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1945-1952

POST WW2, TRUMAN ADMINISTRATION

THE COLD WAR BEGINS

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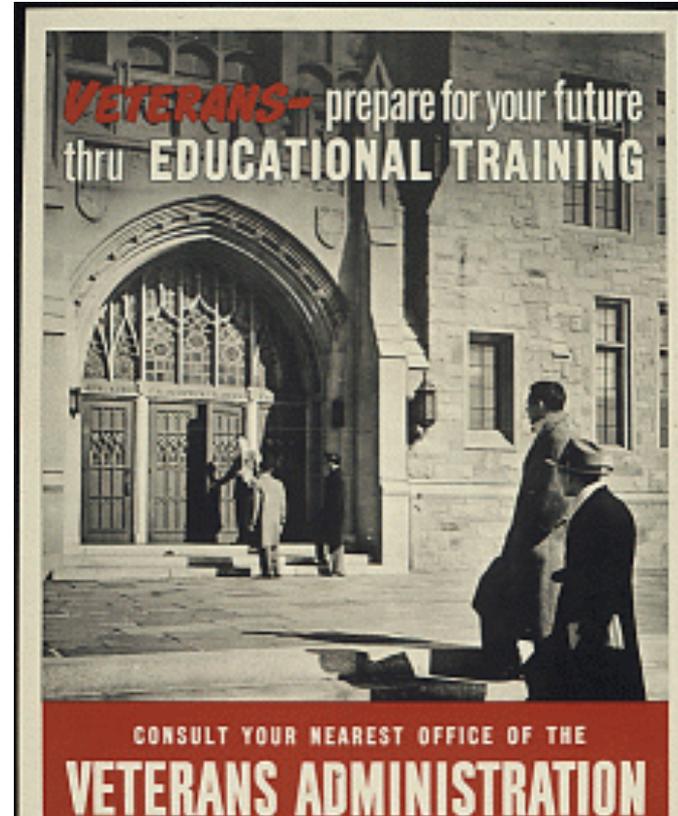
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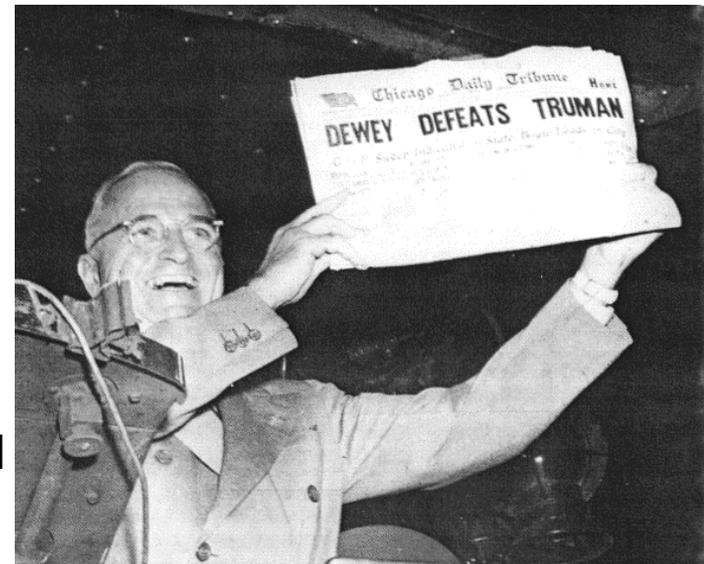
Postwar Economy

- **Fear that the economy would collapse after World War II**
 - Would the GI's returning home find jobs available?
 - Could the Great Depression return?
- **GI Bill of Rights (1944): helped veterans by providing tuition assistance for school & low interest govt. loans**
- **Tremendous economic boom occurs roughly from 1950 onward**
 - After WW2 the U.S. is by far the richest nation in the world
 - **Middle class** grows to over 50%
- **Defense spending** is a big reason for the economic prosperity
- Much of this growth will take place in the **Sunbelt**
- Move to suburbs, Levittown, and baby boom (next video!)



