

THE COLD WAR & AMERICAN SOCIETY

**Chapter 13
Section 3
USH Honors**

LEARNING GOALS

Be able to understand the development of Western and non-Western policies of containment toward communism after World War II.

Be able to identify the factions involved in the Cold War.

Be able to recognize an effect of the Cold War on social and political decisions made by Western and non-Western nations.

EOC REVIEW QUESTION 1

What was the goal of the Marshall Plan?

- A. to contain communism in Europe
- B. to slow down German recovery after World War II
- C. to promote competition between U.S. and European companies
- D. to create the European Union

EOC REVIEW QUESTION 2

The excerpt below is from the last statement that Bartolomeo Vanzetti made during his court proceedings:

“We were both tried during a time that has now passed into history...a time when there was a hysteria of resentment and hate against the people of our principles, against the foreigner, against slackers...”

*~Bartolomeo Vanzetti, from his statement given
At the time of his sentencing, April 1927*

What does the Sacco-Vanzetti case reveal about American society in the 1920s?

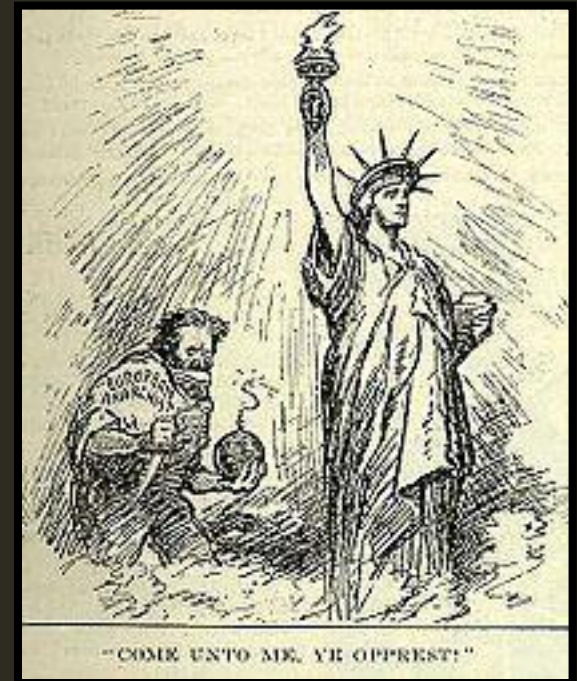
- A. Racist attitudes toward African Americans
- B. Widespread nativist attitudes**
- C. Backlash against women suffrage
- D. Growing support for unions

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How did 1950's America change?

- Rumors and accusations of Communists in the US create a FEAR or hysteria.
 - Communists were taking over the world.
 - The Red Scare began (again) in September 1945.
- What caused this fear?
 - Soviet official Igor Gouzenko defected with documents showing Communists in Canadian and US governments.
 - Escalated into a general fear of Communist subversion.
 - Subversion = an effort to secretly weaken a society and overthrow its government



THE TRUMAN LOYALTY REVIEW PROGRAM



Early 1947: Truman established the Loyalty Review program

- Screens all federal employees for loyalty to the US.
- Goal = to CALM Americans
- Reality = led to fear that Communists were infiltrating the government.

From 1947-1951: 6 million federal employees were scanned for loyalty.

What made someone a suspect?

- Reading certain books
- Belonging to a specific group
- Traveling overseas to certain countries
- Viewing certain foreign films

How many were fired? 212

HUAC & ANTI-COMMUNIST INVESTIGATIONS

Who led the Anti-Communist investigations?

J. Edgar Hoover, director of the FBI

Requested HUAC hold public hearings to address subversion

These hearings would identify Communist sympathizers.

What else did the FBI do to combat Communism in the US?

Agents were sent to spy on subversive groups (gain access to their meetings).

Wire tapping of groups to gain information.



HOLLYWOOD ON TRIAL

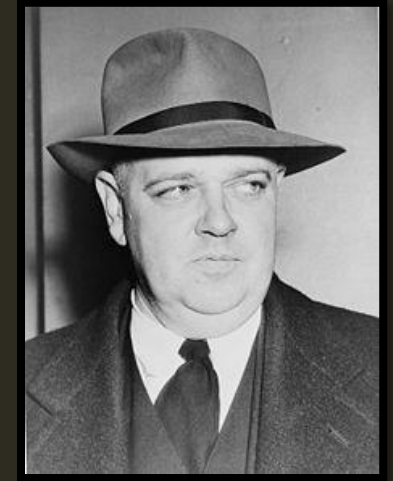
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2. What story is being told?
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Write your six word story.

ALGER HISS & THE ROSENBERGS



Whittaker Chambers and Time Magazine

- The editor of Time Magazine & a former Communist!
- He testified before the HUAC:
 - Some government officials were former Communists or spies.
 - Accused former lawyer/diplomat Alger Hiss.

Who is Alger Hiss?

- Served in Roosevelt's administration.
- Attended the Yalta Conference.
- Helped to organize the United Nations (UN).

Was there "proof" of Hiss being a spy?

- Chambers provided microfilm from a hidden pumpkin (the "pumpkin papers").
- Hiss was convicted of perjury for lying under oath.

America is clearly searching for spies...

- Searches for spies intensified when the USSR produced & detonated an atomic bomb.
- 1950: the FBI arrested Julius & Ethel Rosenberg

Who were the Rosenbergs?

- A New York couple who were members of the Communist Party.
- The US government charged them with spying for the Soviets.

Was the conviction legitimate?

- This was a spy ring: British, Swiss, and USSR individuals were arrested for stealing top secret information about the atomic bomb.
- Executed @ Sing Sing prison in June 1953



PROJECT VENONA

What is Project Venona?

- **The US & British project to crack the Soviet spy code.**

Did this project work?

- **YES! The US & Britain were able to read ~3,000 messages from the USSR.**

What did the messages give the US & Britain?

- **Proof that there were spies in these countries.**
- **That these spies were attempting to steal the new nuclear technology.**
- **Also proved the Rosenbergs guilty!**

**When did the US learn of Project Venona?
1995!**



**Most of the Project
Venona cryptanalysts
were WOMEN!**

THE RED SCARE SPREADS



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