

AFTER WORLD WAR II, THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE ONLY TWO REMAINING SUPERPOWERS DETERIORATED RAPIDLY.

ASSESS THE VALIDITY OF THIS STATEMENT

The Cold War – Originated after WWII, a struggle between Western Nations led by U.S. and the Eastern European nations led by the Soviet Union.
 At the conclusion of the European phase of the war, Soviet forces refused to relinquish territory seized in the drive to Berlin.
 British Prime Minister Winston Churchill claimed that an “Iron Curtain” had descended upon Europe. And so the Cold War began;

Americans were alarmed by:

1. Soviet expressed aims of Communizing the world.
2. Expansion of Soviet Power into Central Europe and beyond.

* School children and general populations of both countries told the other is “evil” H. Zinn

Soviet people were alarmed by:

1. Overwhelming U.S. military power.(nuke)
2. A Marxist assumption that American capitalism had to expand to survive.

The Weapons of the Cold War:

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| 1. Propaganda: | newspapers, television, radio, movies |
| 2. Diplomacy | Military alliances ie. NATO, SEATO, CENTO, WARSAW PACT |
| 3. Scientific Competition: | Nuclear Arms Race, The Space Race (national paranoia) |
| 4. Economic Competition: | Garnering competitive “spheres of influence” |
| | <u>America</u> <u>Soviet Union</u> |
| | So. Korea,,Iran Egypt, Cuba |
| | So. Vietnam N. Korea, N.Vietnam |
| | Japan, Thailand Central America |
| | Turkey, Greece |
| 5. Espionage: | CIA vs KGB Intelligence ships/satellites/agents |
| 6. Subversion: | Encouraging dissent, disruption within each others spheres of influence. |
| 7. Containment: | Policies by the U.S. and Soviet Union.
to counter each others moves. (military buildup)
Cuban Missile Crisis (Kennedy/Khrushchev) |

Key Terms:

Iron Curtain: Term coined by Winston Churchill to describe conditions in Eastern Europe after WWII. Deliberate isolation of these areas from the West.

Containment:	Term coined by George Kennan, White House Security Advisor a policy to keep Communism in check/from gaining influence upon other areas "vital" to U.S. interests. (Truman)
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organization, military alliance between U.S. and Western European Countries. FDR/Churchill
Warsaw Pact	Soviet Union's counter to NATO, Eastern European military alliance under the command of a Soviet general.
Truman Doctrine	Truman's policy of support for free people of Europe who want to resist Communist aggression. ie. Greece and Turkey. Millions \$ in aid sent to stabilize these countries after WWII
Marshall Plan	Sec. of State George Marshall's offer of economic aid to all European countries including the Soviet Union following WWII. This plan was condemned by the Soviet Union as a sinister plot by western capitalists to gain control of Europe.
Domino Theory	Theory or idea alluded to by President Eisenhower that the trail of communist takeovers will fall back to our borders. example: If Vietnam falls, next comes Laos, then Thailand, Indonesia, Phillipines, Japan then U.S.
Joseph McCarthy	Senator from Wisconsin in 1950's, notorious "red hunter" who brought hysteria to America by claiming Communist infiltration into key gov't institutions like the State Dept. *Future Pres. Richard Nixon rose to prominence as a key "red hunter".
Berlin Airlift	1948, eastern bloc nations built wall to seal off Berlin from from the rest of Europe. The U.S. and Britain began a 24 hr a day airlift into West Berlin to keep that city from capitulating to the Eastern Bloc. The Soviets failed and reopened the rail lines.

Effect of the Cold War on the United States:

Repercussions of the use of the A-Bomb upon Japan at the end of WWII

National Paranoia- bomb shelters, movies (nuclear effects gone wrong)

Disillusioned Youth 50's and 60's (post WWI youth hedonism)

Partnership between Military and Corporate America /deficit spending continues.

Howard Zinn- Manipulation by Corporate America to use the Cold War to keep the relationship between American Industry and the Military Complex in an economic marriage.