Truman Administration

- Truman had a tough time politically
- Truman was 1st President in the 20th century to use powers of the Presidency to **challenge racial discrimination**
 - Committee on Civil Rights (1946)
 - **Desegregated** the armed forces
- Republican controlled Congress passes the **Taft-Hartley Act** over Truman's veto
 - Made "**closed shops**" illegal
 - Republicans wanted to reduce growing power of unions
- Going into the **Election of 1948** the Democrats were divided
 - Liberal Democrats supported Henry Wallace
 - Southern Democrats support Strom Thurmond (**Dixiecrats**)
 - Most analysts pick Truman to lose
 - Truman wins the election of 1948



Truman's Fair Deal

- Truman's domestic reform program was known as the **“Fair Deal”**
 - Called on extending programs and progress of the New Deal
 - extend Social Security benefits
 - increase minimum wage
 - national health insurance
 - Etc.
- Conservatives in Congress blocked most of his Fair Deal proposals
 - Exception was increase in **minimum wage** (40 cents to 75 cents an hour)



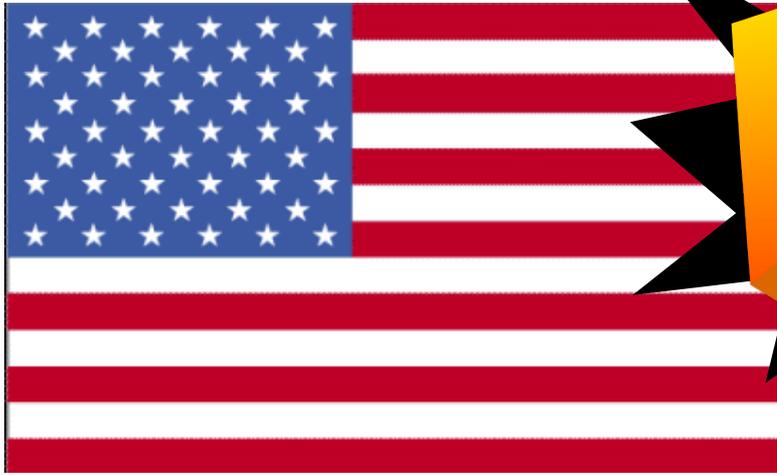
America in the Postwar World

- Unlike in the Post World War I period, the United States will **play a key role** in post World War II affairs
 - Following WW2 the U.S. is **NO longer isolationist**
- The U.S. joins the **United Nations (U.N.)** in 1945
 - Member of the permanent U.N. Security Council
- **International finance agreements** established at the **Bretton Woods Conference** in 1944 sought to establish a stable global economy
 - **IMF & World Bank** was intended to help rebuild war-torn world and help promote international trade
 - Soviets viewed it as a tool to promote capitalism and rejected membership

COLD WAR BEGINS

- **The Cold War will be an ideological, political, and military struggle between the U.S. and the Soviet Union (1945-1991)**

United States



Soviet Union

THE COLD WAR BEGINS



- **Even prior to 1945 tensions existed between the two sides**
 - **Ideological conflict between capitalism and communism**
 - **Wilson supported the “White Army” which sought to stop the Bolshevik Revolution (U.S. doesn’t recognize Soviet Union until 1933)**
 - **Stalin was a brutal dictator and signed a nonaggression pact with Hitler in 1939**

Tensions during WW2

- **Stalin angry over the delays opening the 2nd front (not until 1944)**
- **Soviets were not included in the development of the atomic bomb**
- **The U.S. and the Soviets had very different visions for Eastern Europe**

Yalta Conference & Post War Europe

- The Big Three met in **Yalta** in early 1945
- 1. Discuss the post war plan
 - FDR and Churchill think Stalin agrees to allow **representative government**
- 2. FDR wanted to get Stalin to agree to help out in the war against Japan
 - Fear that the allies would have to invade Japan to defeat them (no atomic bomb yet)
- Stalin wants a **buffer zone** in Eastern Europe
 - Soviets suffered nearly half of deaths in World War II
- Stalin refused to remove the “red army” from **Eastern Europe** and rigged elections brought pro-Soviet govts into power
- **Pro-Soviet puppet governments** in the name of preserving Soviet security



