## The Twentieth Century and Beyond:

A Global History

**Chapter Twenty-Six** 

Détente and Europe

#### The Dawn of Détente

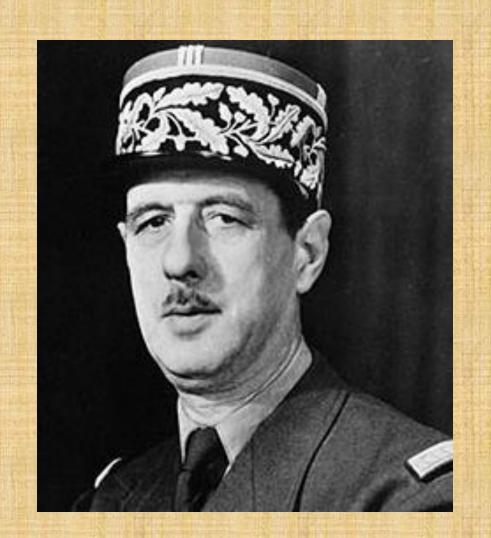
In 1963, more that 100 countries signed the Nuclear Test Ban Treaty...there wouldn't be any testing in space, atmosphere, or under water. China and France didn't sign.

Then the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. China, France, India, Pakistan, Israel didn't sign.

#### The Common Market and De Gaulle

Various trade groups morphed together to form the Common Market (European Economic Community), which finally formed the European Communities in 1968 and ended all trade tariffs within the EC (France, W. Germany, Italy, Belgium, the Netherlands, and Luxembourg). In 1973, Great Britain, Ireland, and Denmark joined. In 1981, Greece joined.

This growing neonationalism, a nationalism of the European area, can be symbolized by de Gaulle.



De Gaulle was arrogant and self-absorbed saying, "When I want to know what France thinks, I ask myself."

He also wanted independence from the US.

De Gaulle also wanted to get France out of NATO, which he did by 1967.

De Gaulle wanted to be the middle man between the US and the USSR. Actually, he wanted to run Europe without the British and their friends in the US.

Then de Gaulle's strength started to wane until he quit in 1969.

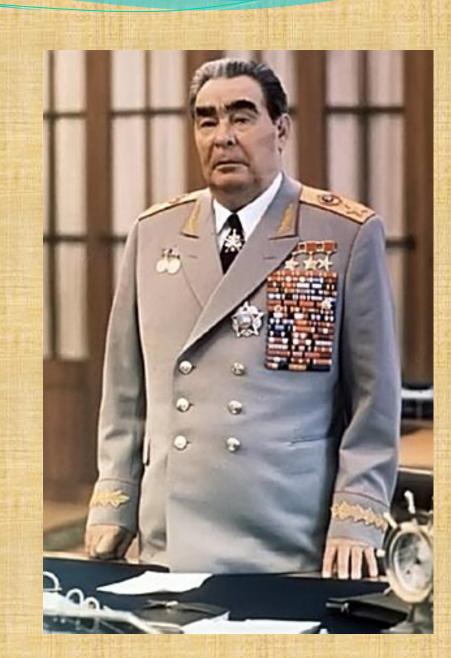
#### The Soviet Union: Brezhnev to Chernenko

Khrushchev was removed by 1964 for numerous reasons having to due with lack of grain, foreign policy issues like the Cuban missile crisis, and a growing riff with China.



Brezhnev and Kosygin shared the leadership as the head of the party and the premier.

Here is Brezhnev after his "chest-expansion surgery".



Under Brezhnev became the world's biggest oil producer and had profound crop failures. This was when the USSR bought grain from the US.



Brezhnev has a stroke in 1976, and he was then a mirror of how the Russian people we doing...not well.

Androov and Chernenko were two leaders who died in office between 1982-1985.

Eastern Europe in the 1960s: The Pursuit and Limits of Autonomy.

Eastern Europe wanted more freedom from the USSR...kind of like de Gaulle wanted freedom from the US.

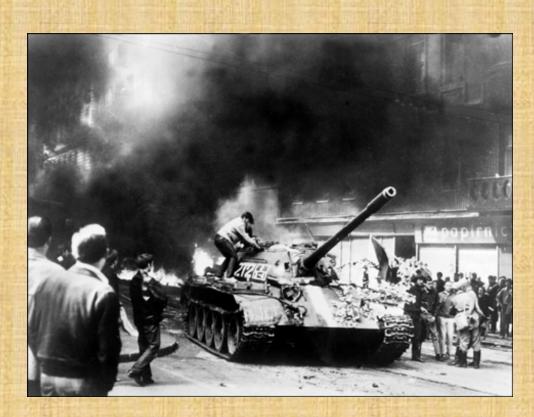
Romania moved toward independence... at least they were thinking more independently.

Much of Central Europe was acting and showing more freedom to their people.

This included Hungry, Poland, and Romania.



# Czechoslovakia enjoyed what was called the *Prague Spring* under Alexander Dubček in 1968.



#### The Flowering of Détente

In 1972, Nixon worked for détente with the Soviet Union by E. and W. Germany recognized each other, and the Soviets wouldn't stop the Western Allies from Berlin.



Nixon and Brezhnev signed the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks (SALT) in 1969. The next issue was China that started to get worried about the USSR.



Henry Kissinger and Zhou Enlai started the process of détente in secret in late 1969.

