

US Caroline Islands

(1944-1981)

A large group of islands in the western Pacific Ocean. The Carolines were purchased by Germany from Spain in 1899. They were captured by Japan in 1914. In 1944, they were occupied by the United States and after 1947 were administered by the United States, under a mandate from the United Nations. The western portion of the Caroline Islands became the autonomous republic of Palau in 1981, and the rest of the group became the Federated States of Micronesia in 1986.

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