

Cold War



VS



Communism



- Soviet Union government
- State (government) controls everything
- Opposite of democracy and capitalism (USA)



United Nations (UN)

- Started with 50 member countries
- Created to promote peace and discussion instead of war



Potsdam Conference



- 1945
- US, Great Britain, and Soviet Union
- Stalin goes back on his promise from Yalta Conference to allow free elections in Soviet controlled Eastern Europe



Satellite Nations

- Countries dominated by the Soviet Union
- Poland, Czechoslovakia were two of them






NATO

- Formed in 1949
- North Atlantic Treaty Organization
- 12 members pledged military support to each other

Warsaw Pact

- Between Soviets and 7 Eastern European Countries
- Their version of NATO

Key

-  Warsaw Pact
-  NATO
-  Non-aligned Nations



Policy of Containment

- Policy of US government against the Soviet Union
- Contain Communism where it was and not allow it spread anymore



Iron Curtain

- Metaphor for the division of Europe into East and West
- East=Soviet controlled and communist
- West=Free and democratic governments

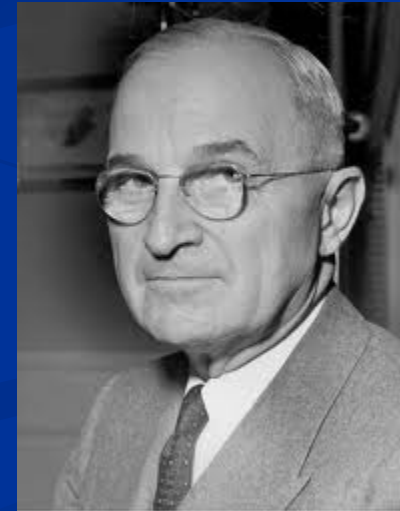
Cold War

- Lasted from 1945-1991
- No actual battles
- Between USA and Soviet Union



Truman Doctrine

- US policy must be to support people who want to fight communist oppression
- Spent \$400 million between 1947-1950 in Greece and Turkey to prevent communist takeover there



Marshall Plan

- 1947-1951
- 16 European countries received \$13 billion in aid
- Helped western Europe rebuild from WWII
- Helped gain support for democracy and keep out support for the communists

Berlin Airlift

- Stalin cut off all supply lines to western Berlin (controlled by the US, Great Britain and France)
- Dropped food and supplies into West Berlin
- 327 days, around the clock

Berlin Wall

- Symbol of communism
- Built to separate East and West Berlin





Checkpoint Charlie

- Where Soviet and US spies smuggled people across the border of West and East Berlin



China Becomes Communist

- US supported the nationalists led by Chang Kai Shek with \$3 billion
- Communists led by Mao Zedong
- Nationalists lose the civil war and are exiled to Taiwan
- China becomes Communist in 1949



Korean War

- June 1950, North Korea attacks South Korea
- North Korea was supported by the Soviets
- United Nations voted to attack North Korea and defend South Korea



- 90 % of the troops sent by the UN were USA
- General Douglas MacArthur led the UN forces



- UN forces pushed the North Koreans back almost to the border with China
- China entered the war in support of the North Koreans

- Chinese troops outnumbered the UN 10-1
- US counter attacked and pushed the Chinese and North Koreans to the 38th Parallel



- MacArthur was fired by President Truman
- July 1953 a cease fire was signed
- Border between North (communist) and South (democratic) Korea was the 38th Paraellel





Red Scare



- Fear of communism in the USA
- Congress established the House Un-American Activities Committee to investigate US people who might be communist
 - Targeted Hollywood
 - “Hollywood Ten” refused to testify before Congress and were put in prison



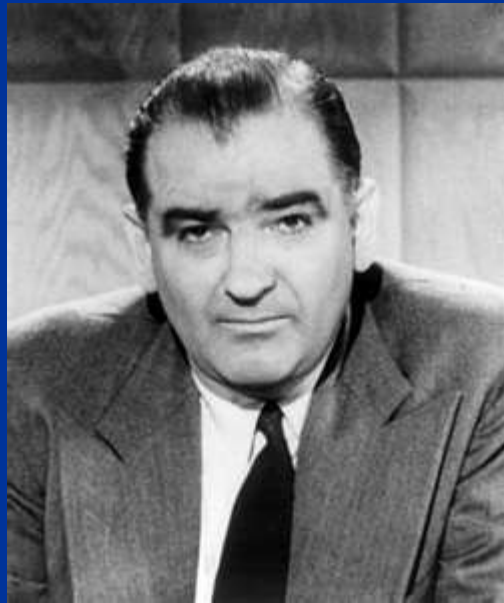
Spy?

