CHAPTER 13 SECTION 2 USH HONORS

## THE EARLY YEARS OF THE COLD WAR

### LEARNING GOALS

- Students will be able to understand the development of Western and non-Western policies of containment toward communism after World War II.
- Students will be able to identify the factions involved in the Cold War.
- Students will be able to recognize an effect of the Cold War on social and political decisions made by Western and non-Western nations.

#### **EOC REVIEW**

- What idea emphasized an intense pride in one's homeland and was a factor that contributed to World War I?
  - A. Communism
  - **B.** Socialism
  - C. Militarism
  - D. Nationalism

What does this chart show about the effects on the U.S. economy of demobilization after World War I?

U.S. Economy 1918-1920			
	1918*	1919	1920
Manufacturing employment	100	97	98
Wholesale prices	100	106	118
Cost of living	100	116	138

<sup>\*1918</sup> figures are the index (100) for the following years.

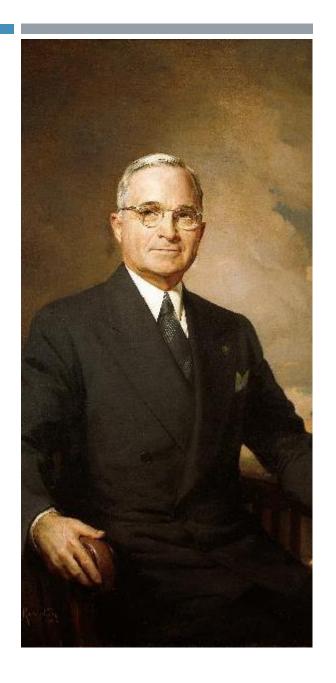
- A. The employment of African Americans and women increased the peacetime workforce.
- B. Manufacturers raised wages to attract and retain returning veterans.
- C. Factories increased production to meet the demand for goods.
- D. The removal of economic controls led to increased inflation and strained family budgets.

# FORMER ALLIES CLASH



- After World War II:
  - The West viewed the USSR as the center of a world revolutionary movement.
  - USSR leaders felt surrounded by the western countries and NATO.
  - The UN provided a venue for face-to-face debate between the 2 sides in the Cold War.
- The United Nations was established in 1945
  - General Assembly
  - Security Council, a full-time bureaucracy headed by the Secretary-General
  - Various specialized agencies
- How does this organization work?
  - All participants renounced war and territorial conquest.

- Truman became president when Roosevelt died in 1945
  - Many Americans doubted that Truman would be a good president.
- At the Potsdam Conference:
  - The US, Great Britain, and USSR leaders met to finalize plans for Postwar Europe.
  - Stalin was the only continual member at this conference
  - Clement Atlee represented Great Britain
  - Harry Truman represented the United States
  - Stalin clearly chose to keep his portions of Europe under Communist control (no free, multiparty elections)



## CONTAINING COMMUNISM



#### THE LONG TELEGRAM

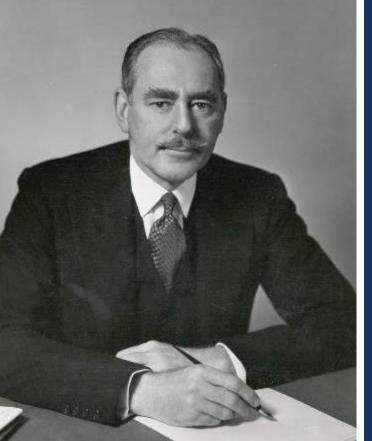
- Would tensions between the U.S. and the Soviets ease? NO
- How should America respond?
  - The U.S. state department asked the American ambassador to explain...
  - The Long Telegram George Kennan
- What did this document say?
  - Russia is insecure of their place in the world
  - Russia fears the West
  - Impossible to settle with Communists = believe in the historic struggle against Capitalism
- Did Kennan propose a solution? YES
  - Containment the policy or process of preventing the expansion of a hostile power

#### **CRISIS IN IRAN**

- Would the theory of containment be tested? YES
- The CIA conducted covert hidden or secret – operations!
- Iran
  - Mohammed Mossadegh took over an Anglo-Iranian Oil Company
  - Mossadegh wanted to make an oil deal with the Soviets
  - Moved against the pro-American Shah of Iran
    - Shah was temporarily forced into exile
    - John Foster Dulles sent agents to organize street riots and arrange a coup
    - Shah of Iran was returned to power





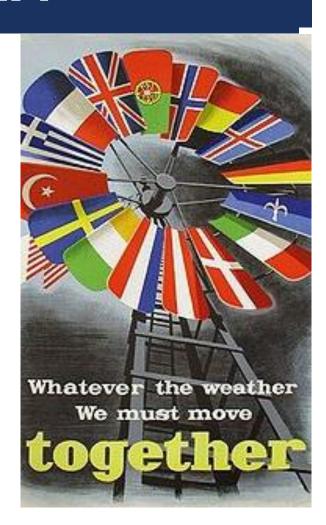


#### THE TRUMAN DOCTRINE

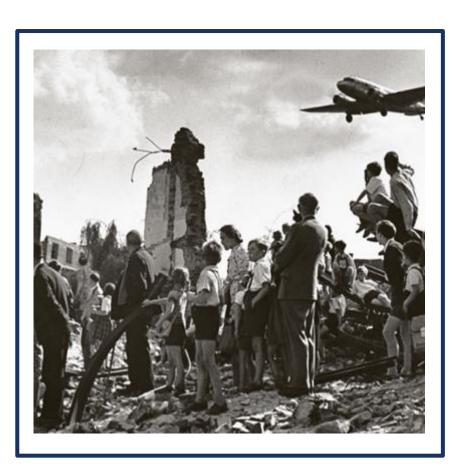
- Does Stalin continue in Iran? NO
  - Stalin was frustrated by US intervention
- What did he do next? Turned to Turkey
  - Russia wanted to control the Dardanelles (straits of Turkey that allow Soviet trade from the Black Sea to the Mediterranean)
- How did America view this move? An attempt to control the Middle East
  - Dean Acheson, presidential advisor, encouraged a "show of force"
  - President Truman ordered the USS Franklin D. Roosevelt to join the USS Missouri in the Mediterranean.
- What else is happening in the Mediterranean?
  - Communists in Greece staged a guerilla attack on the government
  - Britain tried to assist the Greek government until 1947 – Britain was running low on resources due to WWII
- What did America do? Set aside \$400 million to fight communist aggression worldwide

#### THE MARSHALL PLAN

- Between 1944 and 1946:
  - The western capitalist countries created a new international monetary system
  - Supply and demand determined prices
  - This system included a system of exchange rates, the International Monetary Fund, and the World Bank.
- The Soviet Union:
  - Was suspicious of western intentions.
  - Established a closed monetary system.
  - The state allocated goods and set prices for itself and for the communist states of eastern Europe.
- The U.S. economy recovered and prospered during and after World War II.
- The economy of western Europe, heavily damaged during World War II, recovered in the postwar period with the help of the American Marshall Plan.



#### THE BERLIN AIRLIFT



- What is the MOST important moment in the Cold War?
  - The Berlin Airlift!
- Truman & NATO believed prosperity would help Germany recover
- 1948: BERLIN
  - Berlin became the CENTER of the Cold War conflict!
  - The US, Britain, & France unified their portions of Germany and the German capital of Berlin
  - The USSR blocked ALL trains, road, etc... going in or out of Berlin (STARVING the people)
- Allied planes dropped 2 tons of supplies in 270,000 flights!

