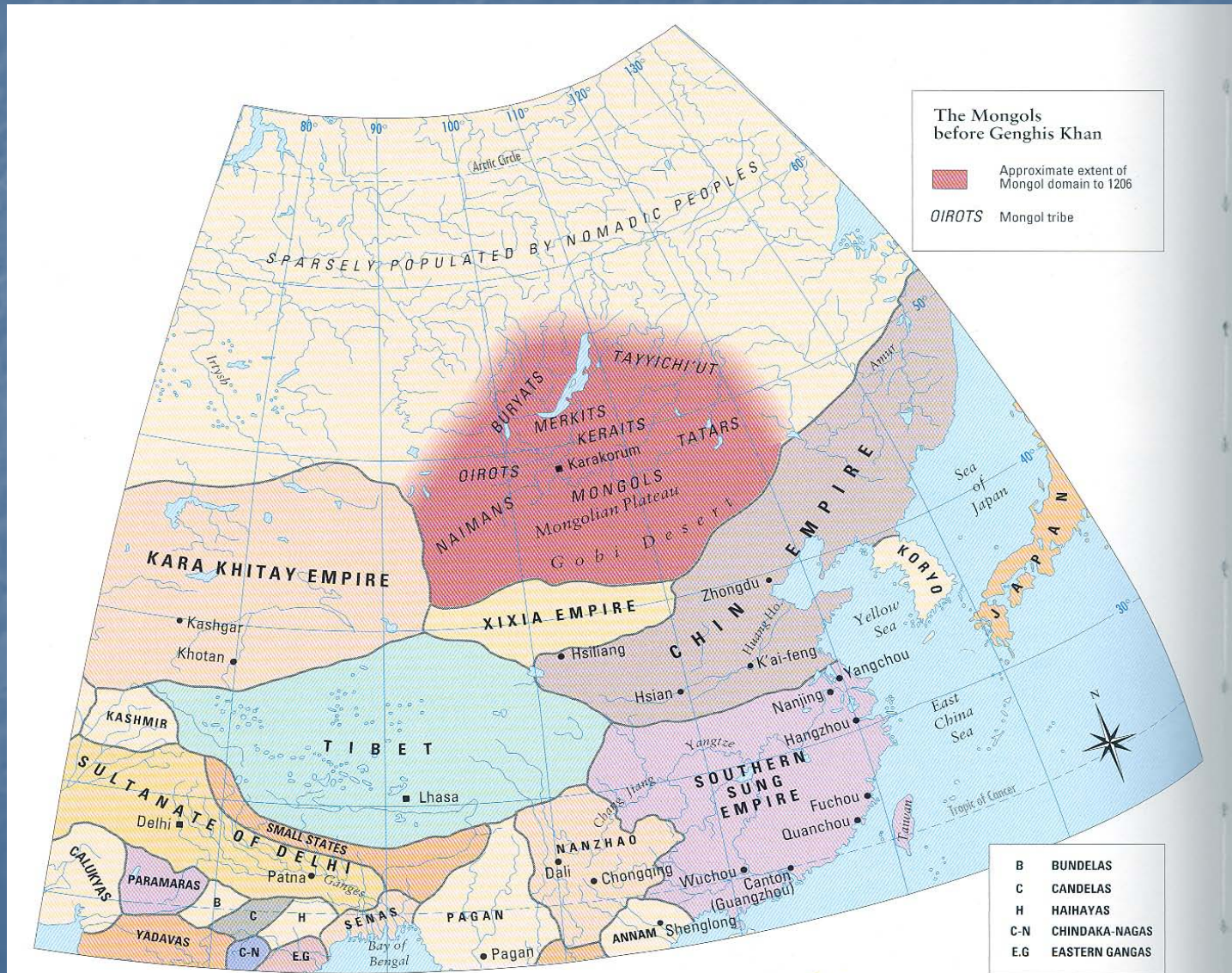
## A. Mongol Society — Steppe-Pastoralist

1. yurt (ger)
2. sheep and horses
3. symbiotic relationship with sedentary societies

# Eastern Steppe ca. 1150



# Mongols at Beginning of 13<sup>th</sup> Century



# The Mongol Empire



# Mongol Empire





## B. Military

1. Horse archers
  - a. short stirrup
  - b. recurved bow
  
2. Organization
  - a. by tens, hundreds, thousands, and so forth  
(*tumen* = 10,000)
  - b. signaling by flags
  - c. feigned retreat
  
