UCSB Hist 2c F'09, <u>L14</u>: East vs. West: The Cold War

How did the conflict between the two blocs / systems come to shape world history?

- 0. Drop dead iClicker deadline: Nov. 17
- 1. Clicker follow-ups; Chap. 34 overview
- 2. Cold War definitions & considerations

3. Eric: Bomb Shelters in the Early 1960s

Music: Internationale (1871/88), various versions (Soviet national anthem, 1918-1943)

Clicker Q follow-up

Which legacy of WWI still has the most impact <u>during the 20th century</u>?

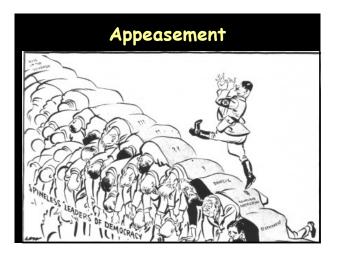
- A. Communist take-over in Russia
 -> Cold War since 1945
- B. Success of women's suffrage movements -> women's participation in politics changed ...
- C. WW1 Humiliation of Germany -> WW2
- D. Emergence of US as great power
- E. No solution of territorial states in Middle East

Clicker follow-up

What is the primary purpose of a state?

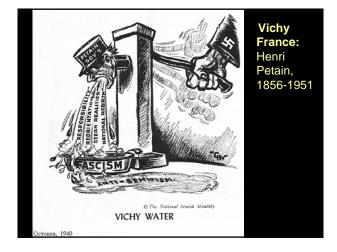
- A. Guaranteeing economic security
- B. Ensuring international security [Cold War]
- C. Maintaining social hierarchy [19th C., A.]
- D. Instilling belief in ideals [C.W.-Western Civ.]
- E. Maximizing standard of living [compare A,C]







Norway's Vidkun Quisling (1887-1945)



Chapter 34 Outline

- Origins: Yalta+Potsdam; Truman; Marsh. Plan+Berlin 1948, NATO
- 2. Global Confrontation Eisenhower/Khruschev; Asia, Africa, Latin America
- 3. The West: Western Europe, U.S. "Peaceful Coexistence," U-2, Berlin, Cuba, Vietnam, MAD
- 4. The Soviet Bloc: Daily Life
- 5. The End: Détente, Gorbachev, Collapse of satellites, Disintegration of SU, legacies.

The Cold War: Origin of Term

- 1893, German socialist Eduard Bernstein: Arms race was "a kind of 'cold war' where there is no shooting but bleeding"
- October 1945, George Orwell, "You and the Atom Bomb": Invention of the atom bomb brought a "peace that is no peace" in which the United States and USSR would be both "unconquerable and in a permanent state of 'cold war' with each other."
- 1947: Truman's financial advisor Bernard Baruch used it during a debate to describe the geopolitical situation
- 1947: Walter Lippmann, *The Cold War: A Study in U. S. Foreign Policy* (New York: Harper), 62 pages.
 (12 newspaper columns)

Cold War Definition

- Britannica: "the open yet restricted rivalry that developed after World War II between the United States and the Soviet Union and their respective allies. The Cold War was waged on political, economic, and propaganda fronts and had only limited recourse to weapons."
- Wikipedia: "the continuing state of political conflict, military tension, and economic competition existing after World War II, primarily between the USSR and its satellite states, and the powers of the Western world, including the United States. "

"Limited Weapons?": Proxy Wars

- Was the Cold War "cold"? Yes:
- 1948 Berlin Blockade; 1961 Berlin Wall
- 1962: Cuban Missile Crisis--direct confrontation
- Civil Wars: Greek (1946-1949): GB/US vs. KKE
- Korean War (1950-1953)
- Vietnam War (1956/63-1975)
- Soviet-Afghan War (1979-1989)
- Peripheral conflicts in:
 - Angola (1975-2002): Marxist MPLA vs. UNITA
 - El Salvador Civil War (1979 coup 1991 truce)
 - Nicaragua (1961/79-1990): Somoza / Sandinista

Cold War Phases

- 1947-1953: escalation (Truman/Stalin)
- 1953-1957: relaxation (Khruschev/Eisenhower)
- 1958-1963: hottest phase (Berlin, Cuba)
- 1964-1979: détente (Ostpolitik, SALT)
- 1980s: Climax & denouement (missiles; Gorb.) But: let's think more broadly in a

world-historical context

Cold War Defined 3 "Worlds"

- Original/classical/Cold War ("E-W"), econ. system:
 1. capitalist (US, western Europe, Japan)
- communist (Soviet bloc+variants of communism)
 non-aligned
- Now--Economic development/political power:
 - 1. industrialized
 - 2. industrializing



- 3. "un-/underdeveloped" Measures of "development"
 - urbanization, agriculture vs. industry,
 - poverty (income), class equity, population growth,
 - education, health; "independence" (autonomy)

When did it begin?

When did the Cold War begin? • after World War II, but

As a conflict of systems:

• after World War I

- Western support of the counterrev. "Whites"
- Soviet-German alliance in 1922 (Rapallo)
- Hitler's anticommunism, 1930s
- Hitler-Stalin pact, Aug. 1939 [anomaly->cartoon]
- Germany's invasion of the Soviet Union, 1941 ("hot")

"The scum of humanity, if I'm not mistaken?" "The bloody murderer of the working class, I presume?"









Video Clip: Atomic Cafe

- 1982 documentary of '50s & '60s films
 - -How little we understood about radiation
 - -How inadequate our preparations were
 - Most important: countering fear (compare: H1N1 pandemic today)