

## UNIT 5- THE COLD WAR

DAY 2



# THE RED SCARE AND SPACE RACE

*Competition Can Bring Out the  
Best and Worst of Us*

# OBJECTIVES

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  - Cuban Missile Crisis

# REMIND ME...

- **What was decided at the Yalta Conference?**
- **What was the “Iron Curtain” and who did it separate?**
- **What’s the deal with NATO and the Warsaw Pact?**
- **Finally... WHY is communism such a big deal?**

# FOR YOUR CONTAINMENT

- *See, whether the fears of communist ideals being spread in America, or just the threat of more nations falling to Communism, America adopted a policy of containment*
  - Preventing the expansion of a hostile power
  - **During the Cold War, it meant doing whatever necessary to prevent the spread of communism**
  - *This led to a few policies...*

# WHEN DREAMS COME TRUMAN

- President Harry Truman issued the Truman Doctrine
  - The U.S. would provide political, military and economic assistance to democratic nations under threat **from authoritarian forces**.
  - *In other words... who would we support, and against whom?*
- Well, this might not be a big deal, so long as no “democratic nations” face a threat from an “authoritarian” one, but then the U.S. also developed a plan to help Europe rebuild economically...



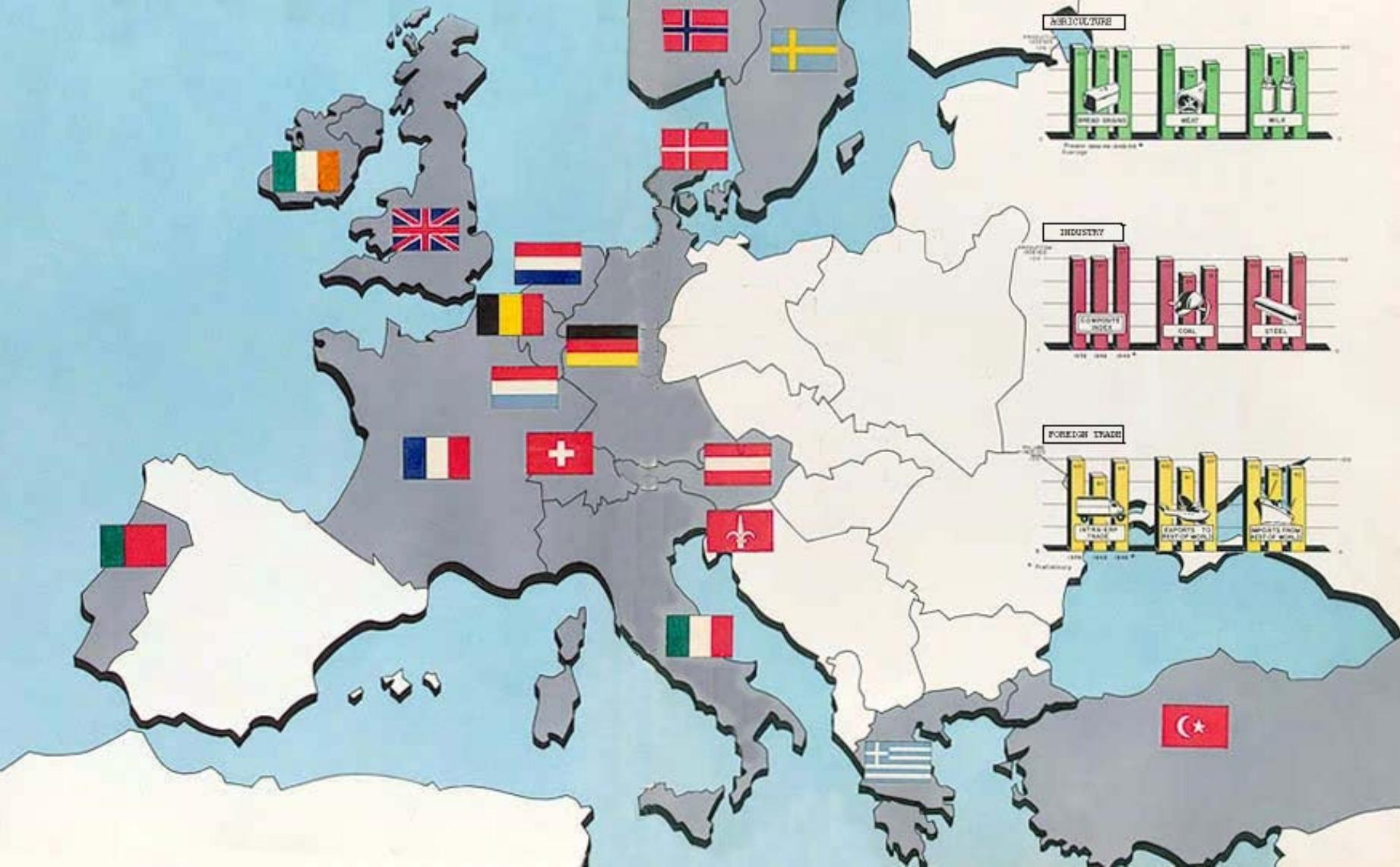
TRUMAN'S  
DOCTRINE

# MISSION TO MARSHALL

- Truman's Secretary of State, George Marshall, also came up with a way to assist Europe, and indirectly increase our influence – The Marshall Plan
  - Provided economic assistance to countries in Europe devastated by war
  - They had to agree to certain terms – free markets, democratic elections, *etc.*
- *Is this fair?*
- *Is this wise?*