- Rosenbergs (US citizens) spied for the Soviets
- They were tried and convicted of espionage and sentenced to death



McCarthyism

- Unsupported attacks on suspected Communists in the USA by Senator Joe McCarthy



New Soviet Leader

- Nikita Khrushchev
- Favored peaceful co-existence with the USA,
not war



Election of 1960

- John F. Kennedy wins (JFK)
- Youngest president (early 40's)



U 2 Shot Down

- US spy plane shot down over Russia
- Pilot was captured and sentenced to prison
- Fueled tension between USA and USSR



Cuba Problem

- Fidel Castro led a revolution in Cuba and won
- Cuba became communist and asked for aid from the USSR



Bay of Pigs

- CIA led a secret invasion of Cuba at the Bay of Pigs by Cuban exiles
- A lot of things went wrong and the invasion failed on the beaches



Cuban Missile Crisis

- October 1962
- Soviets had missile bases in Cuba ready to launch on the USA
- Cuba is within 100 miles of the USA

OXIDIZER TRAILERS

2 MISSILE TRANSPORTERS

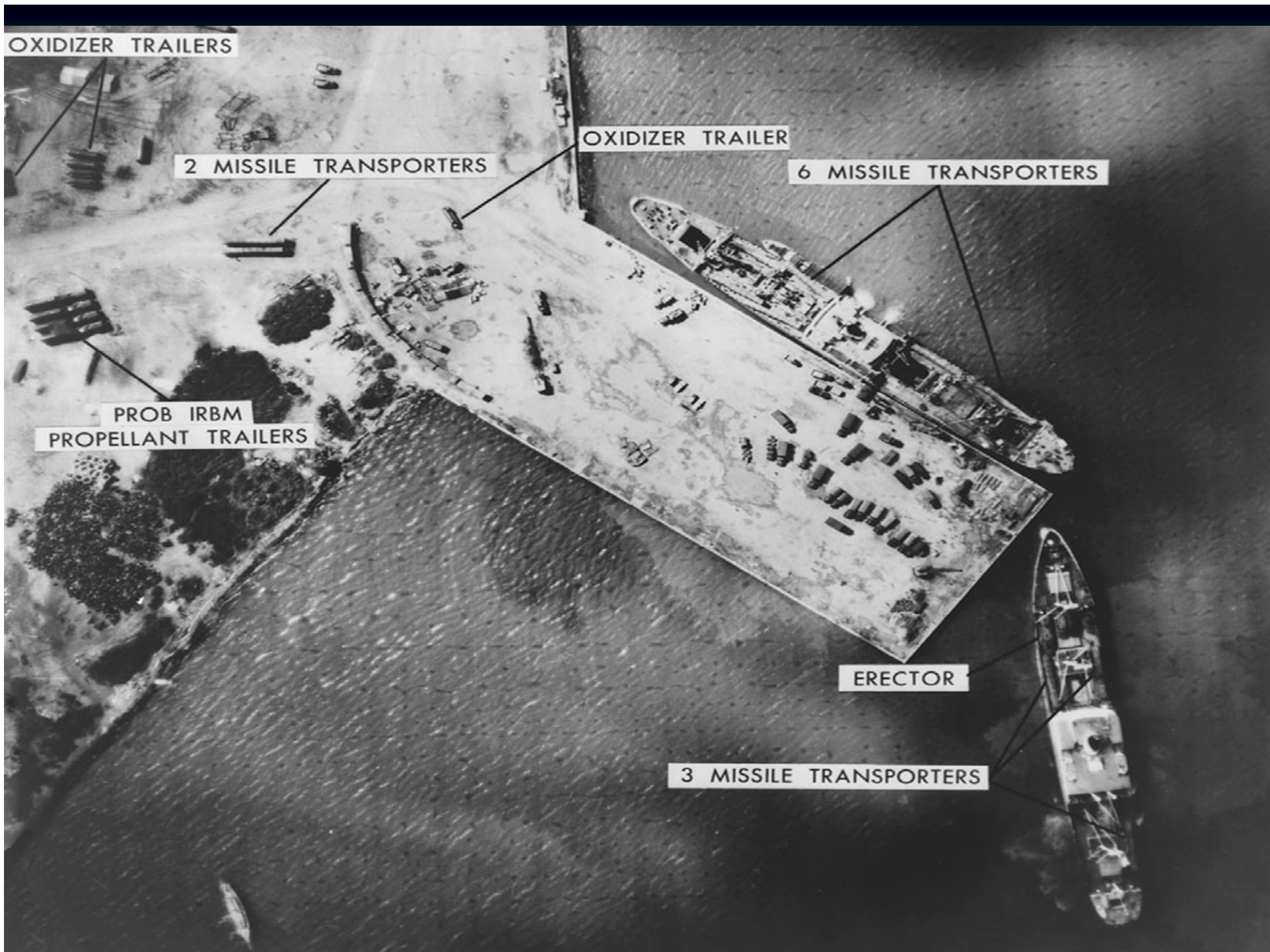
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6 MISSILE TRANSPORTERS

PROB IRBM
PROPELLANT TRAILERS

ERECTOR

3 MISSILE TRANSPORTERS







- Lasted 13 days
- Closest we have ever come to nuclear war
- US Navy ships blockaded Cuba

- Soviet ships turned back instead of fighting the US Navy
- Ended when the US promised not to invade Cuba, Soviets withdrew the missiles from Cuba, and US took out missiles in Turkey

JFK Killed

- Assassinated on November 22, 1963 in Dallas, Texas
- Conspiracy theories about who did it
- Lee Harvey Oswald was killed while in police custody and was charged with killing JFK