3. Long-range strategy

# Ger (Yurt)



# Qaraqorum (today)



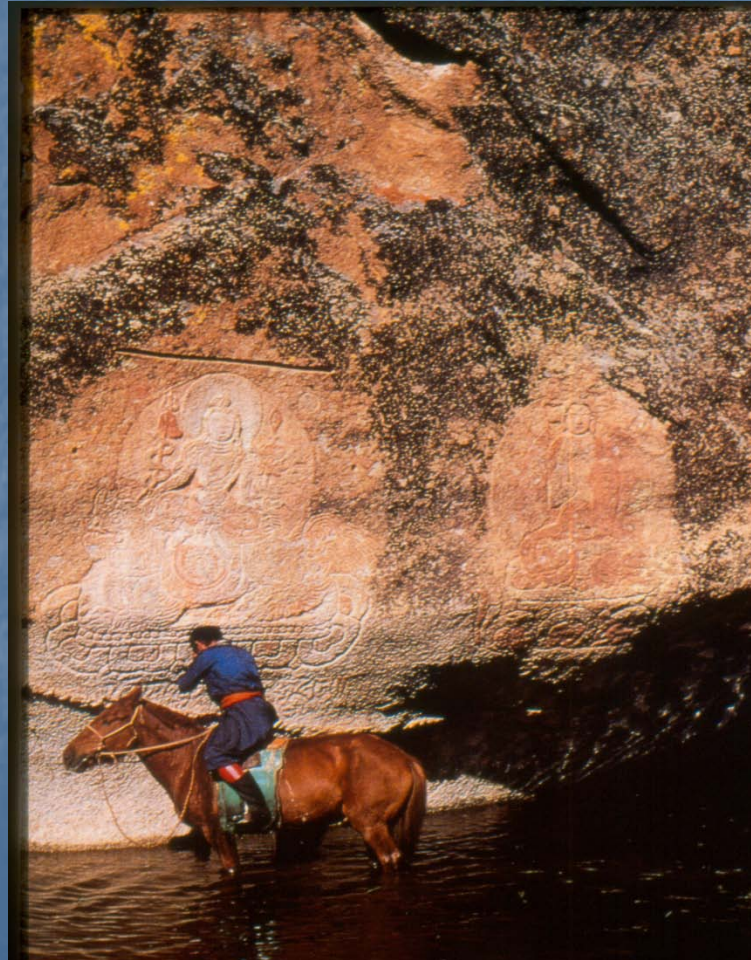
# Mongolia near the Orkhon River



# Mongolian shepherding



# A Mongolian paying obeisance at a shrine



# Mongolian girl standing in the stirrups



# Typical Mongolian saddle

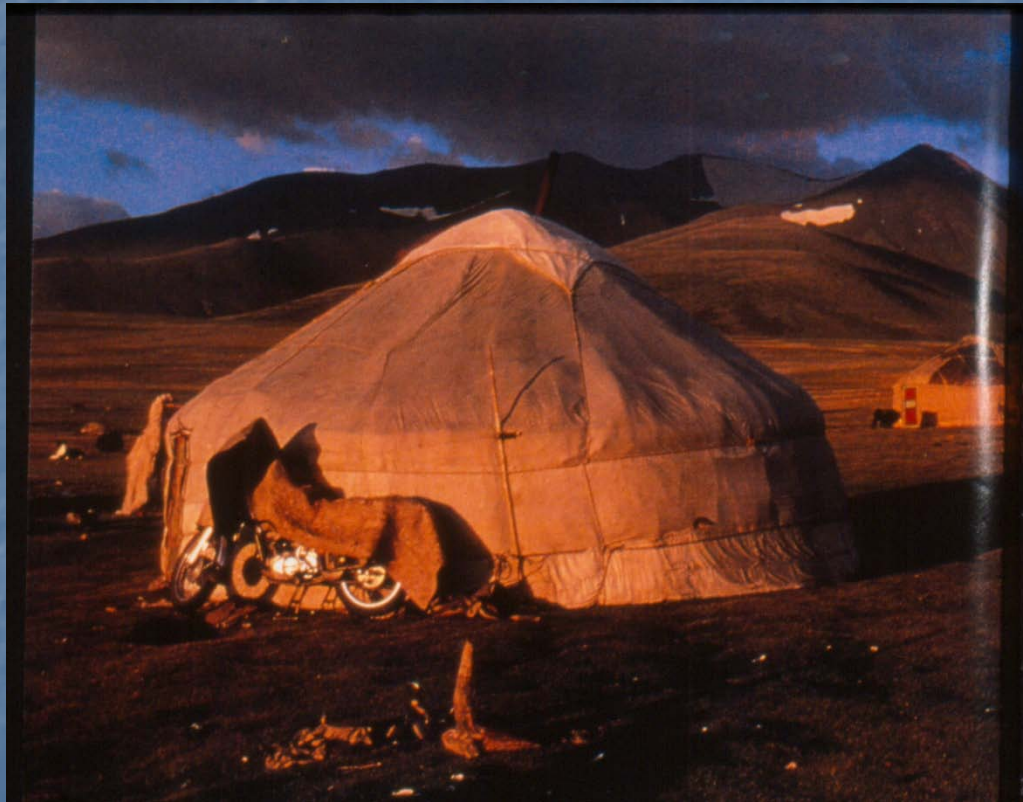




# Inside a ger



# Motorcycle outside a ger



# A ger in the winter



# Mongolian landscape



# A Mongol yurt (camp)



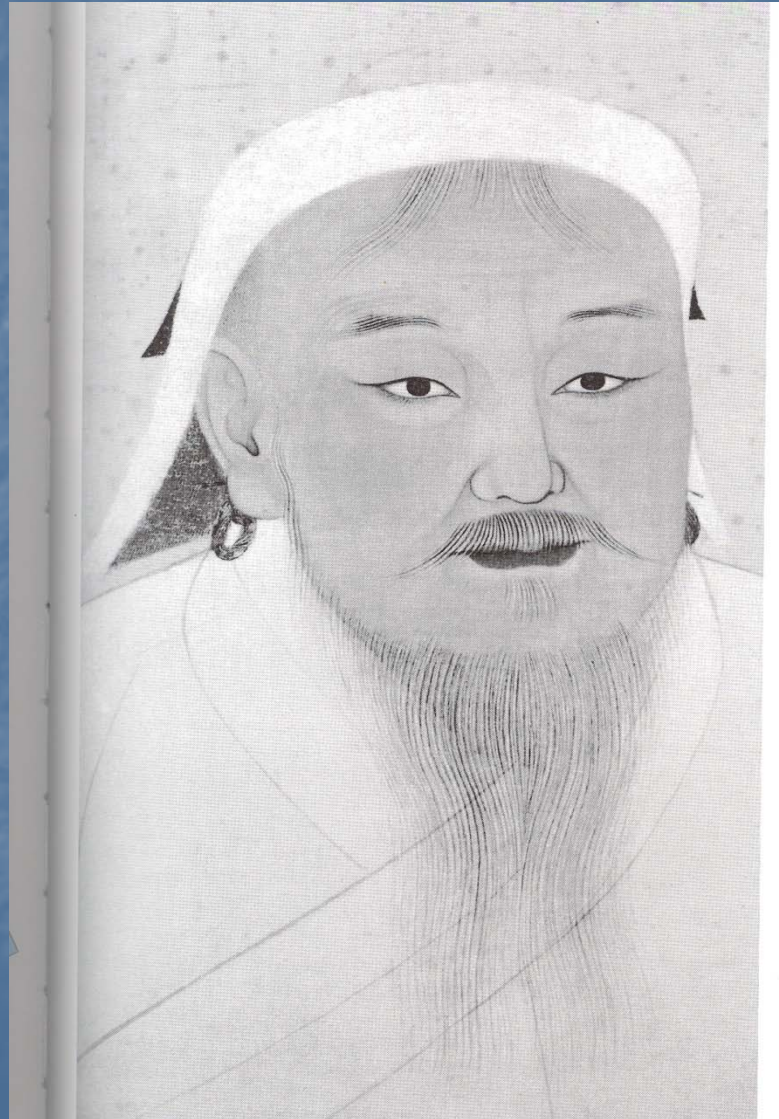
# Mongol Warrior, 19<sup>th</sup> Century



## C. Temüjin (Chinggis Khan) (1162–1227)

1. Börte — wife
