

# The World in the Mid-20th Century: Imposition of the Cold War Regime

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## United States

### I. Harry S Truman, President 1945–1953

A. Economy: Labor problems; wage and price controls

B. Society: Segregation

C. Politics: McCarthyism (Sen. Joseph McCarthy, HUAC);  
feeds into Cold War mentality

# Harry S Truman, President 1945–1953



# Joseph R. McCarthy



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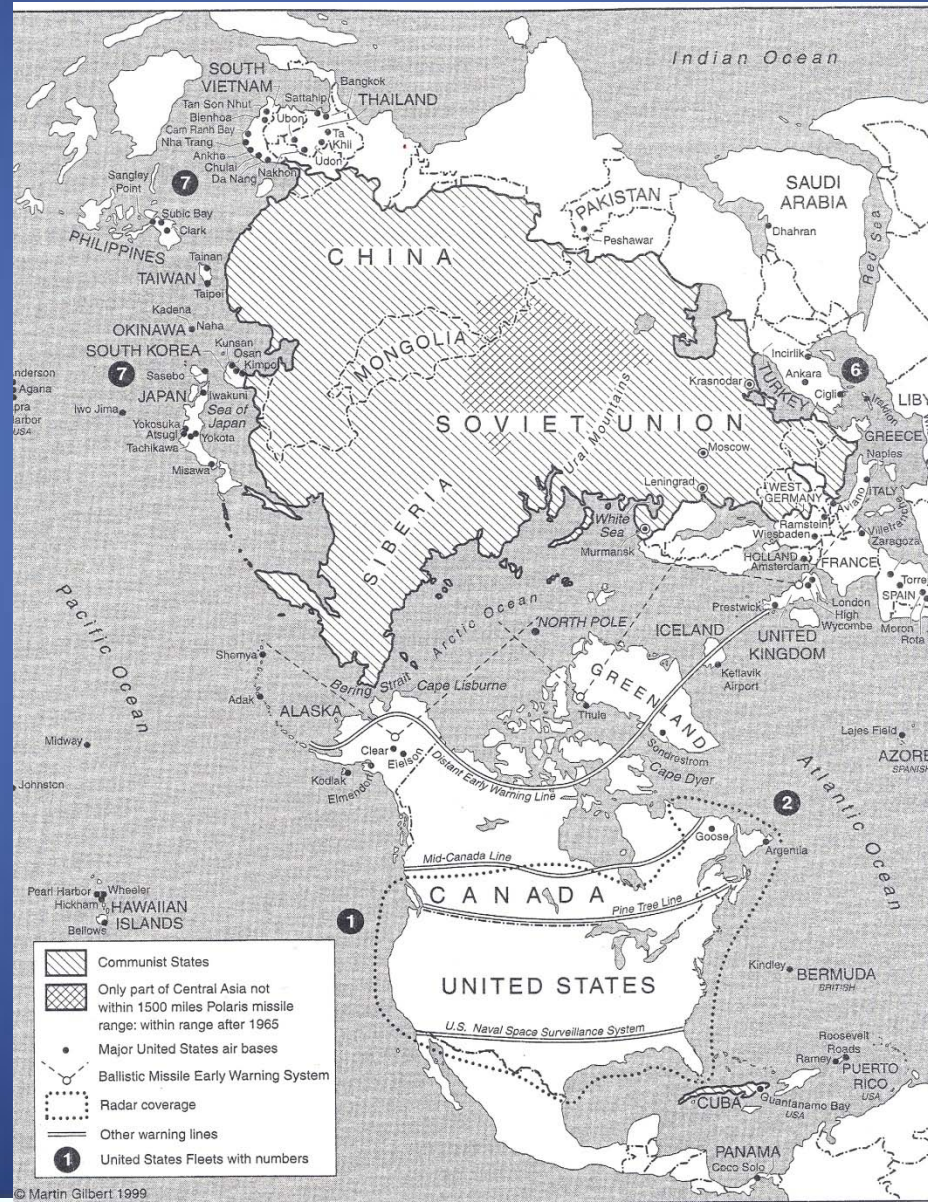
## Soviet Union

- I. Joseph V. Stalin, Party General Secretary, 1919–1953
  - A. Economy: Labor shortages; war-time devastation
  - B. Society: Gender differentiation
  - C. Politics: Hard-line anti-West (A. A. Zhdanov); feeds into Cold War mentality

