

U.S. HISTORY  
CHAPTER 19  
THE TRUMAN YEARS

1. **HARRY TRUMAN:** Became president in 1945, after the death of FDR. He was re-elected in 1948. He defeated Thomas Dewey (republican), and Strom Thurmond (Dixiecrats).
2. In 1946 Harry Truman started his **FAIR DEAL** = create jobs, public housing, end job discrimination.
3. **COLD WAR:** 1945-1990, Not a direct confrontation. A war of diplomacy, propaganda, nerves, arms race, and governments. (U.S vs. U.S.S.R.) (**DEMOCRACY vs. Communism**)
4. **SATELLITES:** A nation that is officially independent, but controlled by a foreign power.  
Poland, East Germany, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Rumania, Bulgaria, Albania = satellites of the U.S.S.R. by 1948.
5. **THE IRON CURTAIN :** Winston Churchill came up with this term to describe the division of Europe.  
West = Democratic and East = Communism

6. **CONTAINMENT** = Stopping the spread of communism. Do not let it go any further. This was the official U.S. policy against Communism. Why not stop it completely? (TRUMAN DOCTRINE)

7. **MARSHALL PLAN**: June 1947, Sec. Of State George Marshall. The U.S. would give economic aid to any country in Europe.

- Help out the economies of Europe.
- Contain Communism.
- Ensure the continued health of the U.S. economy.

12 billion dollars to 16 nations over 3 years.

Very successful = Democracy increased and communism decreased.

Money was even offered to the communist countries.

8. **NATO = NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION**

-An alliance of democratic countries developed after World War II that promised to come to the aid of each other if any of the members were ever threatened by a communist country.

9. **WARSAW PACT** = The opposite of NATO, an alliance of communist countries that promised to come to the aid of each other if ever threatened by a democratic country.

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