

Chapter 26-27

Cold War Era & Globalism

Conferences at the end of WW II

Yalta Conference - February 1945

- Franklin D. Roosevelt, Winston Churchill, Joseph Stalin
- Gave all Eastern Europe to Stalin

Postdam Conference - July 1945

- Harry S. Truman, Prime Minister Clement Attlee, Joseph Stalin
- Truman suspicious of Stalin
- Divided Germany into "West Germany" (free) and "East Germany" (Communist)
- Berlin in East - split in two
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The United Nations

First meeting January 10, 1946

Each country entitled to one vote regardless of size and population

UN has consistently failed to oppose the threat of communism

- Founded on collectivist philosophy that opposes individual freedoms of free nations
- Lays foundation for one-world government



The Cold War Begins

Not a military conflict, but an ideological and economic war of words and policy, not weapons

- USA versus USSR
- Two great superpowers at odds with each other and both sides have nuclear capability
- Whole world is split between USA & USSR
- Communism versus free world Capitalism

Truman Doctrine

- The USA will help any country threatened by Communist overthrow

Marshall Plan - European Recovery Plan to provide assistance to help European nations rebuild after WWII

Berlin Airlift in 1948-1949 - Stalin closes off Berlin - USA airlifted supplies into West Berlin

The "Iron Curtain"

- Soviet Union had many "satellite nations" - supposedly independent countries that are under Soviet control
- Poland, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, Albania

NATO - North Atlantic Treaty Organization formed April 1949 for defense of free nations against Soviet Communism

- US, Canada, Belgium, Denmark, France, Great Britain, Iceland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, and later Greece, Turkey, West Germany, & Spain

Soviet Espionage

- Soviets were sending agents around the world to steal secrets and convert others to their ideology
- Julius & Ethel Rosenberg convicted of treason in 1951 / Klaus Fuchs / Alger Hiss

Berlin Wall - first time a wall was built to keep citizens inside their own country rather than keep enemies out



Communism in China

China lost to Communism

- Mao-Tse-Tung takes China from China's ruler Chiang Kai-Shek
- Mao is supplied by Soviets who want to promote Communism



The Korean War

North Korea (Communist) versus South Korea (free)

- Country divided along 38th Parallel
- North Korea invaded South Korea by crossing 38th Parallel on June 25, 1950
- General Douglas MacArthur - Supreme Commander of all US & UN Forces
- Truman's Limited War Policy kept us from using all our strength to win and so we lost



Conflicts in Latin America

Cuba - Fidel Castro - Communist Dictator rose to power in Cuba

- US broke off trade relations with Cuba as a response
- Bay of Pigs - Anti-Castro Freedom Fighters invade Cuba at Bay of Pigs
- Cuban Missile Crisis - 1962



Argentina

- Juan & Evita Peron

The Middle East

Jewish State of Israel founded in 1948 after WWII

- Jewish Zionists settle in Israel
- Palestinians fight for control
- 1967 - Six Day War
- 1973 - 1974 - Yom Kippur War
- 1978 - Camp David Accords - Menachem Begin (Israel) , Anwar Sadat (Egypt), Jimmy Carter (US)
- Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO)



Iran & Iraq War - Ayatolla Khomeini (Iran) & Hostage Crisis / Saddam Hussein (Iraq)

The Vietnam War : 1957 - 1975

Ho Chi Minh - Communist Dictator of North Vietnam

South Vietnam - Free

- Divided at 17th Parallel

Viet Cong - Communist Guerilla fighters - terrorized South Vietnamese

Kennedy gave secret approval to CIA State Department Scheme to depose South Vietnamese leader

Johnson sent first troops March 1965

Anti-War Protests and Hippie Culture in US

Nixon withdraws troops - Saigon fell April 1975



Rise of Conservatism

- Ronald Reagan - President of US who stands up to Communism "Tear down this wall!"
- Margaret Thatcher - Prime Minister of Great Britain who is a staunch conservative
- Lech Walesa - Solidarity in Poland
- Mikhail Gorbachev - Perestroika (Re-Structuring) & Glasnost (Openness)
- Lifting the Iron Curtain
- Berlin Wall comes down
- Tiananmen Square



The Persian Gulf War

Operation Desert Storm - Generals Norman Schwarzkopf & General Colin Powell

Africa - end of Apartheid

War on Terror

Response to September 11, 2001 Terrorist Attack on World Trade Center

