

Chapter 31: The Cold War (1945-1975)

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I. Balance of Power after WW II

- A. Prior to the conclusion of WWII feelings of animosity & distrust between the _____ and the _____ had begun to develop
1. The Soviet Premier, _____ feared the capitalist West
 2. Western leaders had a fear of communism
 3. After the surrender of Germany, the USSR was not willing to part with its territorial acquisitions and control of _____
 4. The U.S. not willing to allow its new role as the world's superpower to be Diminished
- B. Eastern Europe became the first area of dispute between the world powers
1. Suspicious of each side's motives, the US and USSR soon became _____
 2. The U.S. & _____ felt as though the newly liberated countries of Eastern Europe should be allowed the right of _____ (determine their own governments)
 3. Stalin feared that the Eastern Europe would become _____
 - a) The Soviet military occupied the nations that it had previously liberated
 - b) Pro-Soviet governments were established in _____
- C. 1946 > a civil war in _____ becomes a second area of dispute
1. The _____ and the anticommunist forces supported by Great Britain fought for control of Greece
 2. The economic woes of G.B. forced the U.S. ally to withdrawal from the conflict

II. The Truman Doctrine and the Marshall Plan (a.k.a. "_____")

- A. 1946 > U.S. President Harry Truman, under the advice of his undersecretary of state, Dean Acheson promised economic support to nations in the Mediterranean region (_____) to resist Soviet expansionism
- B. June 1947 > _____ (The European Economic Recovery Plan) proposed by General George Marshall, the U.S. Secretary of State
1. _____ \$\$ by the U.S. to boost the economies of countries of Europe
 2. Marshall's belief - communism was the greatest threat to those nations whose economies were weakened
 3. The Soviet Satellite nations _____ to participate in the Marshall Plan
- C. George Kennan, a U.S. diplomat introduces "Containment" as American policy to prevent the spread of communism
- a) _____

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III. 1948 - The Division of Germany and the Berlin Airlift

- A. Germany had been divided into _____ zones by the _____, & _____
1. Berlin, located deep inside of the Soviet zone, was divided into the same four zones
 2. The Soviets established a _____ of West Berlin
 - a) Railroads, roads, & barges were blocked by Soviet forces
 - b) food & supplies were not allowed to reach the 2.5 million people of W. Berlin
 - c) The Soviets hoped to _____ the West from uniting its _____ of occupation
 3. U.S. & Great Britain responded w/the _____
 - a) Food & supplies were flown in non-stop for over 10 months (200,000 + flights)
 4. Soviets relent & remove the blockade

IV. The Spread of the Cold War

- A. New military alliances
1. 1949 - The U.S. creates the military alliance of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (_____) to put its allies under the nuclear umbrella of the U.S in the event of a Soviet invasion
 2. 1955 > Soviets respond w/their own military alliance, _____
 3. 1950 > the Korean War
 - a) Chinese Communist allied w/N.K. to attack American backed South Korea
 - b) American fears of Soviet intentions to dominate the world is heightened
 - 4.. Divided World
 - a) 1st World Countries = _____
 - b) 2nd World Countries = _____
 - c) 3rd World Countries = _____

V. The Arms Race Begins

- A. Both the U.S. & the Soviets developed atomic, hydrogen, and intercontinental ballistic missiles (_____) through the late 1940's & into the 50's in an effort of deterrence
1. Mutual annihilation would result if one initiated an attack
 2. 1957 > the Soviets launch _____, the first space satellite to orbit the earth
 - a) Americans are crippled by the fear that they are losing the arms race

VI. A Wall in Berlin

- A. 1961> Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev is angered and embarrassed by the droves of civilians fleeing East Berlin for West Berlin
1. Soviets construct a 15' tall wall (_____) to prevent the passage of those fleeing to the West
The _____ divides East & West Berlin and serves as a symbol of the animosity between the two superpowers