

Cold War

The Eisenhower Years: 1953-1961



From Supreme Allied Commander at Normandy
to President of the U.S.

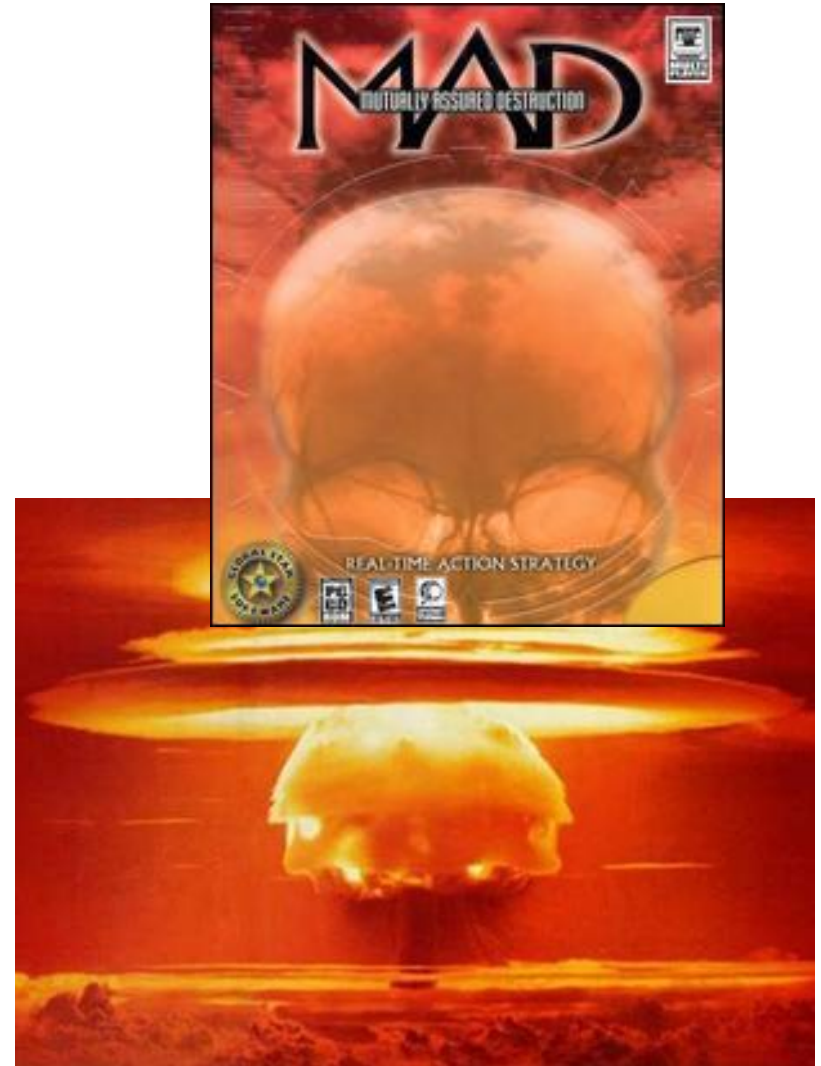
Essential Question:

- How did President Eisenhower extend the United States' policy of containment?



Nuclear Arms Race

- Soviets explode atomic bomb in 1949
- 1952 - US develops the **Hydrogen or H-bomb.**
(a thermonuclear weapon 67 x more powerful than the Atomic bomb)
- 1953 -Soviets get the H-bomb
- **M.A.D. - Mutually Assured Destruction.** Both the US & USSR will be destroyed in the event of nuclear war.





Brinkmanship

- **Brinkmanship** - The US is willing to go all out to the edge of nuclear war to protect our interests
- This policy created by **John Foster Dulles**, Secretary of State under President Eisenhower to prevent the spread of communism.
- The US public has **air-raid drills** and bomb shelters for protection





Cold War Spreads

- **CIA -Central Intelligence Agency** uses spies to gather information worldwide.
- **Covert activities** are secret operations to weaken or overthrow governments unfriendly to the US
- Examples: In **Iran** the CIA overthrows Mossadegh and in **Guatemala** overthrew a “communist” president.



Map 2:

US Military and CIA Interventions Since World War II

■ targeted countries — US government assassination plots

Source: William Blum, *Killing Hope: U.S. Military and CIA Intervention Since World War II*, 2004
(<http://www.killinghope.org/>)

Treaties & Military Alliances

- 1955 - the Soviet Union was fearful when West Germany joined NATO and the USSR formed the **Warsaw Pact**, a military alliance with seven Eastern European countries.
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Warsaw Pact Countries

NATO Countries

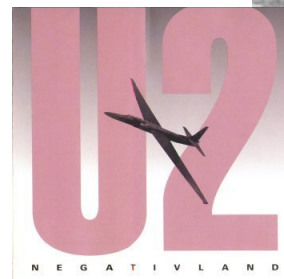
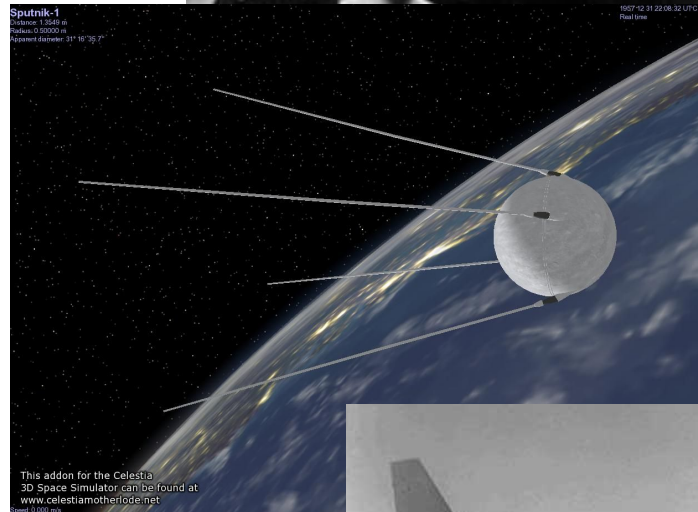
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Cold War in the Skies

- **Nikita Khrushchev** became ruler of USSR after Stalin died in 1953
- USSR is first to put a satellite into space called “**sputnik.**”
The space race begins
- USSR shoots down **US spy plane (U-2)** & captures pilot, **Francis Gary Powers**. At first Eisenhower denies US had U-2 spy planes, then admits it.



Textbook Topics #19 . . . write a more detailed explanation on each of the following topics

1. Hey 58562bomb shelters (personal voice) p. 622
2. Mossadegh overthrown in Iran p. 623-24
3. Guatemala President overthrown p. 624
4. Geneva Summit 1955 p. 624
5. Creation of Israel 1948 p. 625
6. Suez War 1955-56 p. 625
7. Eisenhower Doctrine p. 625
8. Hungarian uprising 1956 p. 625
9. Sputnik p. 626
10. U-2 incident p. 626-27