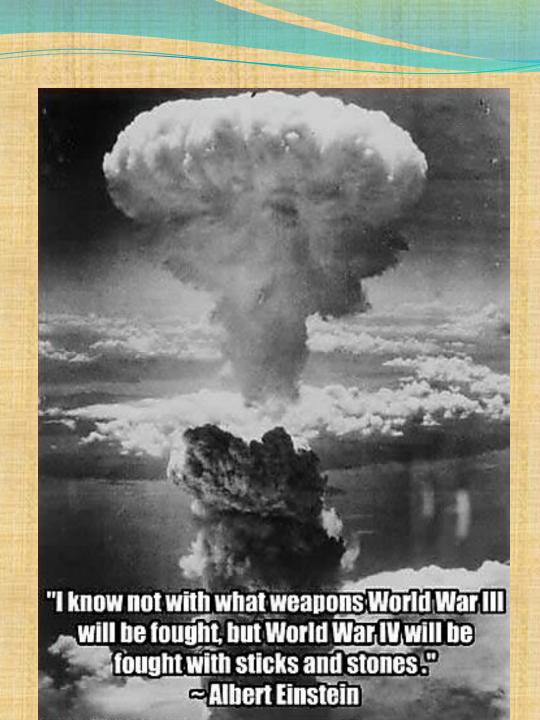
In 1971, the US allowed China on the Security Council by replacing the Nationalists. Nixon goes to China in 1972



While the US allowed China on the Security Council, it wouldn't allow the Communist to take Taiwan, which they wanted to do.

### Carter and Brezhnev sign the SALT II treaty in Vienna in 1979.

At that time the US and USSR had a combined nuclear warheads of more than 40,000 or 1.5 million Hiroshima bombs... this was called mutual assured distraction (MAD)... it was also just insane.



### Western Europe, 1970-1984: Economics and Politics

Europe fought off inflation and unemployment in the mid-70s, but later on in the decade, things started to return to normal.

While the economy went through ups and downs, there were numerous extremists from both the left and right active in Europe.



### Eastern Europe, 1970-1984: Communist Regimes and Economics

The Eastern bloc nations were beginning to grow in the 70s...even though growth was minimal by Western standards.

Poland saw fairly rapid growth economically and politically.
Lech Walesa was the cause of much of the positive direction of Poland.





The Soviets reacted to Poland moving to the right and cracked down by replacing the puppet government leaders. They put in General Jaruzelski who essentially declared marshal law and declared a state of national emergency.



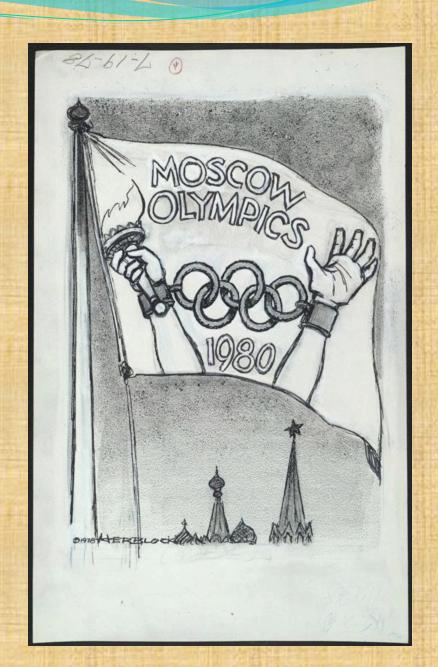


#### The Collapse of Détente

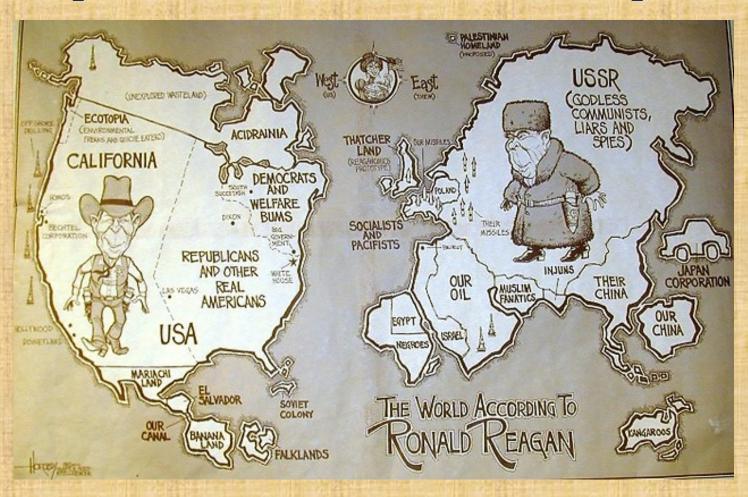
Amid economic problems at home, the Soviets invaded Afghanistan in 1979, which began the process of economically ruining the USSR. The SALT II failed ratification by the US Senate and later boycotted the Moscow Olympic Games in 1980.

Should We Boycott
The Olympics?





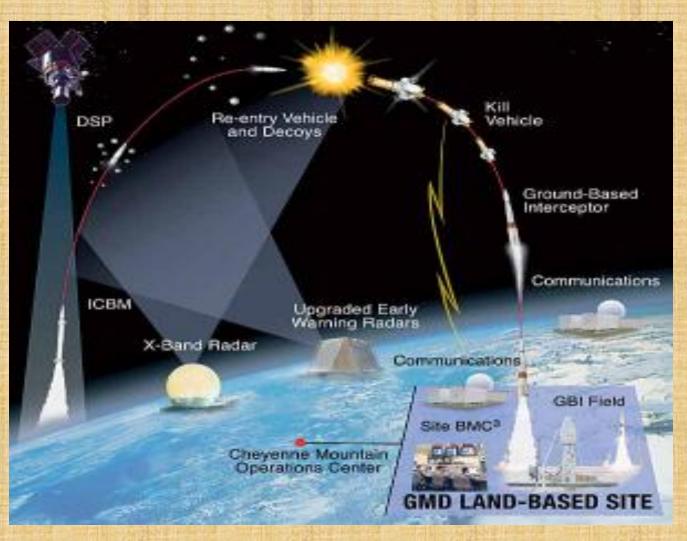
## Then Reagan was elected and he built up the US military to protect the US from the evil empire.

