Cold War Europe Notes

| Event | Information |
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| Iron Curtain Speech |  |
| Truman Doctrine | * Europe devastated after WWII
* Some countries facing revolution (by communists?!?)
* President Truman asks for $400 million to provide “assistance” to countries in need
* Providing $$ and military aid to countries facing communist takeovers became known as the Truman Doctrine
* Greece and Turkey first to get aid
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| Marshall Plan |  |
| Molotov Plan |  |
| NATO | * Fearful of an attack on Western Europe by the Soviet Union, President Truman created a military alliance called NATO in 1949
	+ North Atlantic Treaty Organization
* An attack against one member country would be seen as an attack on all member countries
* NATO: the US, Canada, Great Britain, France, Iceland, Portugal, Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxembourg, Denmark, Norway, Switzerland, Italy, Greece, Turkey, West Germany
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| Warsaw Pact |  |
| Berlin Blockade |  |
| Berlin Airlift | * The Berlin Blockade left 2 million West Berliners without electricity, food or gas
* President Truman was unwilling to use force
	+ Could start ANOTHER war
* Truman decided to use cargo planes flying non-stop (24 hours a day) to drop of supplies to West Berlin
	+ Now the Soviets would have to use force to stop the US
* Soviets ended the blockade in May 1949
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| Berlin Wall |  |
| Soviet Union Tests the Bomb |  |
| Invasion of Hungary | * Rioting breaks out in Hungary in 1956
	+ Hungarians wanted more freedoms
* Soviets send army into Hungary to end the protests
* Within days, the protests were crushed and Hungary returned to Soviet-style communism
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| Invasion of Czechoslovakia |  |
| Sputnik |  |