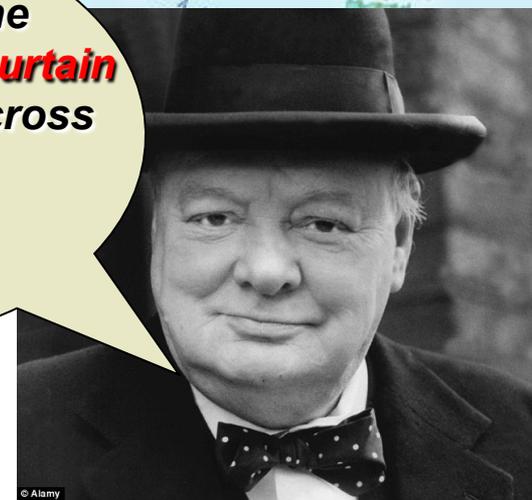
THE FATE OF EUROPE: CONTAINMENT

Soviets

- March 1946 former PM Winston Churchill gives the “**Iron Curtain**” speech in Fulton, Missouri
 - Wanted western democratic nations to stop Soviet expansion together
- **George Kennan** develops the containment policy in “**Long Telegram**” Feb. 1946
 - The U.S. should work to **stop Soviet expansion**
 - Containment would guide U.S. policy throughout the Cold War

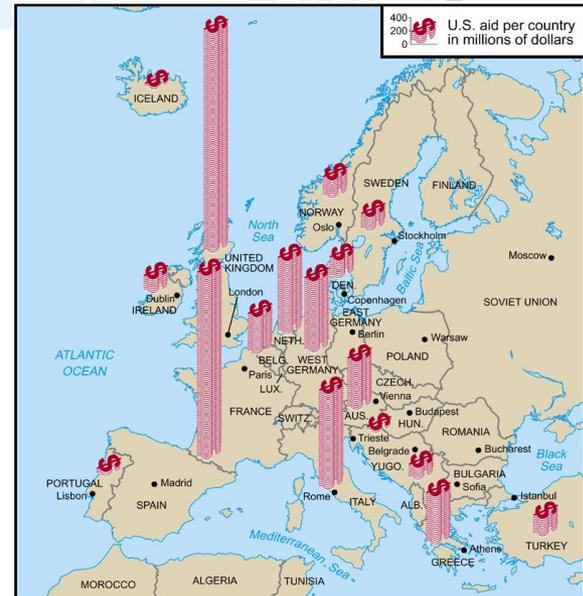


*“... to Trieste in the Adriatic, an **iron curtain** has descended across the Continent” - Churchill, 1946*



CONTAINMENT IN ACTION

- Both **Greece** and **Turkey** were under communist pressure
- **Truman Doctrine** (March 1947): U.S. would provide military and economic aid to help prevent Greece and Turkey from falling to the communist
 - Truman does NOT send troops
- As a result of the **economic hardships** facing Europe in 1946-47, fear that communist may be **voted into power** in western Europe (France & Italy)
- **“European Recovery Program”** by Sec. of State George Marshall (**Marshall Plan**) would provide billions of dollars of aid to Europe
 - Stop communism from spreading by providing economic aid
 - Western Europe rapidly rebuilds and communism does not spread
 - Soviets reject aid



CRISIS IN GERMANY

- Following World War II **Germany was divided** & controlled by U.S., England, France, & the S.U.
- Stalin wanted a weakened Germany & want them to pay reparations- Starts to form **German Democratic state**
- In June 1948 Stalin decides to **blockade Berlin**
- Truman does not want to back down and look weak (Remember the failures of appeasement)
- **Berlin Airlift** provides the city of Berlin with supplies for nearly a year (Ends May 1949)
- **Germany divided: 1) Federal Republic of Germany (west) 2) German Democratic Republic (east)**