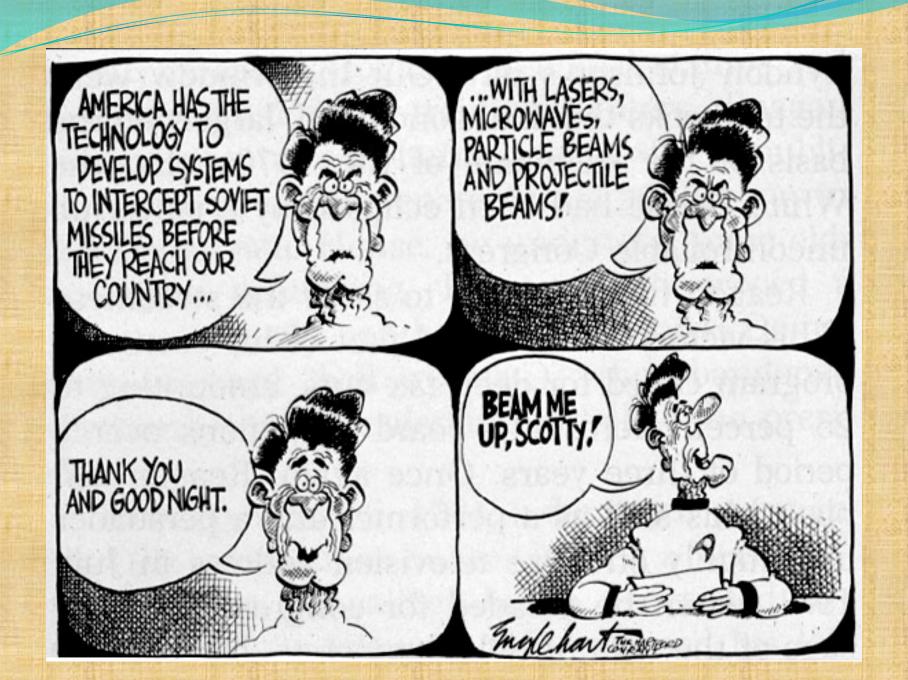




The USSR deployed SS-20 (left) against Europe, and the US deployed Pershing II (right) against the USSR.

### Reagan also began the Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI) also known as Star Wars.





**Chapter Twenty-Seven** 

## The Americas in the Late Cold War Era

## The United States: Economic Troubles and Rising Conservatism

From 1972 to 1982, pages went up 20%, but when the increase was adjusted, it meant that a worker's weekly salary went from \$316 to \$255. With the oil embargo and overseas competition, the cost of living increased faster than income.

#### From Nixon to Carter

Nixon wants to check on the Democrats headquarters in their Watergate offices.











































Finally, Nixon leaves the White House.
Gerald Ford looses to Jimmy Carter,
and the recession doesn't help Carter's
term as president.







Carter brings Egypt and Israel together and turns over the Panama Canal to the Panamanians.

However, the 1979 coup d'état by Muslim revolutionaries that toppled the Shah of Iran brought Carter's administration to a halt.



The Muslim revolutionaries seized the US Embassy in November 4, 1979 and held it 444 days along with 53 hostages until Reagan became president.



#### The Reagan Era

Reaganomics—"government is not the solution, government is the problem."

He deregulated governmental rules, cut taxes on the rich, cut social programs, and went to supply side economics.

However, Reagan spent billions on Star Wars and other military programs while cutting taxes, which caused major budgetary deficits. Labor and the poor suffered due to the Reagan years with things like Wal-Martization of America.



Environmental cut-backs, lack of any civil rights enforcement, decrease of public health were policies of the Reagan years.

Then there was the Iran-Contra scandal raged with Reagan being unaware of it.



# Bush I follows Reagan and watches the Berlin Wall and Communism fall in Eastern Europe.





Latin America: Dictatorship, Democracy, and Debt.

After nearly two decades of right-wing dictatorships, a movement toward democracy by the 80s. However, the economies of most of the countries in SA were in bad economic times.

Then the drug wars became a focus of the US and the SA countries.

Mexico: Ossification of he PRI, Democratic Insurgencies, and Economic Crises

The Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI) became entrenched in the status quo.

By 1982, inflation rate totaled 100% and 60% of the population were living in poverty.

Brazil, Argentina, and Chile: From Military Dictatorships to Emergent Democracies

Brazil went from a reformist government into a military coup d'état until 1985.

Nevertheless, health concerns were massive: ½ population had tuberculosis, 1/3 had parasitic diseases, and 2/3 of children were malnourished.

Monetarily, Brazil became the world's largest debtor nation owing \$100 billion.

Argentina paralleled Brazil; after Peron was overthrown, the governments faced a severely crippled economy, massive unemployment, and internal conflicts. Peron returned and won the presidential election...and die within a year leaving Isabel in power. A continued urban guerrilla remained until ousting Isabel.