2. Four sons: Jochi, Chagatay, Ögödei, and Tolui
3. Innovation in steppe political organization

# Chinggis Khan





# The Mongol Army

*The Mongol army*

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*"Aw c'mon, Genghis—we need one more to make up a horde!"*

## D. Expansion and Conquest

1. Inner Eurasia vs. Outer Eurasia
2. Allegiance of steppe clans
3. Trade routes
4. Khan (*qan* and *qagan*)

# Mongols at time of Chinggis Khan



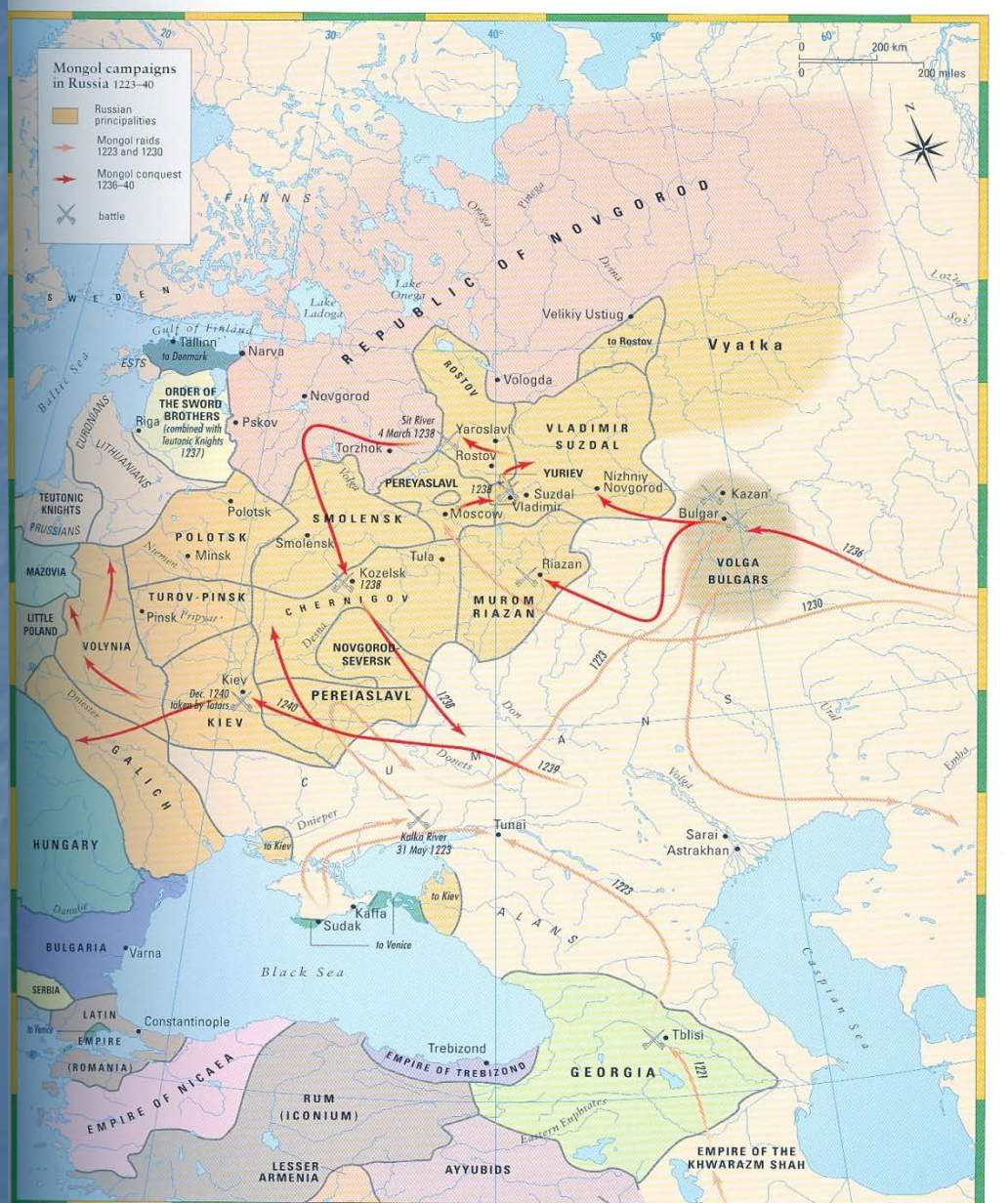
# Mongol Empire at the death of Chinggis Khan



