

Origins of the Cold War



Yalta Conference (Feb. 1945)

1. Yalta

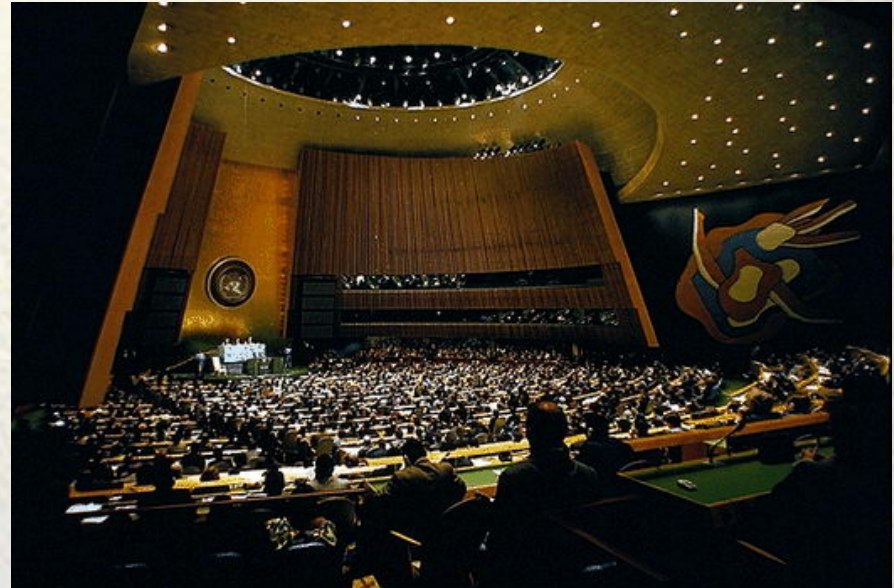
1. Churchill and FDR gave Eastern Europe to Stalin to oversee reconstruction of countries
2. Stalin promised to hold free elections
3. In return for control of E. Europe, Stalin promised to help U.S. in Japan.



2. WWII ends in August 1945

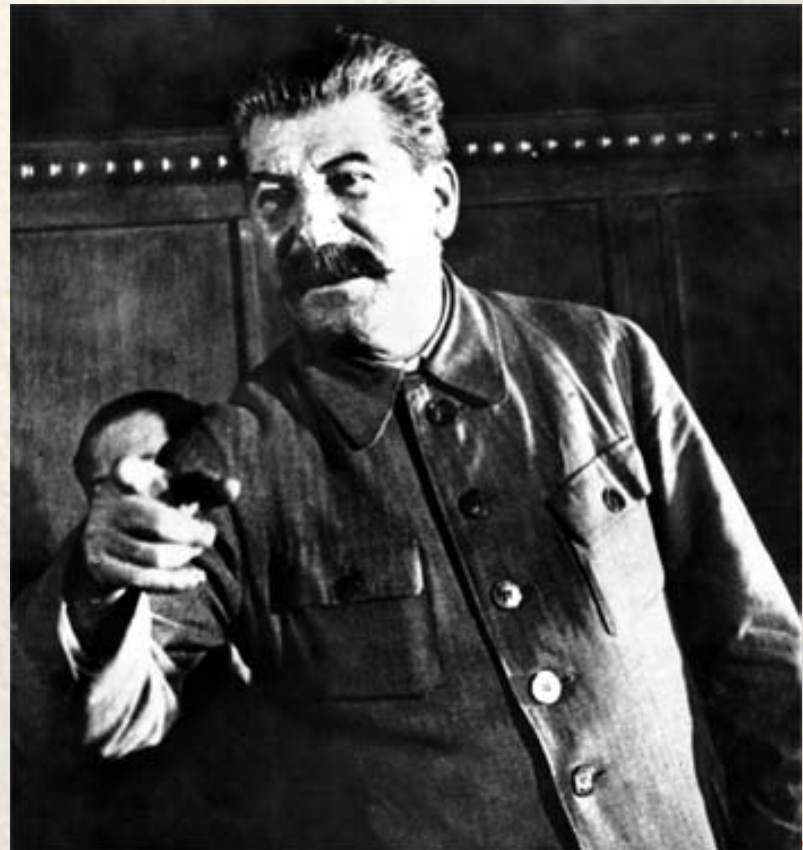
United Nations

1. Created in 1945 to replace League of Nations
2. Global forum for nations to discuss issues and attempt to solve global problems