## In 1982, Argentina, in an attempt to fix the economy, attack the Falkland Islands.



The Argentine military seize the islands containing some British military personnel, 1,800 British subject, and 600,000 sheep... until the British recaptured the islands.



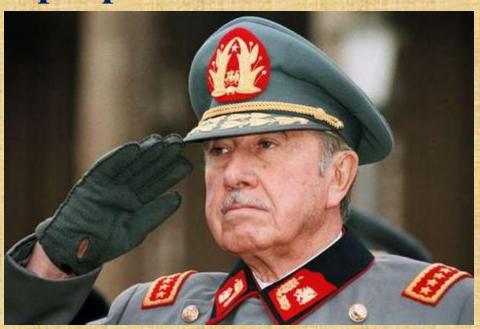
## Chile elects Salvador Allende, a Marxist, which concerns the US.

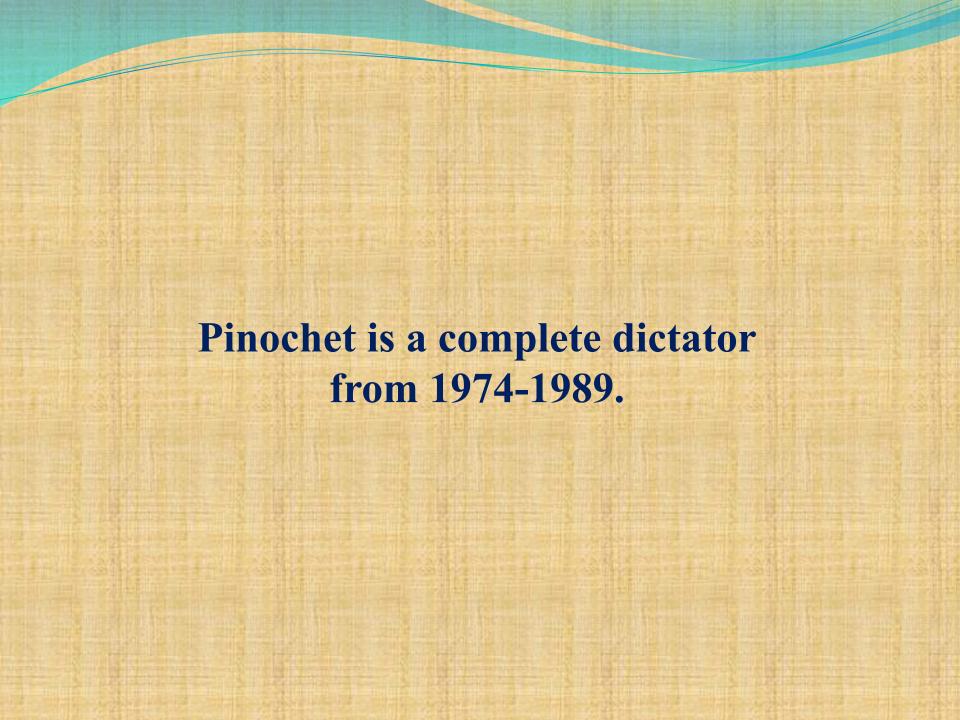


The US State Department and the CIA assist General Augusto Pinochet's overthrow of Allende.

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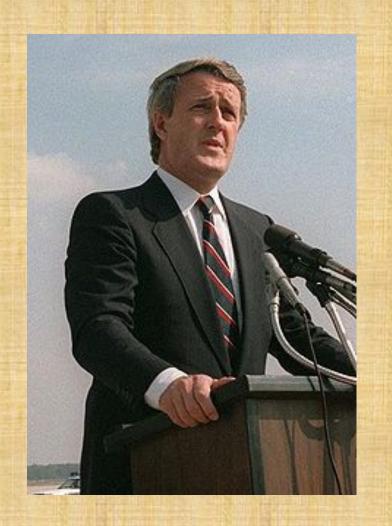
#### Central America: Revolutionary Movements, Military Dictatorships, and Civil Wars

The Sandinista Revolution wanted to rid Somoza from power in Nicaragua. They finally were successful in July 1979. Within less than two years, Reagan is elected and goes about ridding Nicaragua of the Sandinistas...which took a decade.

### Guatemala, El Salvador, Nicaragua, and Honduras suffered much from 1970-1990s.



#### Canada in the Late Cold War Era



Canada was experiencing many of the same economic problems that the US was facing.

In 1984, Brian Mulroney was elected prime minister.

The Canada Act of 1982 officially ended gave Canada autonomy from Great Britain...well, the queen is still the Head of State.



### **Chapter Twenty-Eight**

## South and Southeast Asia in the Late Cold War Era

# The Continuing Cold War in Southeast Asia The Great Powers Partition Vietnam

The US was concerned about Indochina's independence. It helped push the Dutch out of Indonesia, but wanted France to stop communism in Vietnam. The major powers met in Geneva to have France withdraw and agree to the 17<sup>th</sup> parallel between North and South Vietnam.