# Mongol Empire at the time of Qubilai Khan



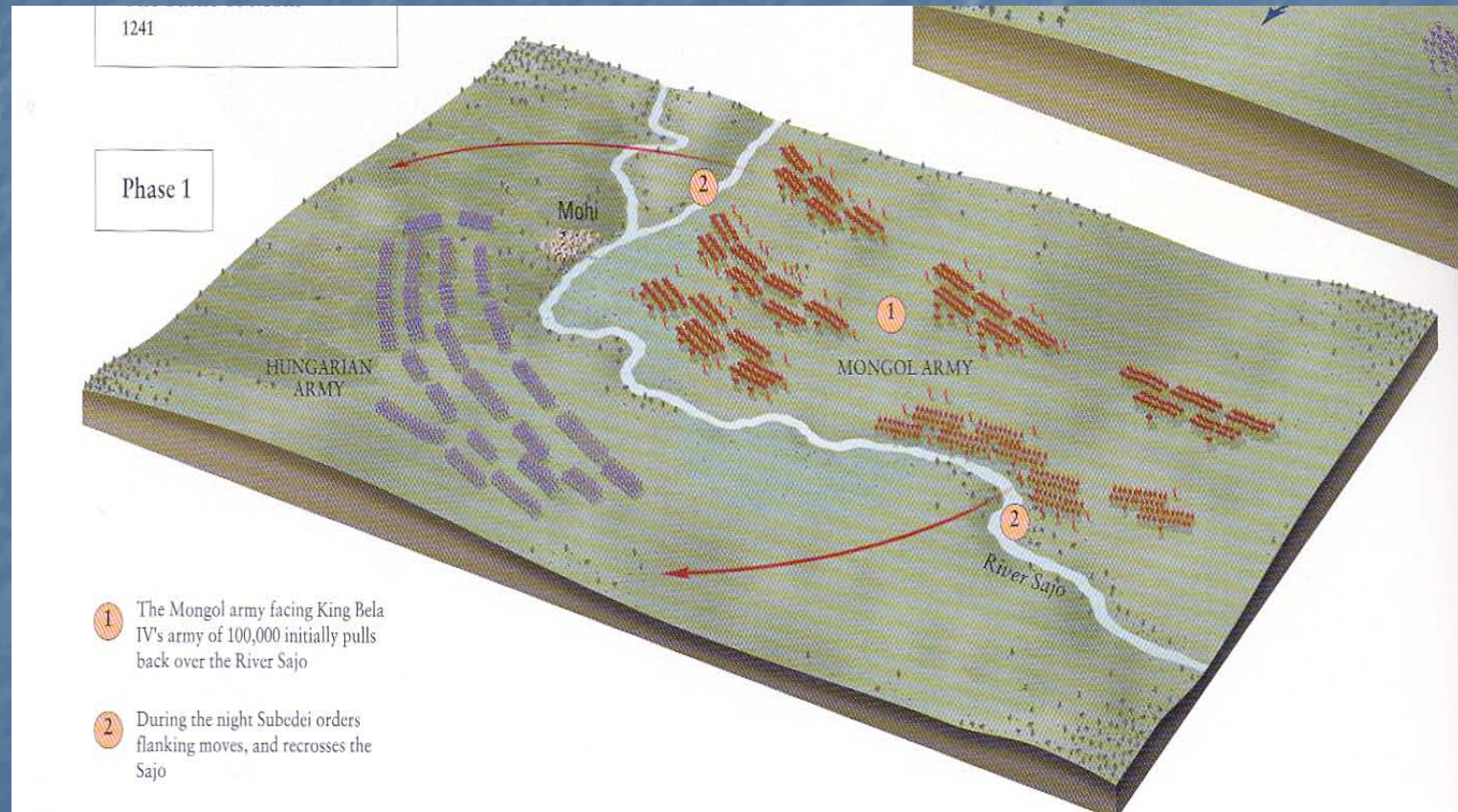
# Invasion of Rus' Principalities



# Invasion of Eastern Europe



# Battle of Mohi, 1<sup>st</sup> Stage





# Battle of Mohi, 2<sup>nd</sup> Stage

