

Timeline of the Early Cold War

1945: February 4-11 - Yalta Conference

1945: August 6 - United States first used atomic bomb in war

1945: August 8 - Russia enters war against Japan

1945: August 14 - Japanese surrender End of World War II

1946: March - Winston Churchill delivers "Iron Curtain" Speech

1947: March - Truman announces Truman Doctrine

1947: June - Marshall Plan is announced

1948: February - Communist takeover in Czechoslovakia

1948: June 24 - Berlin Blockade begins

1949: July - NATO treaty ratified

1949: May 12 - Berlin Blockade ends

1949: September - Mao Zedong, a Communist, takes control of China

1949: September - Soviets explode first atomic bomb

1955: May – Warsaw Pact

Cold War Gallery # 3

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Two Armed Camps

The United States and the Soviet Union were involved in a *cold war*. They did not fight each other. Instead they each built up their military and arms. The military buildup deterred the other from starting a military conflict. European nations chose sides in the Cold War.

The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) was formed. The United States, Canada, and 10 Western European countries joined NATO. The members agreed that an attack on any NATO member would be considered an attack on all members. NATO members contributed military troops to create a large NATO force.

In 1955 the Soviet Union formed an alliance with the Communist governments of Eastern Europe. The alliance members agreed to a series of treaties known as the Warsaw Pact. They agreed to defend each other. A Soviet-controlled military was created by the alliance.

One move that was made during the cold war was the process of creating "Satellite Nations." Which of the following situations best describes their purpose?

- Satellite nations were along the western border of the U.S.S.R. to serve as a buffer zone.
- Satellite nations were responsible for testing goods donated through the Marshall Plan.
- Examples of satellite nations were countries such as Cuba, South Korea, and China.
- They were encouraged by the United States to follow the "communist agenda."

