

Red Scare and Cold War Policies

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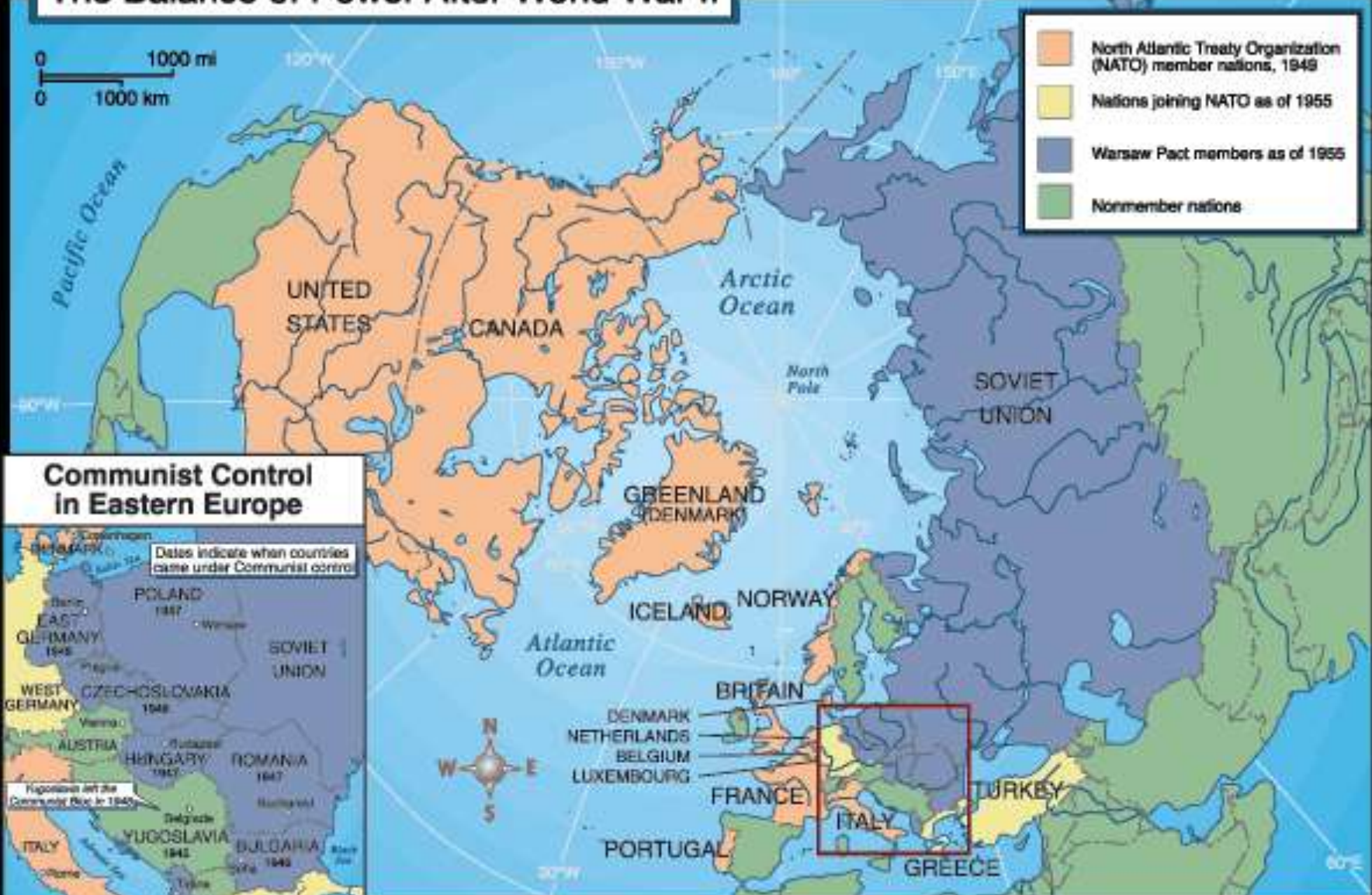
Today's Essential Question:

What post World War Two international trend motivated American leaders to develop a policy of containment?