# A. A. Zhdanov (1896-1948)



# Cold War Geo-Political Relations





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## Europe

- I. Germany (4 zones —> 2 countries)
- II. Western Europe and the Marshall Plan
- III. Eastern Europe: The Soviet Bloc



# Soviet Bloc



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## Far East

### I. Japan: American Occupation and General Douglas MacArthur

A. 1945–1950: Economic difficulties and the Dodge Plan

B. 1950–1953: Economic revival during Korean War

### II. China

A. Establishment of People's Republic of China, October 1, 1949

# Japan





# China



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## Far East (continued)

### III. Korean War (1950–1953)

A. Korea divided in 1945 at 38th parallel (Col. Dean Rusk)

B. Attempt to reunite Korea: June 25, 1950: North invades the South

1. United Nations Resolution, June 27, 1950

2. Soviet Union Boycott of Security Council of UN over Seating of China

3. Furthest advance south of North Korean troops, September 15, 1950

4. Furthest advance north of UN troops, November 25, 1950

# Korea





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## Far East (continued)

### IV. War in Vietnam (1945–1954)

A. Ho Chi Minh declares Vietnam's Independence, 1945

B. French reoccupation

1. Battle of Dien Ben Phu (1954)

2. Geneva Treaty (1954)

a. Temporary demarcation line at 17th parallel

b. Elections of a united Vietnam to be held within 2 years



# Southeast Asia, ca. 1950



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## Latin America

### I. Economic and Political Dependency

A. Economy: Wealth differential

B. Society: Racial differentiation

C. Politics: Dictatorships and military coups slowly giving way to democratic administrations

# Mexico









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## Africa

### I. Emerging independent countries (Gold Coast —> Ghana, 1954)

#### A. Kenya

1. Terms: *uhuru* (freedom); Mau Mau

2. Organizations

a. Kenya African Union

b. “Land and Freedom”

#### B. Algeria (Organization: FLN [Front of National Liberation])







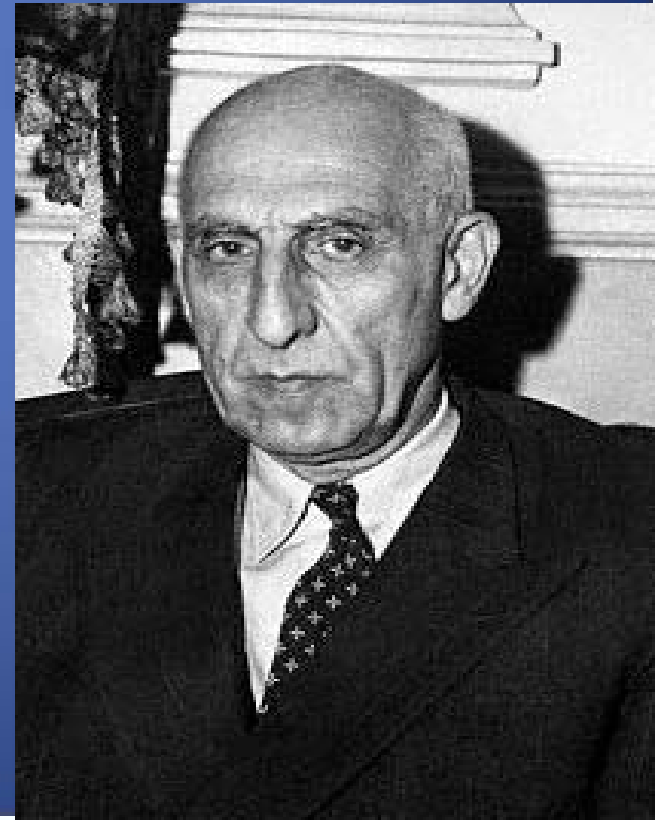
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## •Middle East

### •I. Arab-Israeli Conflict

### •II. Iran

- 1. Parliamentary elections, 1947
- 2. Mohammed Mossadegh nationalizes oil industry April 29, 1951
- 3. “28 [Mordad](#) 1332” coup (August 19, 1953)



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## Southern Asia

### I. India-Pakistan Relations

# India and Pakistan

