# THE POST-WAR WORLD.



#### AFTER WWII: PEACE?

- •The League of Nations had clearly failed to keep peace (there was WW2....)
  - They had no military power
  - Not all members were committed to collective security

BUT many countries throughout the world were calling for world peace, and they needed some way to try to maintain that...



#### THE UNITED NATIONS

 April 1945: 50 countries met to create the

United Nations (UN)

 The organization was (and is) based on the ideals of peace, as well as social and economic progress







# 4 MAIN GOALS OF THE UN

- Keeping world peace & preventing new wars
- Encouraging cooperation among nations
- Defending human rights & promoting equality
- Improving the standard of living for all nations



### GENERAL ASSEMBLY

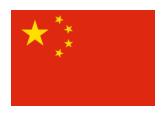
- Each member nation is represented
- They discuss and make recommendations on anything that might affect world peace.
- Each nation has 1 vote
- 2/3 majority is required for all major decisions





## THE SECURITY COUNCIL

- Maintains world peace
- Has 5 permanent members with veto power







- 10 other countries have 2 year terms
- Can force the UN to carry out its decisions



## UN HUWANITARIAN AGENCIES





International Labour Organization







#### HOW CANADA IS INVOLVED

- Helped draft the UN Charter
- Pearson: Suez Canal and idea of peacekeeping
- Active supporter of the UN
- Participates in the General Assembly and Security Council
- Has been involved in peacekeeping efforts around the world... over 100,000 Canadians (Cyprus, Middle East, Haiti, Bosnia, Cambodia, El Salvador, Angola)



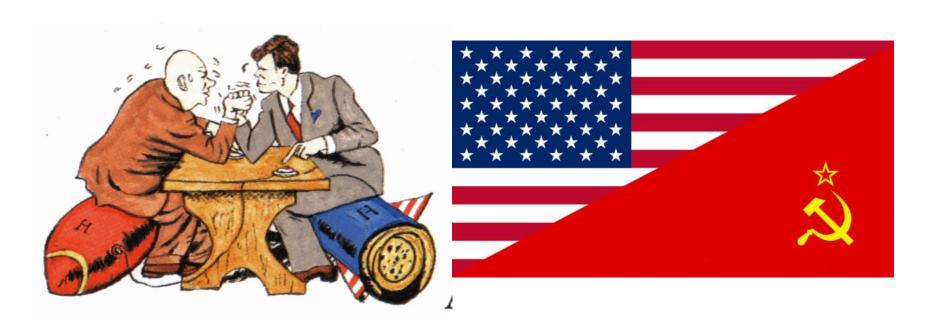
# THE COLD WAR







## TWO NEW SUPER POWERS...



United States vs. Soviet Union





## THE COLD WAR



- Was a struggle of IDEAS between USA and Soviet Union
- •A fight for global power and influence…
  - Was fought using propaganda, espionage, and economic/political pressures
  - Arms Race

#### ARMS RACE & FEAR OF NUCLEAR WAR

- Both sides were racing to build nuclear weapons and technology
- •The fear of nuclear war was real
- •Duck & Cover video







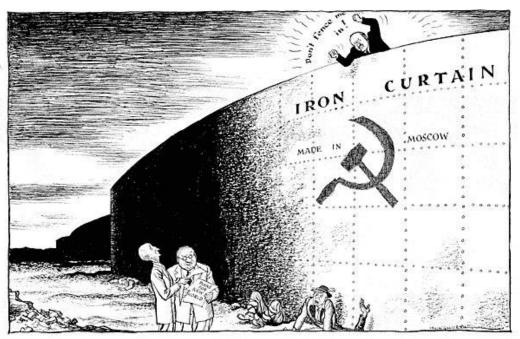
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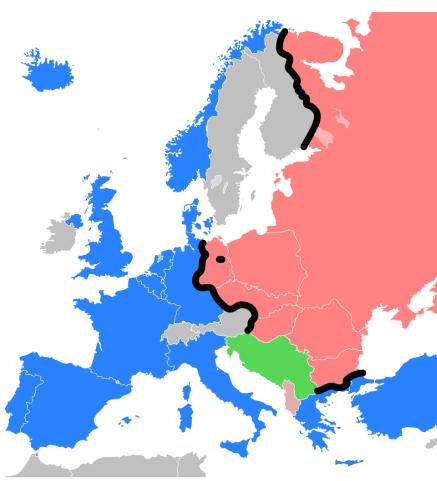
•The USA believed that European countries would fall one by one to Soviet Communism.