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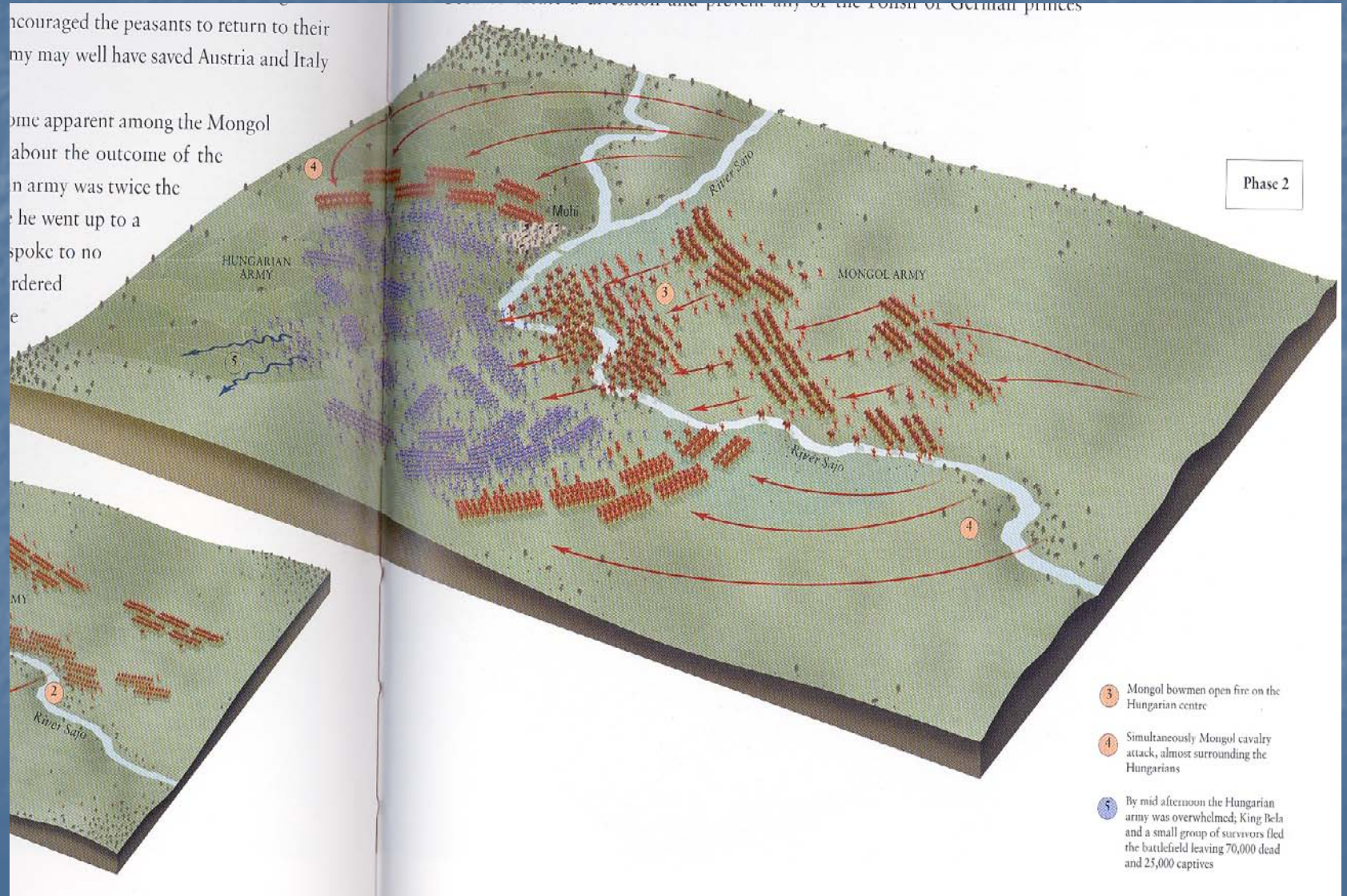
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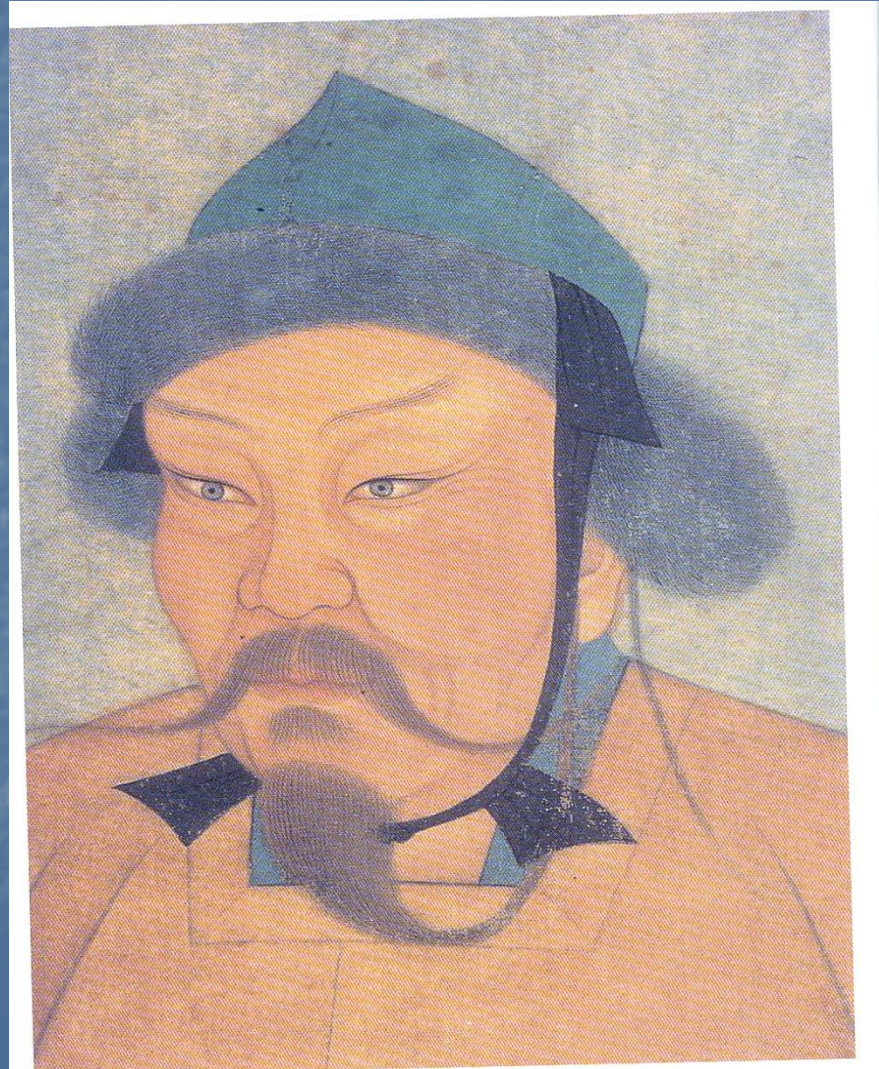
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Phase 2

