

Cold War Recap

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Who were the countries involved in the Cold War?

Soviet Union



(USSR)



U.S.

Missiles in Cuba
caused worry and
tension in the U.S.
Soviet Union and U.S.
are the superpowers
with nuclear weapons

What was the underlying cause of the Cold War?

- Tension
- Differences
 - Political
 - Economic
 - Religious



Communist vs. Democratic
Society

After the Red Scare...

- Cuba becomes communist in 1959
- The arms race intensifies
- CIA starts plotting the overthrow Cuban gov't



Fidel Castro Cuban
leader → Dictator
Goes against U.S. policy
of containment

Uh-Oh Spaghetios



Why is this bad for America?

Nikita Khrushchev and Fidel Castro partner up.

Not good for U.S. because of Cuba's close proximity to the U.S.

Bay of Pigs

- Handed to Kennedy by Eisenhower, CIA op
- Meant to dismantle Castro
- COMPLETE FAIL
 - Loss of U.S. troops
 - POWs
 - Destroys relations with Cuba

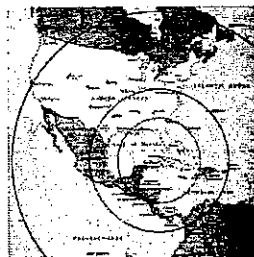
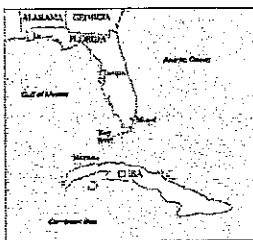


* Huge failure due to the time change

* A bad thing for Kennedy as president

* U.S. + Cuba relationship destroyed.

Houston, we have a problem...



1962

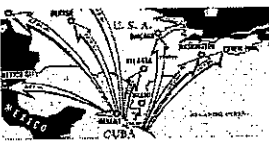
The range of nuclear weapons in Cuba is a huge threat to U.S.

American Reaction

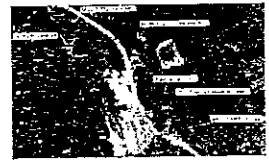


A scary time in the U.S.

Cuban Missile Crisis



- Discovery of missiles in Cuba
– “Delicate, behind the scenes negotiations...”



- Letters between Kennedy and Khrushchev
- Hour of Maximum Danger

Kennedy decides to work on negotiations ~ 13 days (Oct. 16 - Oct. 28, 1962) with Khrushchev
Trying to get USSR to remove nukes from Cuba

Debrief

- According to these documents, what deal did the U.S. strike with the U.S.S.R.?
- Why was this deal kept secret?
- Is this deal mentioned in the classroom textbook? Why might the textbook not have mentioned this deal?
- What does this event show you about how people felt during the Cold War?