# WESTERN EUROPE'S RECOVERY



# FRIENDS IN JOE PLACES

- *Meanwhile, Americans who felt the “fear” of Communism, were manipulated and whipped into a fever and fear*
  - *Just like Election 2016*
- *This was especially true when a junior Senator from Wisconsin, named Joe McCarthy claimed that Communists had infiltrated the government*



# JOSEPH MCCARTHY

- McCarthyism

- Plan to “root out” Communist influences in Government and Hollywood
- Trials and Accusations didn’t need evidence
- Many people were “blacklisted”  
*(lost careers)*
- *Often compared to the Salem Witch Trials*

# BETTER RED THAN DEAD

- **HUAC**
  - House Un-American Activities Committee
  - Conducted investigations on “communists”
  - Asked about friendships, acquaintances, and asked others to name names.
  - *Included people like Walt Disney, Ronald Reagan, etc.*
  - This ushered in an era called
- **The Red Scare**
  - Time when propaganda and fear in America were focused on Communism
  - Allowed many governmental policies to spy and report



**IT WALKS AMONG US**



**JOIN HUAC NOW AND  
HELP ROOT OUT COMMIES**

# SHOWING OFF YOUR ARMS

- *While America worried about Communist influences, they also worried about the literal threat they posed, and a competition, of sorts, resulted.*
- *The Soviets were afraid of America's nuclear bomb, so rushed to develop their own.*
- *The next target for both nations became space, and then the moon, and beyond...*

# GIVE ME SOME SPACE!

- The Space Race

- The competition between the Soviet Union and United States for dominance in spaceflight and weapons capabilities
- Led to several important advancements, not JUST for military... (Just know 1 or 2)

- \* Microwaves      \* Cell Phones      \* Velcro
  - \* Smoke Detectors      \* Tennis Shoes
  - \* Satellites      \* Laptops

- The Soviets were first in space, America was the first to the moon

# space RACE

Space was a crucial arena for this rivalry. Before a watchful world, each side sought to demonstrate its superiority through impressive feats in rocketry and spaceflight. Secret satellites kept a wary eye on the adversary.

At the end of the Cold War, the United States and Russia agreed to build a space station and pursue other joint ventures in space. A contest that began in fear and enmity has become a partnership.

Some famous space race probes and missions include Sputnik 1, Explorer 1, Vostok 1, Mariner 2, Ranger 7, Luna 9, Apollo 8, and Apollo 11.

The Space Race grew out of the Cold War between the United States and the Soviet Union, the most powerful nations after World War II. For a half-century, the two superpowers competed for primacy in a global struggle.

Sputnik 1

27 August

1962

Mariner 2

The first space probe to conduct a successful planetary encounter, passing Venus on 14 December and taking several scientific measurements.

ROUND  
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12 April

1961

Vostok 1

First manned spaceflight in history. Yuri Gagarin becomes the first human to enter outer space, and completes a single orbit of the Earth.

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Ranger 7

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Luna 9

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Soyuz

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Gemini

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5 May

1961

Freedom 7

First manned space mission of the United States. Astronaut Alan Shepard pilots a Project Mercury capsule in a 15 minute suborbital flight.

ROUND  
2

31 January

1958

Explorer 1

First artificial satellite launched by the United States. This is the first spacecraft to detect the Van Allen radiation belt.

Apollo's goal was to land humans on Earth's moon. Apollo 8 was the first mission to leave Earth's orbit, circumnavigate the moon and return. Apollo 11 achieved the programme's goal, landing Neil Armstrong and Edwin Aldrin on the lunar surface on 20 July 1969. The final cost of Project Apollo was presented to congress as \$25.4 billion in 1973.

Yuri Gagarin

# RUBIK'S CUBA

- One of the culminations of the “Space Race” (*and the closest the world has come to nuclear war*) happened when America built a military base in Turkey, and the Soviets responded near Alaska, and then we responded in Italy, and then they responded in Cuba...  
– *The X-Men weren't really there*

# WHY YOU M.A.D. BRO?

- Cuban Missile Crisis
  - 13 Day stand-off between America and Soviets over missiles in Cuba (and Italy and Turkey)
  - Closest the world has come to nuclear conflict
  - Resolved with Mutual Assured Destruction (M.A.D.)  
*(Meaning that either “superpower” could destroy the other, and that encourages neither to use nuclear weapons)*



# AND SO

- WWII led to the “Cold War” between Communists and non, which led to fears on both sides
  - *Some justified, some probably not*
- Both sides wanted better weapons “just in case” which improved a lot of technology for everyone
- And, finally, we reached a point where either side firing could mean both sides losing
- *Next Week: What happens when a Cold War gets “warm”?*



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