- ③ Mongol bowmen open fire on the Hungarian centre
- ④ Simultaneously Mongol cavalry attack, almost surrounding the Hungarians
- ⑤ By mid afternoon the Hungarian army was overwhelmed; King Bela and a small group of survivors fled the battlefield leaving 70,000 dead and 25,000 captives

# Ogodei



## E. Administration

1. succession
2. Chinese system of dual administration
3. *lam* (system of posts) — use of *paiza*
4. Uighur = *lingua franca* of the Steppe
5. Qaraqoram — capital of Mongol Empire

# 1. succession

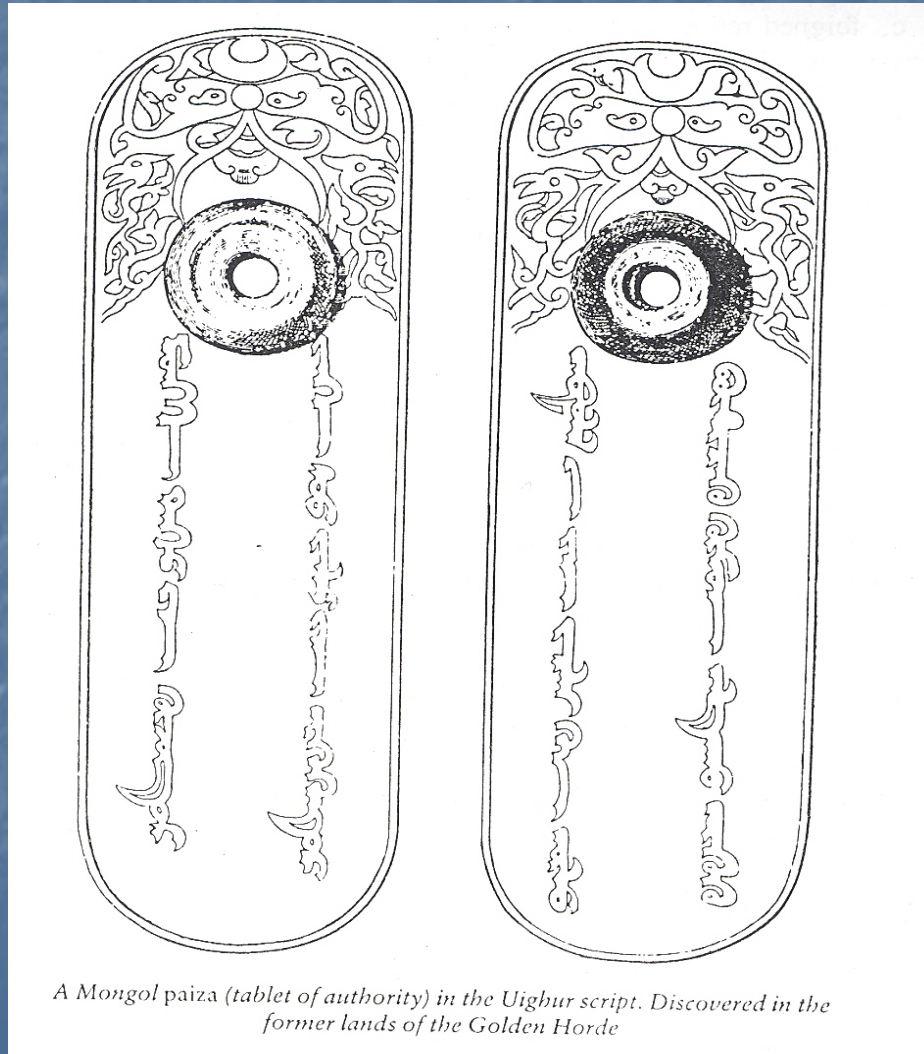
a. Tanistry

b. *Quriltai*

## 2. Chinese system of dual administration

- a. Yelü Chucai (Yeh-lü Ch'u-ts'ai) (Khitan captured in northern China)
- b. *Da-lu-hua-ch'ih* = *daruǰači* = civilian governor
- c. *Tanma* = *bāsqāq* = *tammači* = military governor

### 3. *lam* (system of posts) — use of *paiza*



A Mongol paiza (tablet of authority) in the Uighur script. Discovered in the former lands of the Golden Horde

## 4. Uighur = *lingua franca* of the Steppe

- a. Tata Tonga (T'a-t'a-t'ung-a) (keeper of seal of Tayang [Naimans])
- b. embryonic Mongol bureaus set up on Uighur model
- c. Mongol language written in Uighur characters (ca. 1204)

