

Chapter Thirty-Six

The Cold War Begins, 1945-1952

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- prevent returning soldiers from flooding the job market.
- 2. provide the colleges with a new source of income.
- 3. keep the GIs' military skills in high readiness for the Cold War.
- 4. help to slow down the inflationary economy that developed at the end of World War II.

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Hint: See page 853.

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- 2. reparations from defeated Germany and Japan.
- 3. enhanced global trade between the United States and other prosperous nations.
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Hint: See page 854.

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- 3. most women were working outside the home and relied on child care.
- 4. the federal government promoted it as offering a more modern psychological approach than old-fashioned child-rearing.

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- 3. Massachusetts and Connecticut
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Hint: See pages 857–858.

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- 2. its policies supporting civil rights and equal opportunity for minorities.
- 3. housing loans to veterans.
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- 3. Vice President of the United States
- 4. owner of a haberdashery store

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Hint: See pages 862-863.

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- 1. they were afraid that the Soviets would threaten them with a new war.
- 2. they were largely naïve about the character of Stalin's Communist dictatorship.
- 3. they badly wanted the Soviet Union to join in the war against Japan.
- 4. they believed that granting concessions to Stalin in Eastern Europe would prevent him from demanding parts of Germany and Austria.

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- 1. they had similar ideals in their political system.
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- 3. they had long experience in governing the difficult and nationally divided Europeans.
- 4. they both relied primarily on large armies for their defense and were largely uninterested in naval forces.

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Hint: See pages 864–865.

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- 2. failed to stop the spread of atomic weapons.
- 3. failed to stop a war between India and Pakistan over Kashmir.
- 4. proved unable to help former colonial nations gain their independence.

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