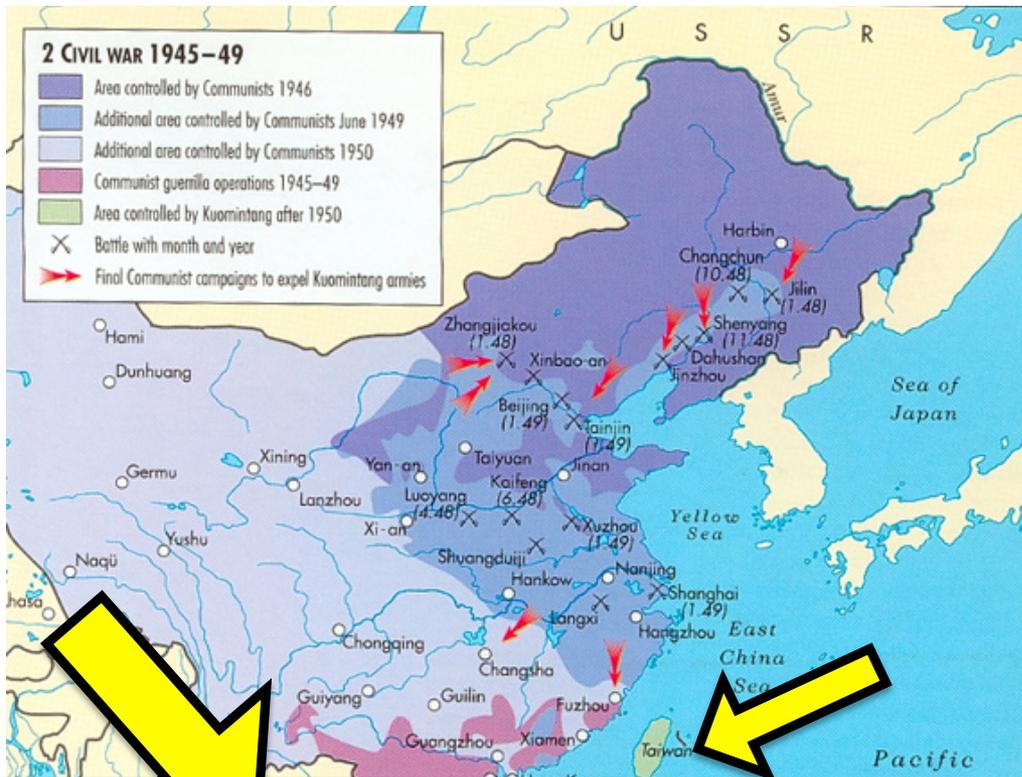
Military Buildup



U.S. joins 1st peaceful defensive military alliance in 1949: **N.A.T.O. (North Atlantic Treaty Organization)**

- **National Security Act (1947)** established 1) Dept. of Defense 2) National Security Council (NSC) 3) Central Intelligence Agency (CIA)
- **Arms race** between the U.S. and Soviet Union occurs
- 1949 Soviets test their 1st atomic bomb
- 1950 **NSC-68** called for a massive military buildup
 - Implemented with Korean War
- 1952 U.S. test **1st hydrogen bomb**

Cold War in Asia: China



- **Chinese Civil War** between **Nationalist** under **Chiang Kai-shek** vs. **Chinese Communists** led by **Mao Zedong**
- **The U.S. provided lots of aid to nationalist forces**
- **Two Chinas:**
 - **1949 Mao declares China to be a communist country (People's Republic of China)**
 - **Nationalist flee to Taiwan (Formosa)**
- **Republicans blame Truman for the “loss of China” to communism**
- **Contributes to growing domestic fear**
 - **1949 Soviets also got the bomb**



China is communist!

The 2nd Red Scare

- **Widespread fear of communist influence and infiltration in American life**



- **Smith Act (1940)** made it illegal to belong to an organization that advocated the overthrow of the govt. by force
- **Federal Employee Loyalty Program (1947)** investigated background of federal employees
- **House of Un-American Activities Committee (HUAC)** restarted after WW2 to search for communist influence in American life

Spies Among Us

- **Alger Hiss case: State Department member accused of being a communist by Whittaker Chambers in 1948**
- **During the HUAC investigation Congressmen Richard Nixon makes a name for himself**
- **Hiss convicted of perjury and sent to jail**
- **Are there other Communists within the government?**
- **Julius & Ethel Rosenberg convicted of espionage in 1951 and executed in 1953**
- **Joseph McCarthy**



Supreme Court and Eisenhower Reject Couple's Last Pleas

OSWEGO, N.Y., June 19—Alger Hiss and Ethel Rosenberg died in Sing Sing Prison's electric chair shortly before midnight today. The execution followed quickly after the Supreme Court set aside a stay of execution granted Wednesday by Justice William O. Douglas and President Eisenhower's refusal to grant them clemency.

