

End of Instruction Notes

Day 1

Post WWII and the Cold War

1945-46 History of bad feelings since Russian Revolution (1916) U.S. did not recognize the USSR until 1933. The USSR promised free election in Eastern European countries after WWII but did not allow that, to protect itself after losing 20 million in WWII they created **Satellite Nations**. Joseph Stalin installed communist gov't in Eastern Europe—Albania, Czech, Hungary, Poland and Romania. Allies wanted strong Germany rebuilt—Soviets saw this as a threat—Soviet installed a brutal communist gov't in East Germany. Churchill called this the **“Iron Curtain.”**

1945—**United Nations**. 50 countries meet in San Francisco to adopt the charter for the UN. It is housed in New York City. Designed to prevent war and solve international problems. US, Great Britain, USSR, France and China have permanent seats on the Security Council with veto power over proposed policies.

1946--George Kennan—American Diplomat to Moscow—defined the policy of **Containment**—US to resist Soviet attempt to form communist governments elsewhere in the world. **Truman Doctrine** was the policy of the US to support free people who are resisting attempted conquest by armed minorities or outside pressures. Free people must work out their destinies in their own way.

1947 **Marshall Plan**—Sec. of State George Marshall—the US would support economic recovery from WWII with financial aid. US felt this would create strong democracies and open new markets, Soviets and satellites refused to accept help. Japan accepted the help.

1948--US, Great Britain, France merged their occupied areas of Germany into West Germany, including West Berlin. Stalin wanted to close escape route by forcing Western Powers to abandon West Berlin; Soviets put a blockade around Berlin. Allies responded with the Berlin Airlift—15 months everything delivered by air, food, fuel, medicine, Soviets finally gave up on the blockade

UN called for creation of 2 states—Israel and Palestine (West Bank). US supported Israel and Soviets supported Palestine. US wanted to prevent USSR from controlling oil-rich Middle East.