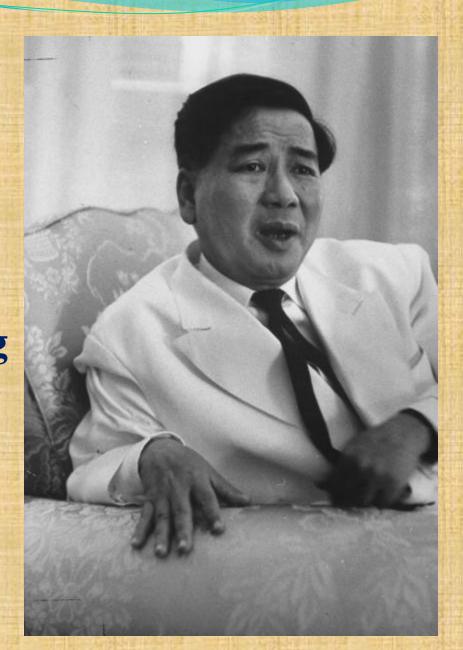




Ho Chi Minh established the Democratic Republic of Vietnam in Hanoi. His government pushed for land reform, and persecuted Catholics and some ethnic Chinese. **Approximately 1-million** peasants went to the south.

In the south, the Republic of Vietnam, Ngo Dinh Diem was the president.

He was Catholic along with a good number of Vietnamese in the south, although the country was largely Buddhists.



Eisenhower, who wouldn't support the French at Diem Bien Phu, sent military aid and advisor to the south to support the South Vietnamese Army (ARVN).

Kennedy replicated this policy while he was president.





A number of Buddhist monks set themselves on fire as a protest of the Diem regime.

In 1963, some South
Vietnamese killed
Diem and his brother,
which didn't resolve
the problem.

Lyndon Johnson used the Gulf of Tonkin as a reason for becoming more involved in the war effort.



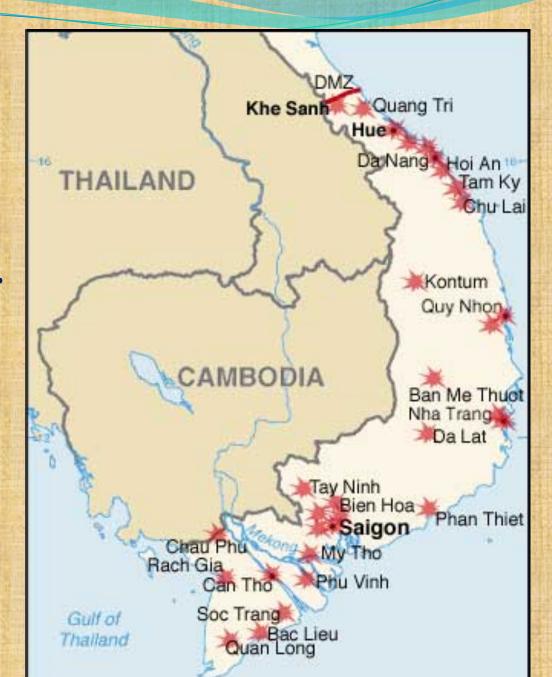


### This is Halong Bay, which is in the Gulf of Tonkin. http://www.wolverton-mountain.com/VCLT\_HalongBay.aspx

By 1968, there were 500,000 military people in Vietnam and attack the Ho Chi Minh Trail.

The Tet Offensive in 1968 was the US military Waterloo. Interestingly, the offensive struck all major military sites in the south and the North Vietnamese lost all the battles, but won the point of the attacks.

The US finally realized that we couldn't win the war as it was being waged. Getting out of Vietnam became the US objective.



Nixon carpet-bombing of the north called Operation Linebacker II (also known as the Christmas Bombings, because it was done from December 18-29, 1972)



January 27, 1973, the US and the North Vietnamese signed the Paris Agreement and the US had two months to leave Vietnam. Henry Kissinger and Le Duc Tho received the Nobel Peace Prize for the ending of the war.



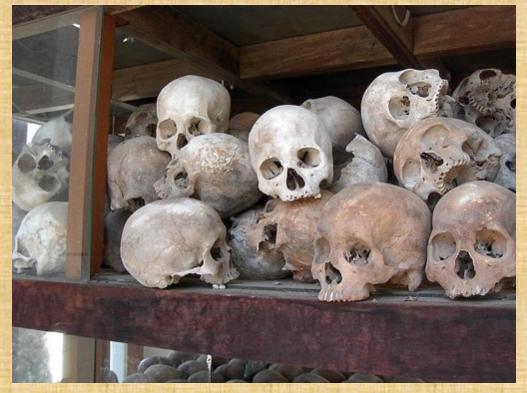
The war in Vietnam finally was over when the North Vietnamese force the South Vietnamese to end the war in 1975.

The Vietnamese wars for independence was costly for them...losing 3.2 million Vietnamese and 57,000 US soldiers.

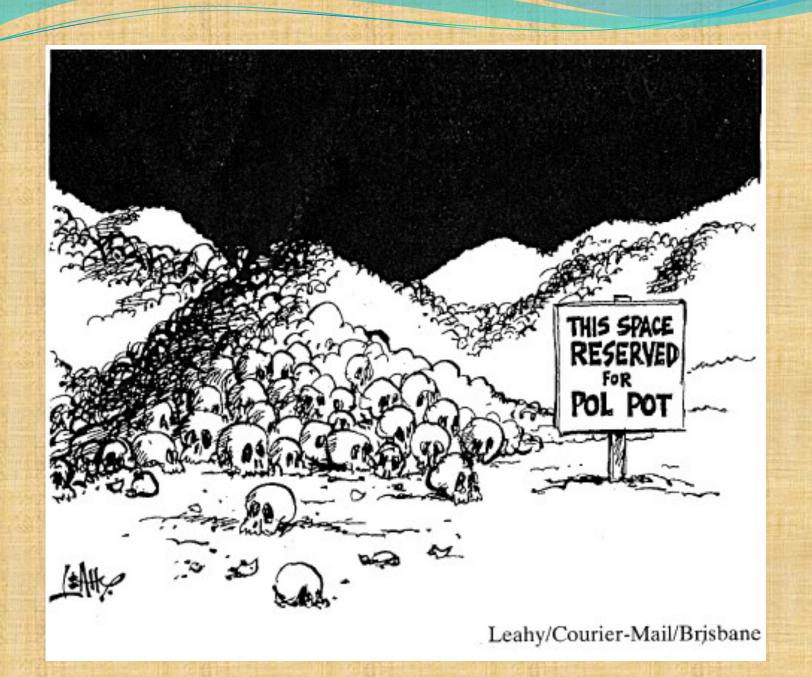
Saigon was renamed in 1969 Ho Chi Minh City. In 1987, the Vietnamese started to liberalize their Marxist economy by attracting outside investments.

