

The beginning of the Cold War

*Yalta conference

- 1) U.S. Britain, France, and USSR would divide Germany and Berlin. Committee on the Dismemberment of Germany
- 2) Poland would become a democratic nation under its own government and receive territorial compensation.
- 2) Germany would be demilitarized.
- 4) The formation of the United Nations-Of which the Soviet Union would be participating in.

*Iron Curtain-Division between Communist Eastern Europe (Soviet Bloc or Eastern Bloc-Communist Nations were set up with "Puppet governments"-Run by Communist Party in Moscow) and Democratic Western Europe.

*Eastern Bloc Nations:

Poland, East Germany, Hungary, Bulgaria, Romania, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia-All have puppet governments in USSR.

*Pro Democratic: Great Britain, West Germany, France, Italy, Portugal, Belgium, Luxembourg, Greece, Turkey

1946

-Soviet Union develops atomic bomb

1948

-June 24, USSR cuts off all transportation routes in Eastern Germany. West Berlin (Pro Democratic) and all its residents behind the Iron Curtain.

"Berlin Airlift" 7/48-5/49

*Marshall Plan

- Sec of State, George Marshall realized that a devastated and divided Europe threatened the peace.
- Saw that our economy depended on trade with Europe.
- Marshall decides to pump U.S. Dollars into European economy to rebuild European infrastructure.
- U.S. ends up giving \$13 billion in grants and loans to West European countries. 1948-1952
- Offered to every nation in WW2, but Soviet leaders rejected the money.

*United Nations

- In 1945, 50 countries met to develop the United Nations-Meant to be a global government to work out conflicts before they leave to war.
- Met in San Francisco and then New York City. Where it is currently HQ.

*U.N. Security Council

- U.S.
- U.S.S.R.
- France
- China

[Those are permanent- they can "Veto" all decisions made by others]

- 10 at-large elected by the General Assembly.

North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)-U.S.

- Alliance between Pro-Western (Democratic) nations.
- An attack against one was an attack against all.

*Warsaw Pact-U.S.S.R.

- Alliance Eastern Bloc (Communist) nations.