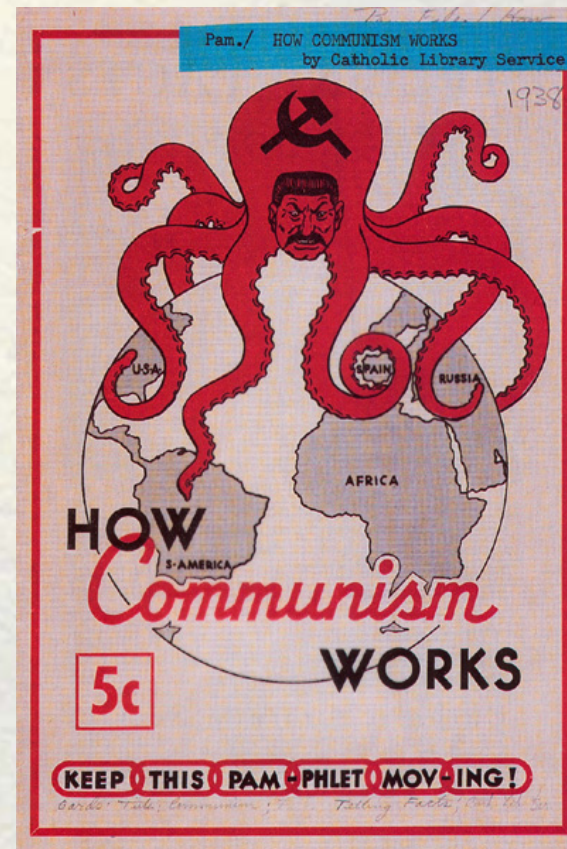
Broken Promises

1. By July 1945, it was clear that Stalin would not keep his promise to hold free elections
2. Did not want to lose power and did not trust other nations to govern themselves
3. Soviet Satellite Nations-
“independent” nations controlled/influenced by Soviet Union