Cambodia suffered greatly from Pol Pot killed more than a million Cambodians via the Killing Fields of the Khmer Rouge.









### Communist Quarrels After the War

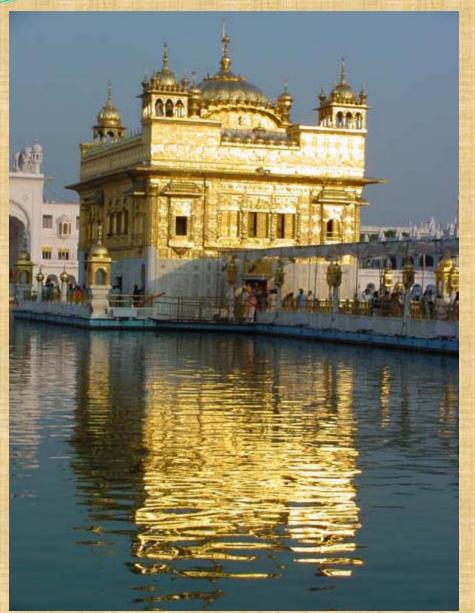
While the feared domino effect of communism spreading all over Asia, the communists started fighting between themselves and alienating each other.

The Vietnamese had a very long history of Chinese domination and weren't happy with them now in the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

That is in spite of the 300,000 Chinese troops and \$15-20 billion of Chinese aid. The Chinese are especially miffed by the Vietnamese and the Russians signing the Friendship and Mutual Defense Treaty. In 1979, the Chinese invade Vietnam with a quarter million troops... to no avail, but said that they showed Vietnam something and threatened to do it again if necessary.

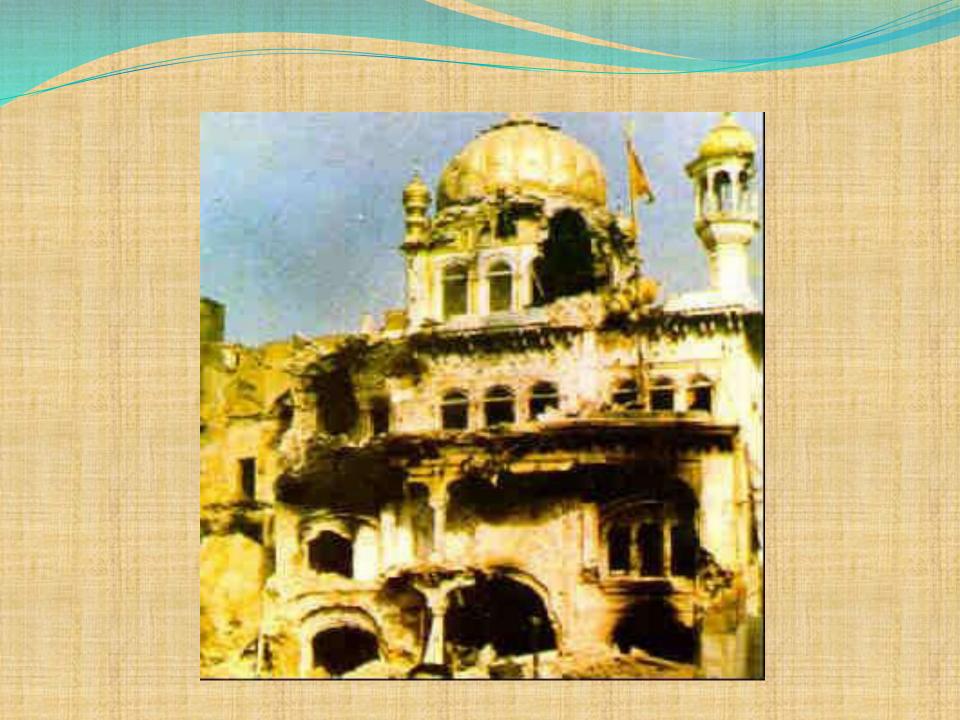
# Racial, Ethnic, and religious Conflicts in South Asia

There is a long list of problematic issue that have plagued South Asia for years... Pakistan's breakup, Sri Lanka's ethnic problems with Hindus, Muslims, and Sikhs, and Hindu and Muslim problems within India.



Aside from the India and Pakistan problems, there is Kashmir. The Sikhs in the Punjab want independence and have fought the Indians several times over this demand.