## SATELLITE STATES

- Countries controlled by the Soviet Union
- Churchill said an "Iron Curtain" had fallen over Europe





### THE POLICY OF CONTAINMENT

#### The USA wanted to "contain" communism

- Prevent its spread to other countries
- Provided other countries with economic and military aid so they could fight off communism

#### The Marshall Plan

 USA would send \$\$\$ to war-torn European countries to help them resist communism





#### THE COUZENKO AFFAIR

•A clerk with the Soviet Embassy in Ottawa gave the government documents proving that the Soviet Union was operating two spy rings in Canada (trying to obtain atomic secrets)

#### Significance:

Marked the beginning of the Cold War in Canada:
 potential communist threat here at home

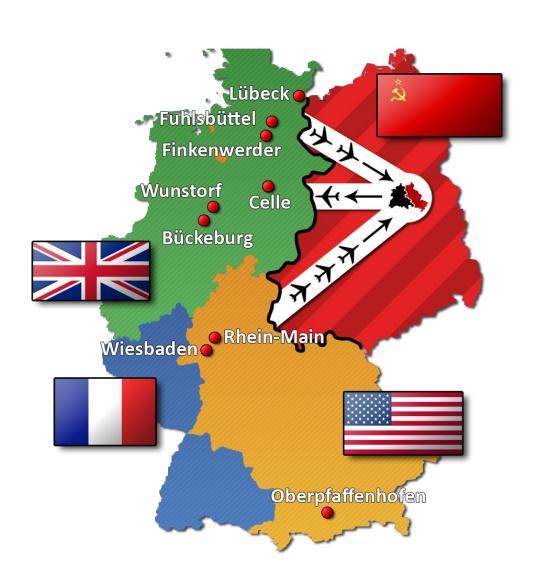
#### THE "RED SCARE"

- In response to fear of communism (esp. after Gouzenko Affair)
- RCMP carried out illegal and secret inquiries about potential communists in Canada
- Some were denied entry in to Canada, known communists were deported
- Become known as the "red scare" - was even worse in the USA





#### DIVISION OF GERMANY & BERLIN BLOCKADE









# NATO

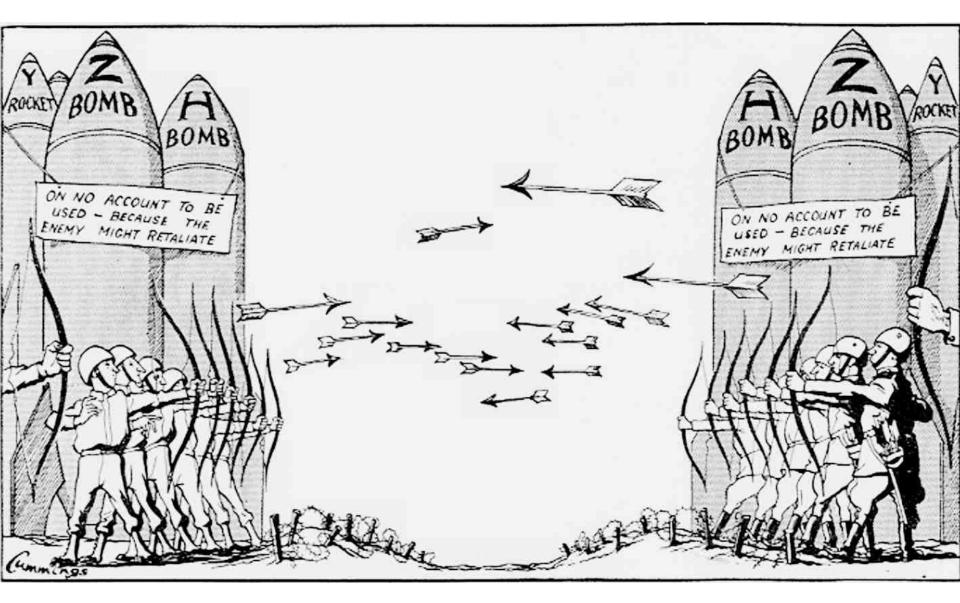
- North Atlantic Treaty Organization, 1949
- Thought there was a need for military presence to prevent Soviet expansion in Europe
- Designed for mutual defence- all member countries contributed forces
- •An attack on one = an attack on all

### NUCLEAR ARMS RACE

- Arms race between the Western and Eastern blocs
- Racing to develop more atomic bombs & improved nuclear technology
- •Also a "space race"
- Tried to maintain NUCLEAR PARITY
  - MAD= Mutually assured destruction: kept both sides from going to war









# INTERNATIONAL CRISES

During the Cold War period...