## 5. Qaraqoram — capital of Mongol Empire

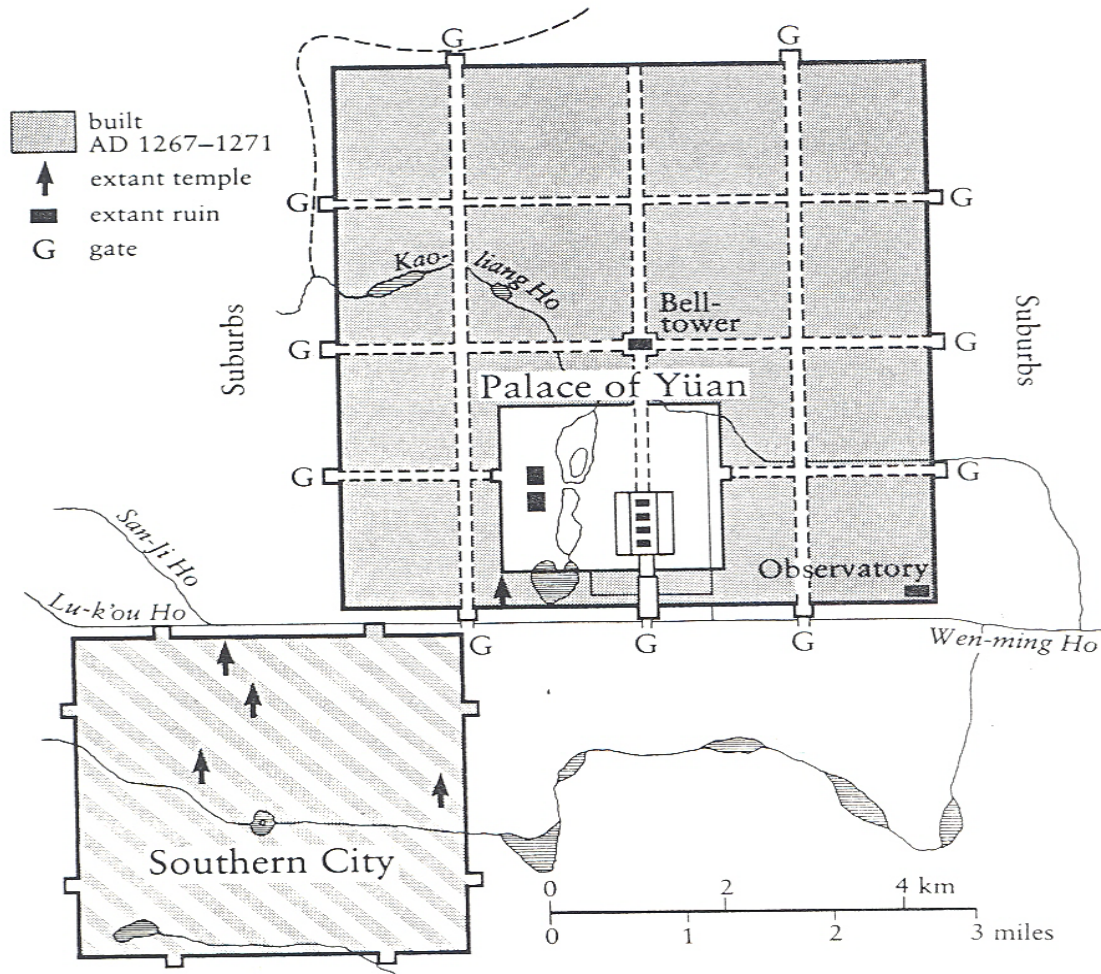




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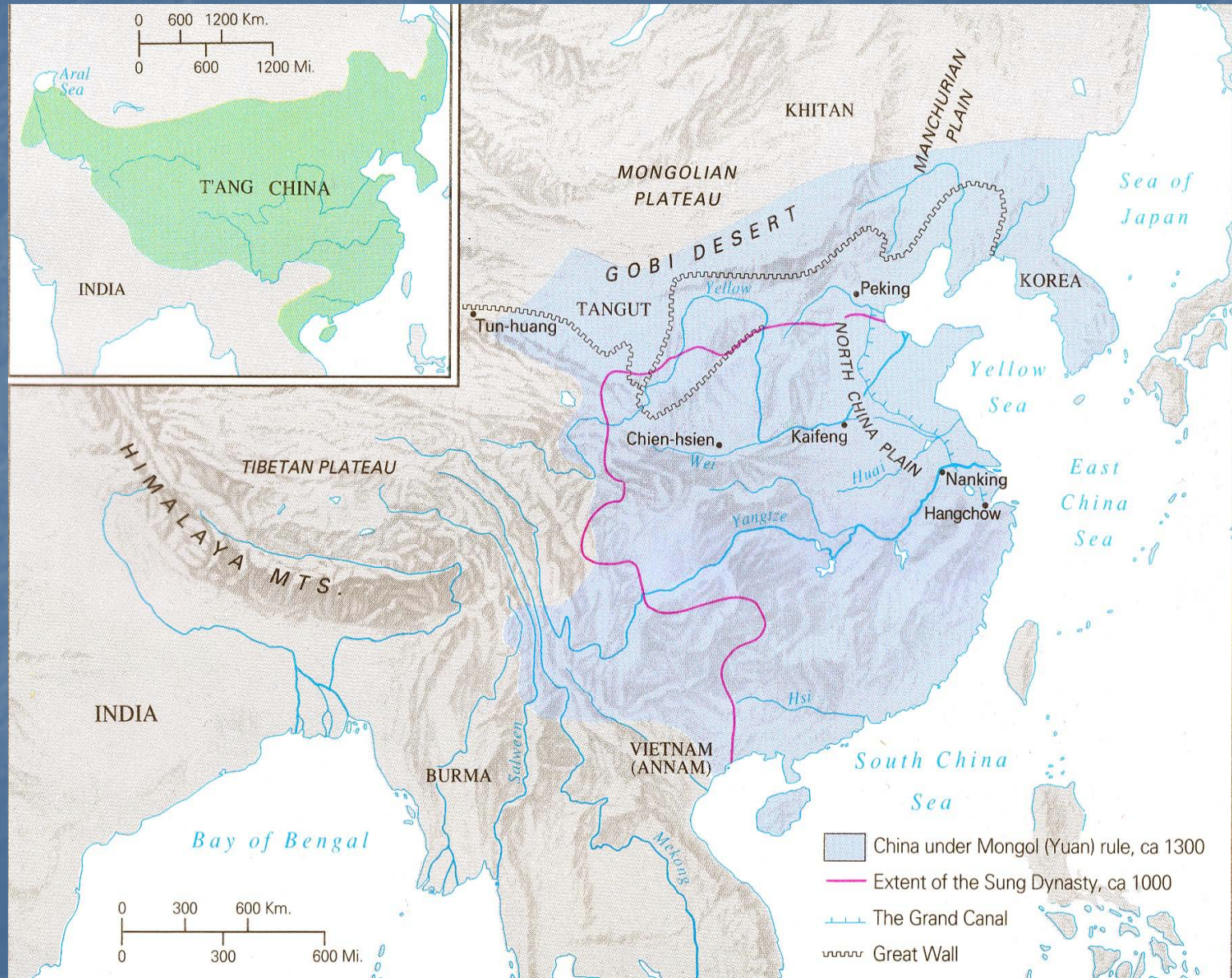
1. Chabi — wife and policy adviser
2. founded Yuan Dynasty (1279–1370)
3. Cities
  - a. Shangdu (Xanadu)
  - b. Dadu (Ta-tu; Khanbeliq; Beijing)
4. Policies
  - a. Production
  - b. Commerce
5. Marco Polo, *Il Milione*

# Dadu



Map 3 Ta-tu (Mongol Peking)

# Yuan China



## G. Mongol Influence

1. on Russia
2. on Central Asia
3. on Persia
4. on China

# 16<sup>th</sup> Century Muscovite Cavalrymen

