

### Third Cause, 1945-1947

- Soviet Expansion, 1945-1947

### Containment's Two Assumptions

- All communists are armed minorities
- All communists are puppets of Moscow
- This formulation assumed that the Cold War *could* be "won," and won cheaply
- It did not alter the assumption that the Cold War *might* end with an Armageddon that was preferable to "defeat"

### Reasons for Cold War Success in Europe and Failure in Asia

- Assumptions behind containment were true
- Communists were armed minorities, whose strings were pulled by Stalin in Greece and Berlin
- Limited force was sufficient there
- Pragmatism not ideology guided it
- Assumptions were false
- After 1950, communists were not minorities or puppets in Korea or Vietnam
- Limited force was insufficient, unlimited force was self-defeating
- Ideology distorted Reality

### Containment and its European Prodigies

- 1947: Greece and the Truman Doctrine
- 1948: Marshall Plan
- 1948-1949: Berlin Airlift
- 1949: NATO
- Truman's Reward: Accusations of 'Softness' on the Communists

### Early Cold War Reverses in Europe

- 1948: Czechoslovakian Coup
- 1949: China Goes Red: "Who Lost China?"
- 1949: USSR Explodes A-Bomb
- Alger Hiss-Whittaker Chambers Case and HUAC, 1948-1949
- North Korean Invasion of South Korea: June, 1950
- Sensational Accusations of Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R-Wisconsin)

### World War II's Impact on the Cold War Mind

- From Hitler to Stalin, a perceived question of totalitarianism
- A Military Balance between the US Nuclear Monopoly and the Red Army's Supremacy Sets the Stage for an Unmovable Status Quo
- The Result: No Possibility of Either Compromise or Substantive Change in the Status Quo
- An Assumption of the Permanence of the Cold War Sets In

## Domestic Casualties of the Cold War

- Segregation, Anti-Semitism and Ignorance of the Problems of the "Third World"
- Civil Liberties: The McCarran Internal Security Act (1951) and McCarthy Witch-Hunting
- Immigration Reform: The McCarran-Walter Immigration Act (1951)
- Cultural Pluralism: The Homogenization of America as America Moves to "Levittown"

## McCarthy's America, 1950-1953

- A Conspiracy So Immense
- Legislative Effects
- Eisenhower in Retreat
- The Corruption of American Politics -- the campaigns of George Sanders against Claude Pepper and Richard Nixon against Helen G. Douglas
- Army-McCarthy Hearings -- the emergence of television

## The "Duck and Cover" Mentality

- Congenial to 1950s Assumptions of American Moral and Military Superiority
- The Basic Thrust: The End of the US Nuclear Monopoly and the "Godless" Totalitarianism of the USSR make Nuclear War a Probability
- It can be survived, but even if not, "Better Dead than Red"
- The Impact on Policy: An Arms Buildup and an Arms Race Becomes a Rational Strategy

## Images of "Duck and Cover"

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## The Cuban Missile Crisis Turning Point, 1962

- The Closest the World Has Come to the Brink
- Both Sides were Shocked and Vowed to Pull Back from the Brink
- The Test Ban Treaty of 1963 marked the start
- Cooperation through 1975 was limited to the area of Arms Control
- SALT-I (1972): The reduction in arms *increases* (not a reduction in existing weapons) reinforced the view that a nuclear standoff was manageable but semi-permanent
- Nixon's Foreign Policy Shatters the Containment Consensus

## Other Seeds in the Sixties of the Cold War's Thaw

- The Sino-Soviet Split becomes permanent and public, 1960-1965
- The quagmire and localized nature of Vietnam becomes more apparent, 1965-1968
- The Space Race Comes to an End (1969)
- The Nixon administration (1969-1974) perceives a simultaneous opening to China and Russia as a way to break the logjam in Vietnam

## Strides Toward Détente: The Early Seventies

- Détente: Peaceful Coexistence of Regimes Publicly Recognized as Permanent
- The China Opening (1972)
- SALT-I (1972)
- NASA-Soyuz Cooperation

## Détente in Space, 1975

- The 1975 Mission
- Suggests a Spreading of the Vision of Cooperation Beyond Arms Control
- Little Noticed at the time due to post-Watergate derision of American leadership