#### THE KOREAN WAR

1950-53

- •During WW2: Japan held Korea
- North liberated by Soviet Union (Communist)
- South liberated by Americans (anti-Communist)



1950: 100,000 North Korean troops invaded South Korea



- USA demanded that the UN help South Korea
- •UN force of 32 countries (led by USA) fought in Korea
- •26,000 Canadians (1,000 wounded, 400 killed)
- 1953: armistice, but still divided





#### KOREAN WAR: SIGNIFICANCE

Canada showed its support for the UN and its goals

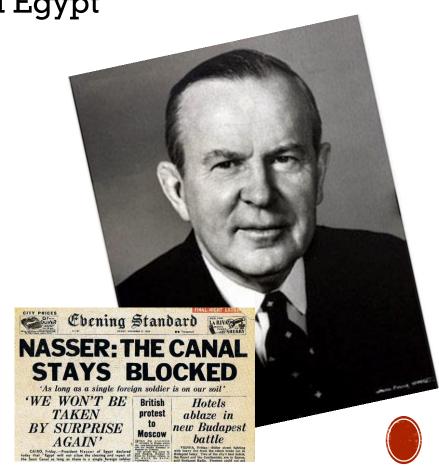
The UN showed that it was willing to take action



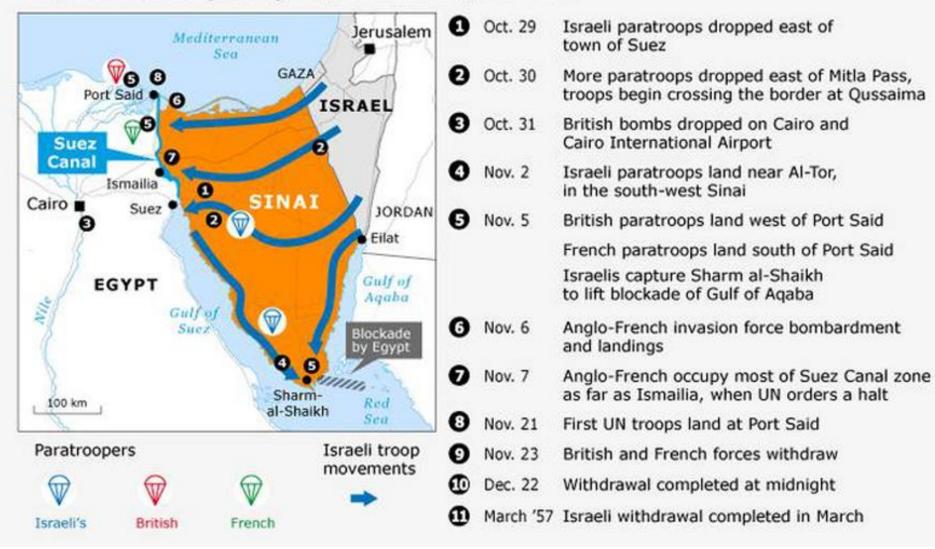
Egypt seized the canal (w/Soviets) from Britain & France

• Britain, France & Israel attacked Egypt

- Lester B. Pearson (External Affairs Minister in Canada) asked UN to send in a United Nations Emergency Force to keep them apart while they reached a settlement =
   peacekeeping
  - Won the Nobel Peace Prize for this



#### The Suez Crisis (1956) Map and chronologic overview

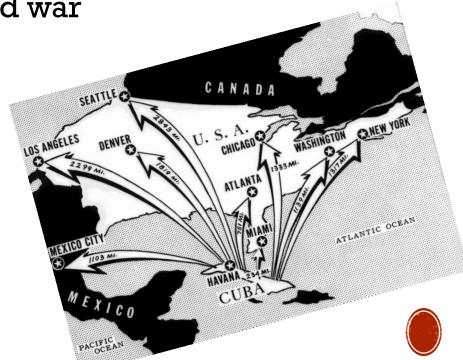




- •USA spotted Soviet nuclear missiles in Cuba- afraid of attack
- USA set up naval blockade
- Soviet ships turned back

Leaders wrote letters & averted war





#### VIETNAM WAR

1954-1975



North = Communist Gov't

China & Soviets send supplies

#### **Client War:**

Fought on behalf of the South Vietnamese client





#### VIETNAM WAR

1954-1975

**1963:** 15,000 American troops

1964: 543,000 American troops

Couldn't win... lots of suffering

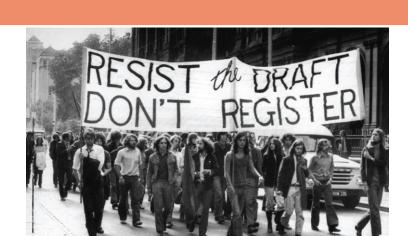
by Vietnamese civilians

This was shown in the media...

Major anti-war protests

**Draft-dodgers** came to Canada









- Greek majority vs.Turkish minority
- Troops were sent in 1963 and last were withdrawn in 1993
- Mission helped to save lives and since then has been peaceful
- Canada spent over \$600 million, and 30
   Canadian soldiers lost their lives



#### REVIEW VIDEO

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wVqziNV7dGY

