

## **The World in the Mid-20<sup>th</sup> Century: Imposition of the Cold War Regime**

### 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

### 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 (V. V. Zhdanov); feeds into Cold War mentality

### EUROPE

#### I. Germany (4 zones → 2 countries)

#### II. Western Europe and the Marshall Plan

#### III. Eastern Europe: The Soviet Bloc

### 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

#### III. Korean War (1950–1953)

- A. Korea divided in 1945 at 38<sup>th</sup> 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

#### 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 two years

#### 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

#### 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])

#### MIDDLE EAST

##### I. Arab-Israeli Conflict

II. Iran: Parliamentary elections, 1947; Mohammed Mossadegh nationalizes oil industry April 29, 1951

#### SOUTHERN ASIA

##### I. India-Pakistan Relations