

## - POST WWII

- **Deaths** after WWII
  - Total: 60-75 millions dead
  - Total War - everything during war was geared to maximize military output
  - Russia = most dead
- **Holocaust** - kill the Jews
  - Concentration camps
    - Looked for cheapest/fastest way to kill
    - Auschwitz
    - Treblinka
- **Refugees**
  - Homes destroyed (Germany)
  - Countries did not exist anymore
  - Wandered around Europe
    - 1 out of 6 was a refugee
  - Concentration camps
- **Nuremberg Trials**
  - 1945
  - Post war trials (war crimes)
    - "Crimes against humanity"
  - German and Austrian leaders
    - Executed, or imprisoned
    - Some found innocent
  - 24 high ranking German officials
    - 21 found guilty
    - 10 executed
- **United Nations**
  - Instead of LofN
  - **Dumbarton Oaks Conference**
    - Washington DC
    - Planned organization of UN
  - Purpose
    - To keep peace (prevent war)
    - Protect human rights, give aid, education
    - Preserve freedom and self-determination
  - **General Assembly**
    - One vote for each country
  - **Security Council**
    - Advisory body... power
    - Veto power
    - 5 permanent
      - ◆ US, GB, China, France, Russia
    - 5 rotating
  - **Secretary General**
    - Elected leader

## - EARLY COLD WAR

- Conflict between "*East*" and "*West*"
  - East = Soviet Union, communist
  - West = United States, democratic
  - No "**HOT**" conflict
  - "Battles" in the UN
- **Iron Curtain**
  - Imaginary line that separated East from West

## Arms Race

- NATO
  - Military alliance
  - If one is attacked everyone helps
- Warsaw Pact
  - With **satellite** states
  - Russia made them communist
- Everyone was building up militaries
- **Détente** - "the thaw" (warming of relationships)
  - Khrushchev tried to open up communications with US
  - **S.A.L.T.** talks - Strategic Arms Limitation Talks
    - Problem is how can this be verified
- **Truman Doctrine**
  - United States would help any nation that tried to stop communism
  - Soviet Union was spreading communism
    - First used in Greece
  - Based on **containment**
- **Marshall Plan**
  - American economic plan
  - To rebuild Europe
  - \$\$\$ Billions of dollars
  - Needed strong trading partners
  - **Germany Economic Miracle**
    - Successful
    - Immigration from East Germany to West Germany
    - Start fresh with modern equipment
    - No need for defense
    - Ludwig Erhard - good advisor
    - Stable political life
- **Welfare State**
  - Government's job to provide for the citizens
    - Education
    - Healthcare
    - Financial aids...
  - Citizens paid huge cost during war
  - Cradle-to-grave

- Progressive tax system
        - Rich paid higher taxes
    - European Cooperation
      - Trade
      - Natural resources
      - Ultimately organized into EU
    - Divided Germany
      - **4 Occupation zones**
        - Soviet Union
        - England
        - France
        - United States
      - **GFR**
        - German Federal Republic
        - West Germany
        - 1947 - France, Britain, US
        - 1955 - Independent
        - Democratic
        - Economy recovered extremely fast
      - **GDR**
        - German Democratic Republic
        - Soviet zone
        - One of the satellite states of Soviet Union
        - Soviets never left
        - Communist
        - Economy sluggish
      - **Berlin**
        - Divided (East and West)
      - **Berlin Airlift**
        - Russia wanted ALL of Berlin
        - Russia stopped all transportation into West Berlin
        - For over a year, Allies dropped supplies
    - Ultimately built a wall
      - Berlin Wall
- **Soviet economies**
  - Satellite states send natural resources to SU
  - At first efficient
  - Collective farms
  - COMECON
    - Soviet and satellites economic agreement
- **Yugoslavia**
  - Independent of SU
  - Marshall Tito
    - Leader
  - More freedom
  - Abandoned collectivization



# Eastern Europe

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- East Berlin, 1953
  - Workers riot
  - E. German and Soviet troops ended the riots
    - Repression
    - 330,000 East Germans flee to the West
  - SU helped improve economic conditions in EG
    - More consumer goods
    - Improved recreation
    - International sports
  
- Poland, 1956
  - Liberal reforms take place while maintaining communism and Warsaw Pact
  - **Wladyslaw Gromulka**
    - Leader of reform
    - Leader of Polish Politburo
    - Purged Stalinists
    - Catholic Church resumed
    - Halted collectivization
    - Checked activities of secret police
    - Granted amnesty to political prisoners granted amnesty
  - SU allowed liberal reforms to take place for the time being
  