## Back to the Future: The Cold War Seems to Worsen, 1976-1984

- Afghanistan, 1979
- Miracle on Ice, 1980
- Reagan's "Evil Empire," 1983
- A Paralysis of Soviet Political Leadership, 1981-1984

## The Gorbachev Thaw: His Calculations

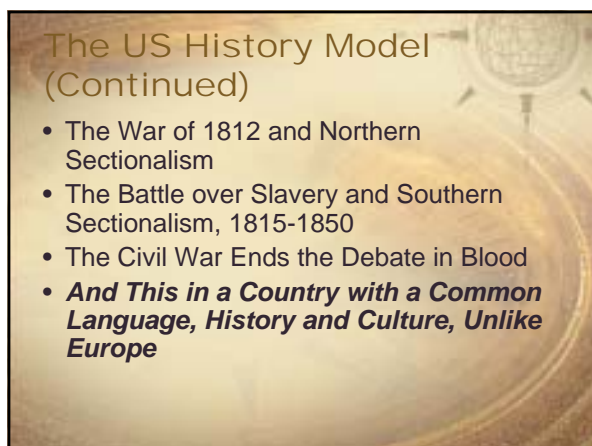
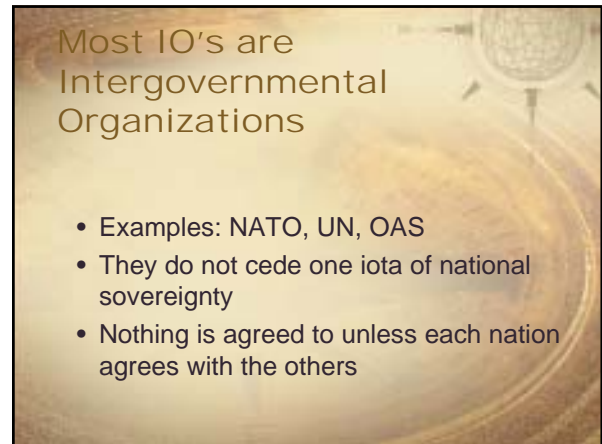
- The Military Buildup is pointless across the board
- It is wrecking the Soviet economy
- The High Tech gap can be closed only with an accommodation to the West
- Agreements are essential
- The USSR must retain its communist ideology but in a democratized setting
- This is the meaning of Perestroika: democratization at home and normalization abroad

## The European Union: Its Structure and History

What it Is and  
Where it  
Came From

## A Snapshot of EU History

- A Reaction Against virulent nationalism
- A Response to Postwar Economic Devastation
- The Role of Crisis, Cold War and National Ego
- A Never-Ending Dance: The Minuet Between the approaches of Supranationalism and Intergovernmentalism



# The History of the EU

- ## Obstacles to Union, 1945-1960
- Postwar Bitterness between the winners and losers of World War II
  - French and British Memories of Prewar Greatness (the desire to reestablish imperial power and the continued tug of nationalism)
  - European Economic Devastation
  - The Shift in the Balance of Power from Europe to the United States and USSR

- ## Postwar Bitterness
- Memories of World War II's outcome was fresh
  - Europe was "a charnal house" as Churchill said, a place from which little positive was expected
  - Germany seemed hopelessly divided
  - On the Other Hand, these Problems spurred a search for something new

- ## France after 1945
- DeGaulle was a corrosive influence on the road to Union
  - France was determined to recapture imperial greatness in Algeria and Vietnam
  - France's wartime role only rubbed salt in her wounds

- ## Britain after 1945
- Under Churchill, Britain wanted to keep the empire a place where the sun never set
  - Britain's finances did not match her imperial ambitions
  - The Greek crisis of 1947 symbolized her eclipse, but Britons ignored it

- ## Factors Facilitating Union, 1945-1960
- European Economic Devastation
  - The Shift in the Balance of Power from Europe to the United States and USSR
  - The desire to keep the Iron Curtain from spreading Westward
  - The coming to power in European countries of leftwing politicians, willing to jettison laissez-faire in favor of State planning
  - The Example of the Marshall Plan (1948)
  - Watershed Events Symbolizing the Futility of Imperialism and Nations "Going Their Own Way"
  - Monnet's "Functional" Approach



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