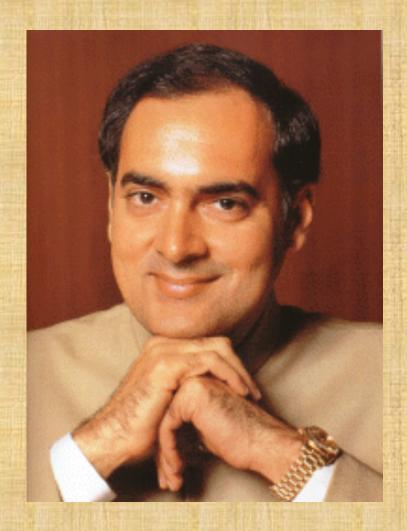
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Rajiv Gandhi succeeded his mother's assassination by a Sikh nationalists. He was assassinated by a Tamil Tiger from Sri Lanka.





As with Vietnam, there was within Pakistan hatred for the Hindu Indians, but Pakistanis hated each other.

The East Pakistanis felt mistreated by the West Pakistanis.



West Pakistan attempted to crush the East Pakistani rebellion and invade and in the process a million died. India was happy to come to the aid of East Pakistan (now called Bangladesh), which caused West Pakistan to stop.





## Unstable Politics in Non-Communist Southeast Asia

Indonesia had a communist coup d'état against the army in 1965. By the spring of 1967, Sukarno was forced out of office....





Suharto, who was one of Sukarno's generals, replaced Sukarno in 1967 until 1998.



Burma's new name is Myanmar since 1989. It got its independence from the British due to the efforts of Aung San.







Dr. Suu Kyi was two when her father was assassinated.



Dr. Michael Aris and Aung San Suu Kyi were married and had two sons. Aris died on March 27, 1999, his 53<sup>rd</sup> birthday of prostate cancer, and she couldn't see him in London.

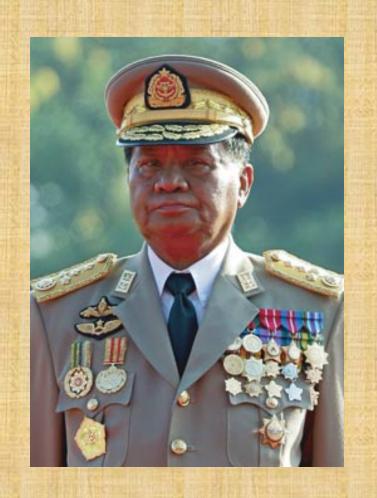


Buddhist protesting for the release of Aung San Suu Kyi

Aung San Suu Kyi won an election but was put under house arrest by the military junta.

During her detainment, she won the Nobel Prize for Peace, which her children accepted for her in 1991.

General Than Shwe was the one that has caused the Burmese people and Aung San Suu Kyi so much hurt and suffering.





Thailand was fine several months ago, but I wouldn't go back for awhile... until it resettles its occasional chaos.

The Philippines had a democratic government until Marcos was elected as president in 1965, but by 1972, he declared marshal law.





Some of Imelda Marcos' shoes...some of them.

Finally, Corazon Aquino ran against him, but he won...well, until a coup d'état replaced him with Cory Aquino, who really won the election.



Benigno Aquino was Corazon's husband who was assassinated by Marcos' people.

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The Quest for Economic Development

There are a multitude of reasons for the economic swings in Southeast Asia.

However, the birth rate and longevity of India, Pakistan, and Bangladesh has almost doubled from about 30 years since independence in 1947.

Medicine, state aid, international assistance, foreign aid, the Green Revolution, and similar projects have cut the infant death rate and doubled life expectancy for most in Southeast Asia.





# Members of the Association of South East Asian Nations:

**Brunei Darussalam** Cambodia **Indonesia** Laos Malaysia Myanmar **Philippines Singapore Thailand** Vietnam

ASEAN hopes to have a free trade area among them by 2020.

In that sense, they will be like the EU.

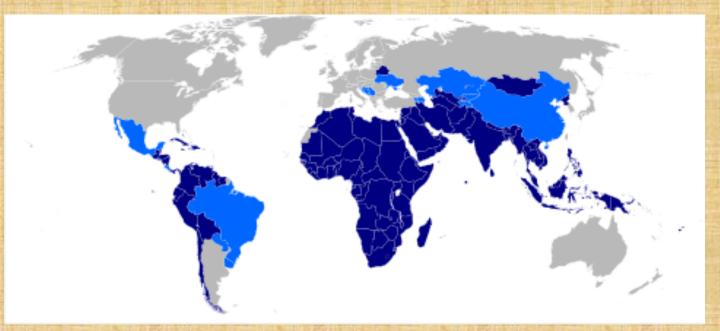
#### Societies in Flux

There was an economic improvement within these countries but an increasing gap between the rich and poor.

Women were getting to vote and some getting elected...but again this was tied to their education, literacy, income, and both Catholicism and Islam didn't add to women's equality.

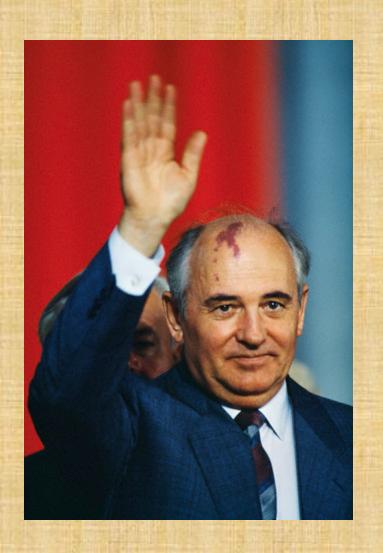
#### **Cold War Alliances and Neutralism**

The Nonaligned Movement (in dark blue) tried to be neutral but would often fight among themselves.



