

World History Class 14
2nd April, 2024 at 1:00 PM

COLD WAR (01:12 PM):

- **2 Equals with 2 ideologies (Communism Vs. Capitalism).**
- Due to a defensive approach.
- Class conflicts with third countries.
- Role of leaders (Stalin, Nikita Khrushchev, etc).
- Psychological fear of communism among the public.
- UN is seen as biased towards the USA (Seen as an agent of the allied power).
- The formal beginning of the Cold War - **1947 (Truman Doctrine).**
- The US tried to end communism through culturally, economically, and militarily (Set up NATO, Baghdad Pact, SEATO)
- Cold War became the economic reason for the failure of the USSR.
- **Warsaw Pact - 1955.**
- **Yalta Conference - 1945 (02:20 pm):**
- Germans were about to be defeated and a conference was held to decide the future of Axis powers.
- **Potsdam Conference - 1945:**
- Germany - It's now defeated; Disarmement.
- Disagreement on the unification of Germany; Japan nuked after two days without informing Stalin.
- **What was Iron Curtain:** Lack of engagement and animosity @ Eastern and Western Europe.
- **(Note:** Refer to the map regarding Germany after **WW II**).

TRUMAN DOCTRINE (02:45 PM):

- It led to the policy of containment and abandonment of the policy of isolation.
- The US will support free people.
- **A policy of containment:**
- Economically - By Marshal Aid **1947**
- Politically - Interfering and rigging elections.
- Militarily - Establishment of NATO (**1949**).

1979 ISLAMIC REVOLUTION REASONS AND CONSEQUENCES:

- Clerics - western style society of Shah.
- Shah was seen as pro-US by radicals.
- Shah fled and the Ayatollah regime was established.

MARSHAL PLAN (1947) (02:51 PM):

- **Aim** - To strengthen Western Europe against the communist east.
- **Impact** - **13 billion \$** from **1947** to **1951**.
- The long-term impact was the fall of communism in Eastern Europe and the fall of the Berlin Wall (**1989**).

COMNIFORM:

- Group of all socialist parties of Europe.
- Only one road to socialism ie must follow USSR-like policies (rapid industrialization, collectivized, and centralized).
- Disbanded in **1956** by Nikita as part of Destalinization.
- **[Czech Republic 1948:**
- Govt was a coalition of communist and socialist parties.
- Public - Rejection of Marshal's aid under Soviet pressure].

DIVISION OF GERMANY (02:58 PM):

- It all started with occupation zones in **1945**, Marshal Aid in **1947**, and the launch of a new currency in **1948**.
- People in the East EU began changing all of their German currency to new currency because it was worth more.
- Strong currency in West Berlin while poor currency in East Berlin.
- Thus Stalin was put under pressure to merge but Stalin didn't like pressure.
- The fall of the **Berlin Wall** became the symbol of the end of communism.
- **McCarthyism - 1950-54:**
- Started with the USSR developing an Atomic Bomb in **1949** and strengthened by events like the Korean War, the Indo-China freedom struggle, etc.

PARTIAL THAW POST-STALIN (1953) (03:13 PM):

- **Events during thaw:**
- The Korean War ended in **1953**.
- Indo-China War (**1946-54**).
- **1955** Austrian State Treaty.
- **1956** Cominform disbanded.
- **(Cuban Missile Crisis - 1962).**

TENSION IN EAST EU:

- Poland **1956** - Nikita shows weapons.
- Czechoslovakia checked in **1968**.
- Socialism with a human face.

KOREAN WAR 1950-53:

- Dangerous doctrines came during this time by the US:
- Massive retaliation.
- Doctrine of Brinkmanship.
- MAD - Mutually Assured Destruction.
- Nuclear deterrence.

VIETNAM (03:35 PM):

- **1st Indo-China War - 1946-54.**
- **Geneva Agreement 1954** - Laos, Vietnam, and Cambodia were given independence.
- The Civil War affected the Geneva Agreement.
- There were four phases of the Vietnam War (Like under Kennedy, under Johnson, etc).

DETENTE IN 1970s (03:48 PM):

- **SALT I 1972.**
- US - USSR feared a nuclear war.
- US policy in Vietnam brought public pressure.
- **1978** - The US withdrew recognition to govt in Taiwan as govt of the whole of China.
- **1979** - The Islamic Revolution in Iran broke CENTO.
- **1981** - Poland was invaded by the USSR.
- [**Note:** The faculty explained the **personal views** (Like wanted an economic revival of USSR based on capitalist measures, decentralization, etc) and **political steps** taken by **Mikhail Gorbachev** (like **Glasnost**, **Perestroika** - brought partial democracy, small-scale industries were opened to the private sector, etc and disintegration of USSR (Reasons like Siberian coal miners strike, failure of USSR economy, food shortages, etc in detail through handouts]).

NOTE: The syllabus of World History is completed with this class.