The Balance of Power After World War II

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- North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) member nations, 1949
- Nations joining NATO as of 1955
- Warsaw Pact members as of 1955
- Nonmember nations



Communist Control in Eastern Europe



How it Started: A Divided Germany

- When WWII ended Germany was divided among the allied powers. (US, Britain, Soviet Union)
- US and Britain gave France a portion of their area as well
- The capital of Germany, Berlin, was also divided
- These divisions were supposed to be **TEMPORARY!**



Germany's Reunification

- By 1948 Joseph Stalin (leader of Soviet Union) openly refuses to unite Germany
- Britain, US, and France combine their areas = Federal Republic of Germany (West Germany)
- Soviet Union formed the German Democratic Republic (East Germany) under communist rule

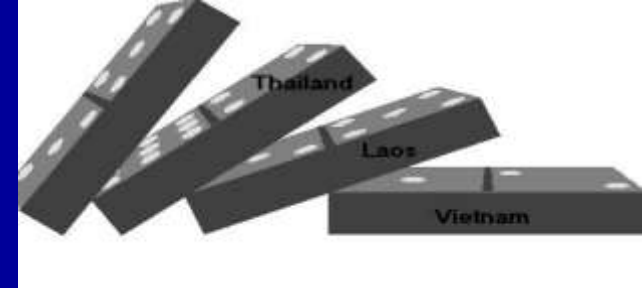


The Iron Curtain

- The Soviet Union wanted to take over lands conquered after WWII.
- Soviet Leader Joseph Stalin takes Eastern European Countries and makes them Communist nations.
- “Iron Curtain” term for the invisible line dividing Eastern and Western Europe.



Cold War Policies



President Eisenhower's "**Domino Theory**"

- Idea that if one country fell to communism, then the other countries in that region would be more vulnerable to communism
- communism will spread like a row dominos- once one falls, they all fall
- Used this idea to justify the continued support the U.S. gave to non-communist countries

Containment Policy

- **Containment** was the U.S. policy towards the Soviet Union and communism used to block, or contain, communist expansion into other countries.



Truman Doctrine

- Proposed President Harry Truman in 1947
- **The Truman Doctrine** provided aid to any country battling Communist parties and revolts
- US supported governments in Turkey and Greece against communist threats



Cold War Policies in Europe

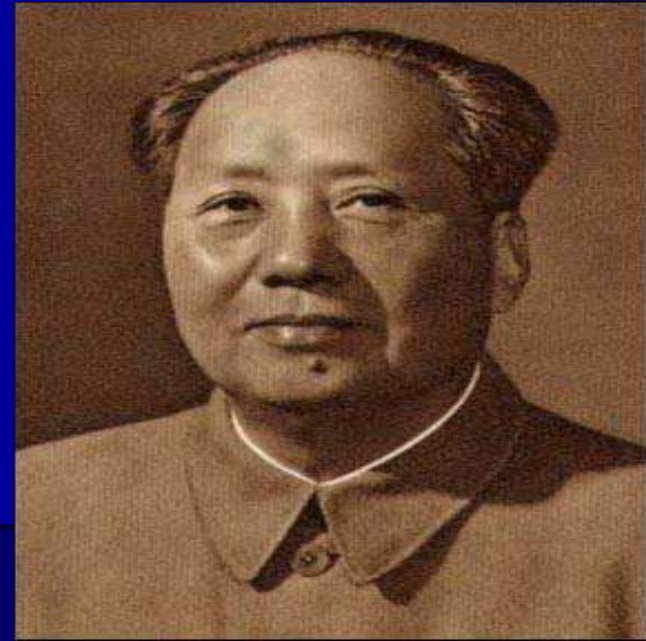
- After WW II Europe was devastated physically and economically
- **Marshall Plan**: US's plan to rebuild Europe and support democratic ideas
- US gave billions of dollars in aid to European countries
- The Soviet Union rejected the plan



Why would the Soviet Union not accept the Marshall Plan?