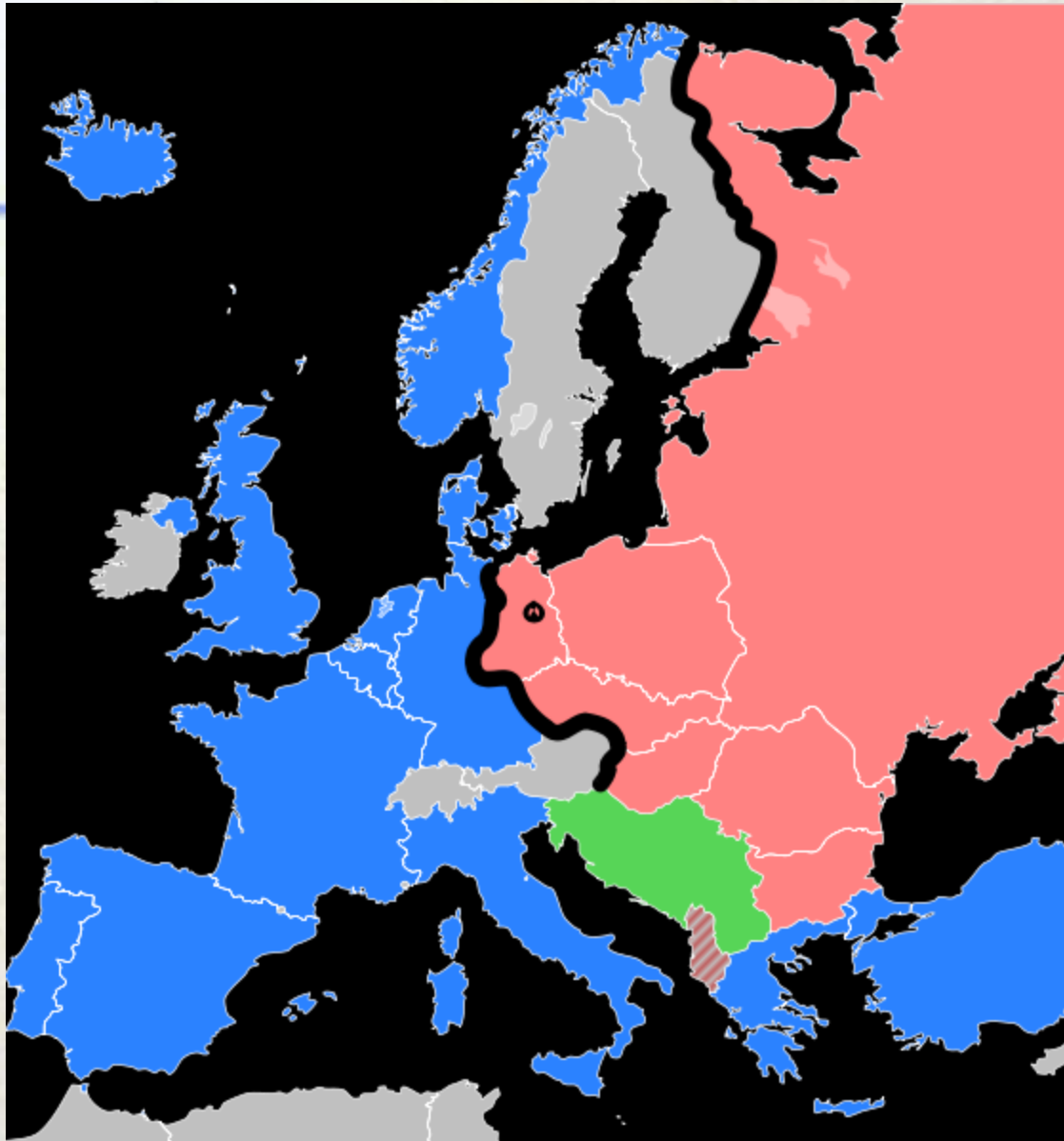


Containment

1. Containment Policy (1946)
 1. Attempt to block the Soviet Communist influence from spreading
 2. U.S. built an economic/military/political fence
2. Churchill's "Iron Curtain" speech

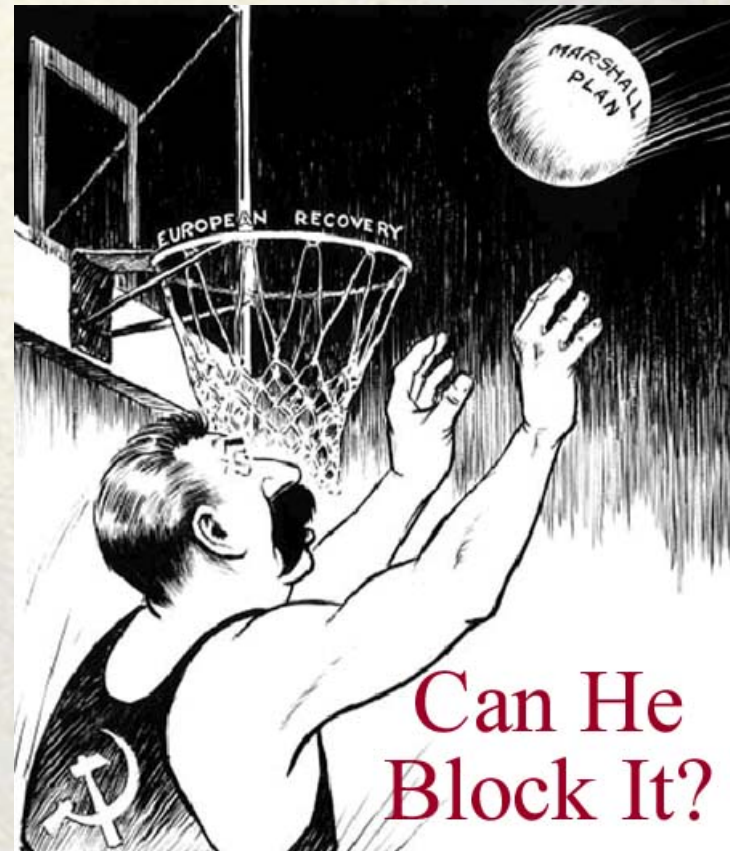






Marshall Plan

1. Marshall Plan (1947)
 1. U.S. supplied economic aid to European nations to help them rebuild after WWII
 2. \$12.5 Billion
 3. To stop the spread of communism
 4. Soviet Union and its satellite nations denied assistance



Truman Doctrine

1. Truman Doctrine (1947)

1. Provided economic and military aid to free nations threatened by internal or external opponents



Assignment

1. Read about Stalin's life and rule
2. Write a letter to President Truman from Stalin's point of view, expressing your feelings about the Yalta Conference, Containment Policy, Marshall Plan, and Truman Doctrine.
3. Use at least 2 facts from the reading about Stalin's life and rule in your letter.
4. 2 paragraphs (3-5 sentences each) long
5. Feel free to express anger, frustration, sorrow... anything as long as you use proper language :)