

17.4 - The Cold War Divides The World 5/21/14

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- **Third World:** often newly independent & developing nations
 - Africa, Latin America, Asia
 - Traded assistance from the USSR or US in return for their support in the Cold War
- **Nonaligned nations:** the independent countries that remained neutral in the Cold War competition between the U.S. & Soviet Union
 - India, Indonesia



How was the Cold War fought

1. Foreign Aid: \$\$
2. Espionage: Spies
3. Multinational Alliances: NATO v. Warsaw Pact
4. Propaganda: Radio
5. Brinkmanship: Threats
6. Surrogate Wars: Korea, Vietnam etc.

The Cuban Revolution

- **Important People**
 - Batista: American supported, but unpopular Cuban dictator
 - Castro: leader of the communist revolution-overthrew Batista

The Cuban Revolution Events

- 1959: Castro overthrows Batista
- Castro nationalizes Cuba (it becomes Communist)
- Eisenhower places trade embargo on Cuba
- Castro turns to the Soviets for aid
- CIA begins to train anti-Castro exiles to overthrow Castro

Bay of Pigs Invasion

- Exiles invade at the Bay of Pigs
- Castro's forces easily defeat the invaders



The Cuban Missile Crisis

- **Important People**
 - Khrushchev: Soviet leader



- Kennedy: American President



The Cuban Missile Crisis

- Events
 - Khrushchev secretly places 42 missiles in Cuba
 - American spies discover the missile site
 - Kennedy demands the removal of the missiles and initiates a naval blockade of Cuba
 - This was the closest the world came to nuclear war
 - Khrushchev agrees to remove the missiles if the America promises not to invade Cuba

Civil War in Nicaragua

- Important People
 - Somoza: U.S. supported Nicaraguan dictator
 - Ortega: leader of communist Sandanistas in Nicaragua
- Events
 - Communists overthrow Somoza and are supported by the Soviets
 - U.S. supports anti-communist rebels called the Contras
 - Civil War in Nicaragua lasted until the 1990s

Confrontation in Iran

- Important People
 - Shah Pahlavi: Iranian leader who embraced Western values & oil companies
 - Prime Minister Mossadeq: leader of nationalists who forced the shah to flee
 - Ayatollah Khomeini: Religious leader who encouraged Muslims to overthrow Iran's secular government



Confrontation in Iran cont' d

- Events
 - Iranian nationalists resented the Shah's foreign alliances
 - Prime Minister Mossadeq led a revolution that forced the shah to flee
 - The U.S. helps restore the shah to power
 - The shah westernizes Iran and tries to weaken the influence of Iran's Muslim leaders (ayatollahs)
 - Ayatollah Khomeini inspires Iranian Muslims to revolt against the shah until he flees again
 - Khomeini establishes a Muslim state in Iran and establishes many anti-US policies
 - Khomeini encourages other Muslim countries to overthrow their secular governments

The Superpowers Face off in Afghanistan

- Important People
 - Jimmy Carter: American President
 - Mikhail Gorbachev: Soviet leader
- Events
 - In the 1950s Soviet influence begins to increase
 - An attempted Muslim revolt led to a Soviet invasion in 1979
 - The Soviets found themselves "stuck" in Afghanistan
 - Forced to fight the mujahideen (holy warriors) who were supplied by the United States
 - Carter organizes a boycott of the 1980 Olympics in Moscow
 - Gorbachev withdraws Soviet troops in 1989

Notebook

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 - Page 549 Copy Major Strategies of the Cold War
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 - Summarize Confrontations in the Middle East, (pages 552-553) include both Iran and Afghanistan

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The Cold War Thaws

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The Cold War begins to thaw as the superpowers enter an era of uneasy diplomacy.

The major events of the Cold War from the 1950s – 1980s.

Soviet Policy in Eastern Europe and China

Destalinization and Rumbblings of Protest

- **Nikita Khrushchev**—leader of Soviet Union after Stalin dies (1953)
- Khrushchev condemns Stalin; Soviets, West can peacefully compete
- Citizens of Soviet-controlled governments begin protesting communism
- (1956) Khrushchev sends Soviet military to put down Hungarian protesters



Nikita Khrushchev

The Revolt in Czechoslovakia

- **Leonid Brezhnev**—Soviet leader after Khrushchev—represses dissent
- In Czechoslovakia, the Communist leader, Dubcek, loosens restrictions on speech & press = Prague Spring
- In 1968, Warsaw Pact troops block reforms in Czechoslovakia: sends in tanks to stop them



continued Soviet Policy in Eastern Europe and China

The Soviet-Chinese Split

- In 1950, Mao and Stalin sign friendship treaty, but tensions grow
- Chinese and Soviets each want to lead world communism
- Khrushchev ends economic aid and refuses to share nuclear secrets
- Soviets and Chinese fight small skirmishes across the border

Today, the Russia & China have good relations



From Brinkmanship to Détente

Brinkmanship Breaks Down

- Brinkmanship causes repeated crises; nuclear war a constant threat
 - **John F. Kennedy**—U.S. president during the Cuban Missile crisis
 - **Lyndon Johnson**—president who increases U.S. involvement in Vietnam
- Kept relations tense w/ the Soviet Union



The United States Turns to Détente

- Vietnam-era turmoil fuels desire for less confrontational policy

Détente—policy of reducing Cold War tensions to avoid conflict

Richard M. Nixon—U.S. president who launches détente

- Détente grows out of philosophy known as *realpolitik* "realistic politics"—recognizes need to be practical, flexible

Nixon Visits Communist Powers

- Nixon visits Communist China and Soviet Union, signs SALT I Treaty
- **SALT**—Strategic Arms Limitation Talks—limit nuclear weapons



The Collapse of Détente

Policy Changes

- Nixon and Gerald Ford improve relations with Soviets and China
- Jimmy Carter has concerns about Soviet policies but signs SALT II
- Congress will not ratify SALT II due to Soviet invasion of Afghanistan

Reagan Takes an Anti-Communist Stance

Ronald Reagan—anti-Communist
U.S. president takes office in 1981

- Increases military spending, proposes a missile defense program called "STAR WARS"
- In 1985, new Soviet leadership allows easing of Cold War tensions

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