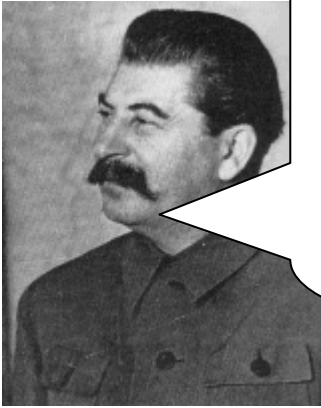


# Origins of the Cold War

**Aim:** To be able to describe how the Communists took Control of Eastern Europe.



It's 1949 – my 70<sup>th</sup> birthday. Let me tell you what's been happening since the war. Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania were already part of the USSR, then at Yalta we managed to get parts of F\_\_\_\_\_, R\_\_\_\_\_ and Cz\_\_\_\_\_ - about 25 million more comrades! I think it's very important that our neighbours are communists – so my Party in Moscow trained important communists from Eastern Europe during the war. You know what happened in Poland – well we had success elsewhere too – tried and tested methods! Not happy about Yugoslavia though...

Recipe for Soviet success:

## **Ingredients:**

- The Red Army
- Some E\_\_\_\_\_ European countries
- Some local communists trained in M\_\_\_\_\_
- 'Evidence' against f\_\_\_\_\_ and capitalists

## **Method:**

- ✓ Get the communists to join in a c\_\_\_\_\_ government, making sure they get important jobs.
- ✓ Using the evidence, make sure that the non-communists are either t\_\_\_\_\_ or e\_\_\_\_\_ from the country.
- ✓ Finally, hold an election – make sure the c\_\_\_\_\_ are all communists.

'People's democracies' are easy – but not what Britain and the USA expected – Roosevelt and Churchill got a surprise!

## **Success – Hungary**

1944 Red Army moves in  
1945 Free election – Smallholders' Party wins  
1945-6 Secret police discredit them  
1949 'People's Republic' set up by Rákosi ('like slicing off salami')

By March 1948, Stalin had set up communist govts. in P\_\_\_\_\_, E\_\_\_\_\_, G\_\_\_\_\_, R\_\_\_\_\_, B\_\_\_\_\_ and Cz\_\_\_\_\_ . Non- communist leaders had fled, been imprisoned or were dead.

But

## **Trouble with Tito**

Tito, a.k.a. J\_\_\_\_\_ B\_\_\_\_\_ was popular in Y\_\_\_\_\_ because his army had managed to force the Germans out alone.

1948 Stalin expelled Tito from the \_\_\_\_\_ (the Communist Information Bureau) and cut off Soviet aid. Still, Yugoslavia the only communist country i\_\_\_\_\_ of the USSR.

## Origins of the Cold War – Quick Recap

Not full scale war, mostly because of the development of the A \_\_\_\_\_ bomb.

### causes of the cold war = [bare]

1. **Beliefs:** Russia was a C \_\_\_\_\_ country, ruled by a d \_\_\_\_\_.  
America was a c \_\_\_\_\_ democracy, which valued freedom of choice.
2. **Aims:** Stalin wanted reparations from G \_\_\_\_\_ / a buffer of friendly states.  
Britain and the USA [led by President Truman] wanted to help Germany recover/ to prevent large areas of Europe from coming under C \_\_\_\_\_ control.
3. **Resentment** about history: The USSR did not trust Britain and the USA – They had tried to destroy the Russian R \_\_\_\_\_ in 1918 and Stalin thought they had not helped the USSR enough in \_\_\_\_\_.  
Britain & USA did not trust USSR – Stalin had signed the N \_\_\_\_-S \_\_\_\_\_ pact in 1939.
4. **Events** turned the mistrust into war: Yalta/ Potsdam/ Salami tactics/ Fulton

### And more....

Greece/ Truman Doctrine/ Marshall Plan/ Cominform/ Czechoslovakia

We will now look at these ...

## **Title: The Development of the Cold War in Europe**

**Aim: To understand Truman Doctrine.**



1945 Apr Harry Truman becomes P \_\_\_\_\_ of the USA  
Jul-Aug Potsdam, then at. bombs dropped on Japan.  
1946 Mar Churchill's I \_\_\_\_\_ C \_\_\_\_\_ speech.  
1947 Feb Britain tells USA that it can't support G \_\_\_\_\_ or  
T \_\_\_\_\_ any more.

Mar Truman changes USA p \_\_\_\_\_ completely.  
Apr US adviser first mentions the C \_\_\_\_\_ W \_\_\_\_.  
Also in this year, the C \_\_\_\_\_

I \_\_\_\_\_

A \_\_\_\_\_

was set up to \_\_\_\_\_.

### When and what?

In 1947, Truman asked Congress for \$ 400 million to help the Greek government to fight the communists and to help the Turkish government, which was under Soviet pressure.

(Less than three years later, the Greek communists gave up their struggle).

**'Truman Doctrine'** = the idea that...

(Write a definition – use the word 'contain' and write about 2 sentences)

### Why?

Truman thought that the spread of communism should be stopped. As poor countries would probably be tempted by communism, then the USA should help them.

### Extension

Think back to the work we have done this term. Write a speech of one short paragraph for Truman explaining why the USA blames the USSR for starting the Cold War. Mention the long-term and short-term causes in as much detail as you can.