## **Chapter Thirty-One**

# Gorbachev, Europe, and the End of the Cold War, 1985-1991



Gorbachev, Reform, Crises, and the End of the Cold War

Mikhail Gorbachev became the general secretary of the communist party in March of 1985...he intended to reform the old system.

By Christmas of 1991, 15-republics of the old Soviet Union had declared their national identity and declared their independence from the USSR.

What was happening, in the republics, had started in Russia with Gorbachev's redefining/reforming the Soviet system.

Glasnost = openness, transparency Perestroika = restructuring Farm products was a continual problem.

Military spending paralleled that

of the US but the USSR GNP

was ½ of that of the US.

Gorbachev also attempted to democratize the USSR with demokratizatsiia. The Russian people now voted via secret-ballot with more than one candidate.

#### Gorbachev's Three Crises, 1988-1991

1. The rise of nationalism.
The succession desires
of 15-republics,
which ultimately
ended the USSR.



2. The political crisis involved Gorbachev was moving too fast for some and too slow for others.

3. The economic crises that the Russians were already facing were exacerbated by lower oil prices.

Gorbachev's "New-Thinking" Foreign Policy and the End of the Cold War.

Why were the Russians interested in foreign policy? Primarily, they couldn't afford it. In several summit meetings with the US, Gorbachev cut back on intermediate missiles. He wasn't happy with SDI and quipped, "What we need is Star Peace and not Star Wars."



Gorbachev wanted out of Afghanistan, but he also didn't want the US to take the Soviets' place.



Afghanistan was a 'bleeding wound' for the USSR, and they left in 1989.

The "bleeding wound" cost 14,000 Soviet lives, 50,000 wounded, and more than 50,000 with infectious diseases.

### Communism in Eastern Europe, 1985-1988: Economic and Political Challenges

Central Europe was really cooling off economically by mid-1980 in comparison to their past and to Western Europe.

An example of the problem was Poland.

There were economic problems mixed with a rising nationalism.

The text interestingly talked about how Gorbachev was more like Dubček.

This made the Hungarians and Poles happy but got the E. Germans upset.



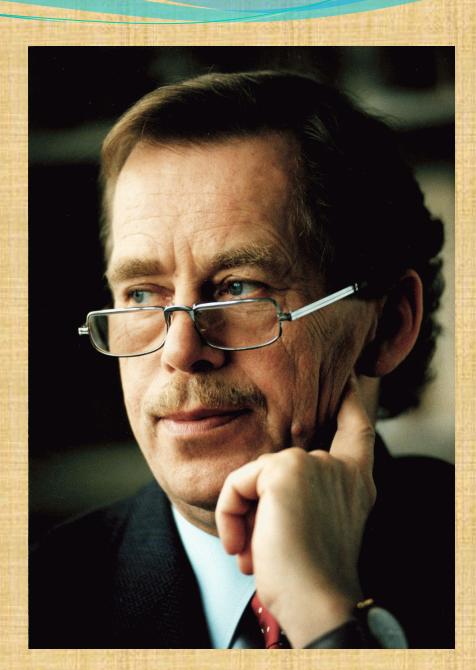
**Erich Honecker** 

## The Collapse of Communism in Eastern Europe and the Reunification of Germany, 1988-1991

Poland was the country that started the demise of communism in Eastern Europe and later the demise of the USSR.

Solidarity was back in 1989 and won 99% of the contested seats in the election that year.

Eastern European communist governments got rid of the old-line communist party leaders and replaced them with new communist leadership or went to non communist leaders —like Vaclav Havel became president of Czechoslovakia in December 1989.



# The Czechoslovakia revolution was called the Velvet Revolution because it was bloodless—not like the Russian revolution.







Lech Walesa becomes the president of Poland in December 1990.

October 1991, the Bulgarian Socialist Party was defeated.

The Warsaw Pact ended in 1991.

Albania was not only the poorest but one of the two slowest countries to embrace change...however, they got a coalition government in late 1991.



With the dying of communism in Eastern Europe, Yugoslavia started to break up into ethnic and religious groups.



**East and West** Germany come together at the Brandenburg Gate next to the wall, which was a negative monument to thirty years of separation. This took place on November 10, 1989.



### The Collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991: How and Why

Gorbachev started to reform then waffled a bit realigning with conservative communists.

However, by early 1991, he returned to reforming of the USSR. In July 1991, he pushed for a free market economy contrary to the old communist dogma.



Gorbachev goes on vacation in August. Hard-line communists have coup d'état and put Gorbachev under house arrest.

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## December 8, 1991 was the official ending of the USSR and the creation of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS).



Now, the question is why did the USSR fold?

The list could include many issues from economics problems to disillusionment with communism. All of which are true, but....



However, a large part of Gorbachev's success and also his failure is that he saw the needs of the Soviet people, but he wasn't able to relate to that need as far as the people were concerned. Yeltsin, on the other hand, was able to communicate with and for the people.

Western Europe, 1985-1991: Economics, Politics, and the Common Market

Unemployment was high in Western Europe. In Great Britain, Thatcher went up and down in the roles as the UK attempted to resolve the economic problems.

However, she was attempting to reduce the size of government....

The Spanish, Portuguese, French, and the Swedes did much of the same thing by privatizing public businesses.

Aside from economics, environmental and immigrant issues plagues Western Europe.

The immigration issue was slightly different depending upon which country one is talking about. Nevertheless, it was and still is a major issue.

The European Community created an interesting problem for themselves regarding already existing problems. How would the EC control borders, which they were moving away from using borders within the EC, but that allowed for illegal immigration into any EC country.