

End of Instruction Notes

DAY 2

1949 **NATO**—North Atlantic Treaty Organization. When it became apparent the UN could not stop war and aggression, the former Allies signed this treaty stating, “armed attack against one or more of them...shall be considered an attack against all.” Truman did not allow the US to return to isolationism after WWII.

Warsaw Pact—after NATO allowed West Germany to re-arm. Soviet Union responded by organizing a military alliance in Eastern Europe

Soviets successfully test atomic bomb this led to the arms race with the US

China turns communist with Mao Zedong

1950s

1950 **Korean War**—divided after WWII, by Allies occupying forces withdrew in 1948-49. North Korea invaded the south to reunite them. The Soviets were boycotting the UN. The UN voted to defend South Korea. Douglas MacArthur headed troops after years of fighting he wanted to push war harder and to consider the bomb. Truman disagreed. Mac went behind his back and Truman fired him.

1952--Communists took control of Iran. CIA overthrew communists and replaced with Shah

1953—President Eisenhower wants to end the Korean War—Stalin died—Korea divided on 48th parallel. Vietnam conflict starting. Eisenhower sends advisors.

Latin America—US feared Soviets might try to spread communism there

US first then the USSR tested nuclear bombs

1954—CIA overthrew Guatemala gov't to replace with US friendly one

1957—Soviet uses ballistic missiles armed with nuclear warheads. US lags behind in missile technology. Soviets also launch Sputnik, 1st satellite to orbit the earth—this leads to the space race. Congress created NASA. 1962—John Glenn 1st American to orbit the earth 1969—Neil Armstrong 1st man on the moon.

1958—US tests hydrogen bomb= to 10 million tons of TNT Atomic bomb=to 20,000 tons TNT

1959—Fidel Castro become dictator of Cuba

New Red Scare

During the depression many Americans joined the Communist Party, during the Cold War the US had a climate of suspicion. HUAC (House on Un-American Activity Committee) was started to investigate disloyalty to US. They attacked Hollywood—the Hollywood Ten were actors, directors, etc. blacklisted, some also served time for their political beliefs.

McCarthyism—Senator Joseph McCarthy accused hundreds of being communists creating another Red Scare. When he attacked the US army the hearings were televised and McCarthy lost support.