- Hungary, 1956
  - **Imre Nagy**
    - Liberal PM
    - More consumer goods
    - Ignored resistance to collectivization
    - Kicked out of office by hard-line Communists
  - Hard-line communists resume control
    - Liberal revolts break out all over
      - Statues of Stalin destroyed, etc.
      - Hungarian soldiers refuse to fire on their countrymen
      - Thought the West would help them
        - ◆ Didn't
  - Leaders don't know what to do
    - Ask SU for help
    - Return Nagy to office
  - Nagy formed a coalition of government
    - Began negotiations with SU
    - Intended to end one-party system
    - Wanted to withdraw from Warsaw Pact
    - Wanted to expel Soviet troops from Hungary

- SU angry at Hungarians
    - Feared that liberalism would spread all over
  - Soviets sent troops and tanks in major Hungarian cities
    - Crush the resistance
    - Put **Janos Kadar** (hard-line communist) in power
  - Results
    - Over 200,000 Hungarians fled
  - Kadar very skillful
    - Did not antagonize SU
    - Made some liberal reforms
    - "Goulash communism"
      - Mixture of communism and some liberalism
  - 1989
    - New Constitution
    - *Round Table*
      - Made reforms
- **Khrushchev**
- *Destalinization*
  - Arms Race / Space Race
    - *Sputnik*
  - Banged shoe in UN
  - *Détente* - the thaw in the Cold War
  - Cuban Missile crisis
- **Brezhnev**
- 1964 - 1982
  - Undid the thaw - got chill again
  - KGB
- **Andropov / Chernenko**
- Both old, died shortly
  - Wanted reform
- **Helsinki Accords**
- 1975
  - 1st Conference on Security and Cooperation
  - 35 European nations signed
  - Human rights, economic/scientific collaboration
- March 1991
- Warsaw Pact dissolved
- Change from 'control economy' to 'free market' very difficult
- Resistance in *Czechoslovakia*

- Communists leaders accused of Stalinism
  - Gov. agreed that there was a need for change
- **Alexander Dubcek**
  - January 1968
  - **"Prague Spring"**
    - "socialism with a human face"
    - Greater freedom of expression
    - Ended by Soviet military
- **Velvet Revolution**
  - 1993
  - Led by intellectuals
  - **Vaclav Havel** = leader
    - Playwright
  - Czechoslovakia splits into Czech Republic and Slovakia
  - Soft, now bloodshed
- **"Euro-communists"**
  - Italy, Spain, France
  - Independence
  - Popularity declined
- "Brezhnev Doctrine"**
  - SU would make sure that satellite states adhered to communism
- Eastern European economy
  - Declining
  - Has to borrow money from the West
  - More and more debt
- **Lech Walesa**
  - Poland
  - **"Solidarity"**
    - Illegal organization of trade unions
    - Gdansk = Danzig
    - Asking for free elections
    - 10 million members
    - 1981 suspended - Walesa arrested
    - 1989 - FINALLY WON PM ELECTIONS = no more communism
- **Nikolai Ceausescu**
  - Dictator of Romania
  - Did not want to give up power
  - Forced to step down
  - 10 hours to establish new Gov.
- Opposition to communism

- East Germany, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia = most loyal
  - Intellectuals and students
  - The church
  - Romania = no liberalization
  - Hungary = 2nd most prosperous after GDR
- **The Gorbachev Era**
- Brezhnev
    - Army, KGB = prestige
    - Manufacturing of arms
  - **Mikhail Gorbachev**
    - Came to power 1985
    - Criticized corruption within party
    - Acknowledged that economy was lagging
  - Gorbachev's major internal reforms
    - **Perestroika**
      - Restructuring of the economy
      - privatization allowed to a degree
    - **Glasnost**
      - Openness
      - Freedom of speech and press
    - **Democratization** - multi candidate elections
    - WEAKENED COMMUNIST PARTY --> led to collapse of SU
  - Gorbachev's foreign policy
    - Improve connections/trade with the West
    - Abandoned *Brezhnev Doctrine*
      - *Czechoslovakia, Romania, Hungary, Poland, Bulgaria, Albany* say goodbye to communism, but SU does not use force (1989)
    - Restrictions on nuclear weapons (*SALT I* and *SALT II*)
    - Breaks down the Berlin Wall (1989)
- Honnecker
- East Germany
  - Did not want to make reforms
- Collapse of Berlin Wall
- 1989
  - 100,000s of people emigrate
  - 1990 - Germany reunites
  - Krenz - communist who made reforms