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Justice Robert H. Jackson said the husband and wife were guilty of espionage and were sentenced to death in 1951. The Supreme Court today set aside the conviction and sentence of the couple, but the Justice Department said it would not ask for a new trial. The Rosenberg case has been the most widely publicized in the history of the United States.

Speed The Execution

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WEST BERLIN'S RED OFFICES WRECKED

Anti-Communist Mob Storms Party Buildings; Secretly Rats Reinforcements in East Sector

20 Injured as Fireworks Blast Levels Factory

Levels Factory

TRUCE DELEGATES FACE CRUCIAL TALK

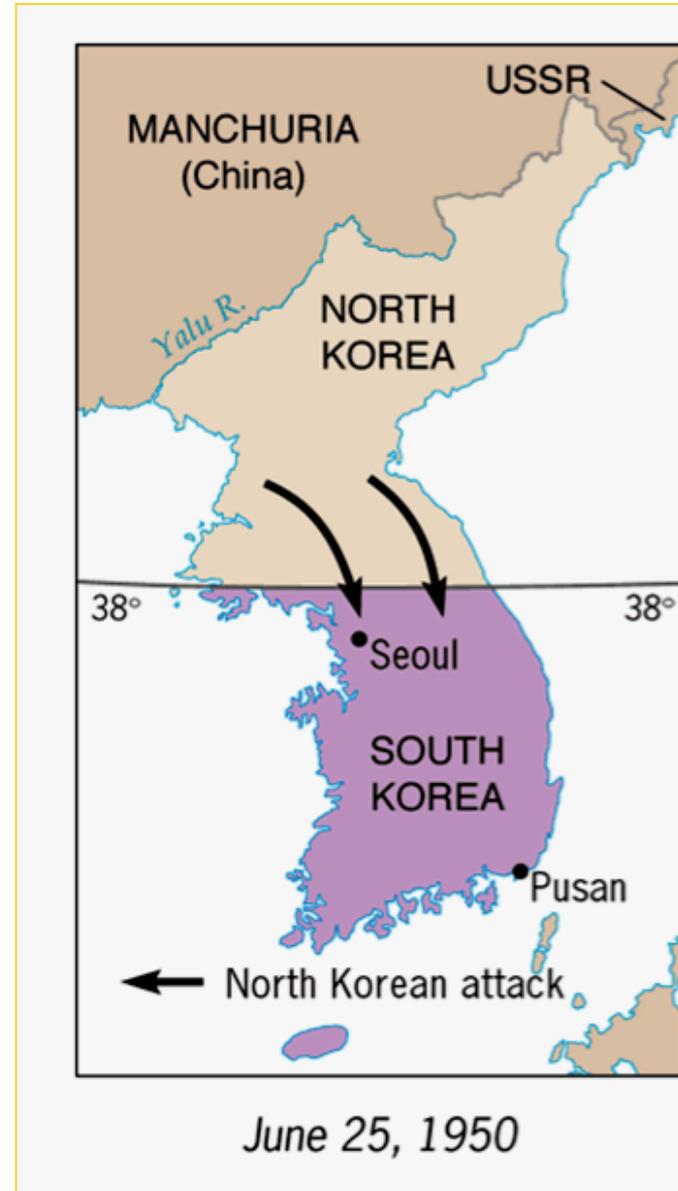
Rats Demand Session on Communist Tactics; Charge Communism in U.S. in POW Escape

Clouds Clamp Cool Damper as Summer Nears

Summer Nears

KOREAN WAR

- Following WW2 Korea was **divided at the 38th parallel**
 - North of 38th: Soviets occupied
 - South of 38th: U.S. occupied
- By 1949 both countries withdrew their troops
- June 1950 **North Korea invades South Korea**
- In order to **contain** the spread of communism the U.S. (under the **U.N.**) comes to the defense of South Korea
- The war goes back and forth
- MacArthur called for expanding the war and criticized the “**limited war**” strategy
 - Truman fires the popular general
- Armistice eventually reached in 1953: Korea remained **divided at 38th parallel**
- Outcome: Containment worked!
 - Critics charged “**soft on communism**”
 - U.S. increases defense spending



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