Communism Spreads: China

- Following WW II, China was involved in a civil war between the U.S. backed Nationalist government and **Mao Tse-tung** Communist forces
- Despite help from the U.S. the Nationalist government lost and retreated to the island of Taiwan
- The Communist People's Republic of China was formed in 1949
- 1950: USSR and China became allies



Second Red Scare

- The rise of Communism in the Soviet Union and China, and the war in Korea gave rise to the **Second Red Scare**
- Many Americans felt as though the U.S. was losing the Cold War
- **House Un-American Activities Committee**: Organization created by President Truman to investigate and get rid of communists in the government.

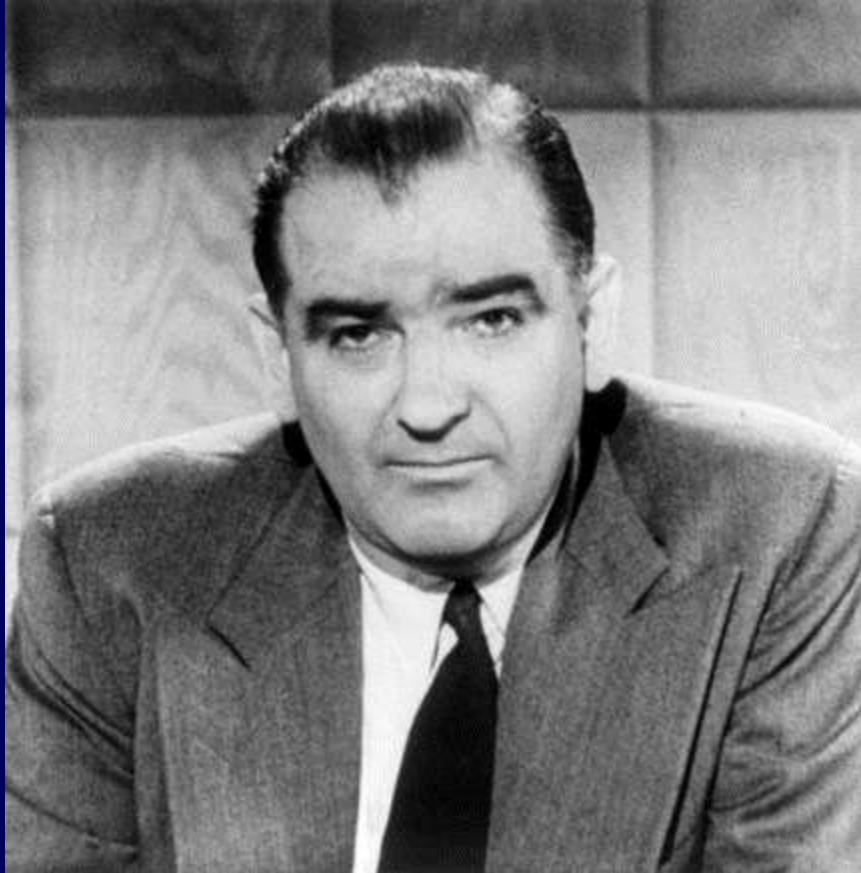


- <http://www.history.com/topics/red-scare/videos#reagan-testifies-at-un-american-activities-hearing>

McCarthyism

- In 1950 Senator McCarthy claimed to have a list of 205 men working for the U.S. government who were members of the Communist Party.
- Hollywood celebrities and immigrants were targeted





- In 1952 McCarthy began holding hearings about Communism, accusing many in the government of being spies, or Communists
- His “witch-hunt” for communists became know as McCarthyism.
- Those who openly challenged McCarthy would be accused of being a communist sympathizer

- McCarthy's downfall began in 1954 when, in televised hearings, he accused the U.S. Army of containing communists
- As millions of Americans watched on TV, he openly harassed witnesses
- Congress censured McCarthy, ending his political power



Closing: Exit Ticket

1. What caused tension between the US and the Soviet Union after WWII?
2. Explain the "domino theory"?
3. What was Senator McCarthy's role in the Second Red Scare?