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- **Kennedy vs. Communism**
- 1959, *Fidel Castro* overthrew Cuban government sided with the Soviet Union
- 1961, John F Kennedy approved an operation to aid anti-Castro Cubans and invade Cuba
- Invasion landed at the *Bay of Pigs* on April 17, 1961 in Cuba
- The mission was a complete failure and led many around the world to wonder if JFK was up to the task



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- **The Berlin Wall**



- 1961, Khrushchev was determined to stop the flow of refugees from East Germany

- Many were escaping through Berlin

- The Soviet Union built a wall that separated communist East Berlin from democratic West Berlin

- Those that tried to cross the wall without permission risked being shot by East German soldiers



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- **Cuban Missile Crisis**

- Castro was fearful of another invasion, so in 1962 allowed the USSR to put nuclear missiles in Cuba
- US spy planes spotted these, which were only 90 miles from the Florida coast
- Kennedy responded with a naval blockade, but for 13 days the Cold War nearly became Hot
- Khrushchev agreed finally to take away the missiles if the US agreed to not invade Cuba



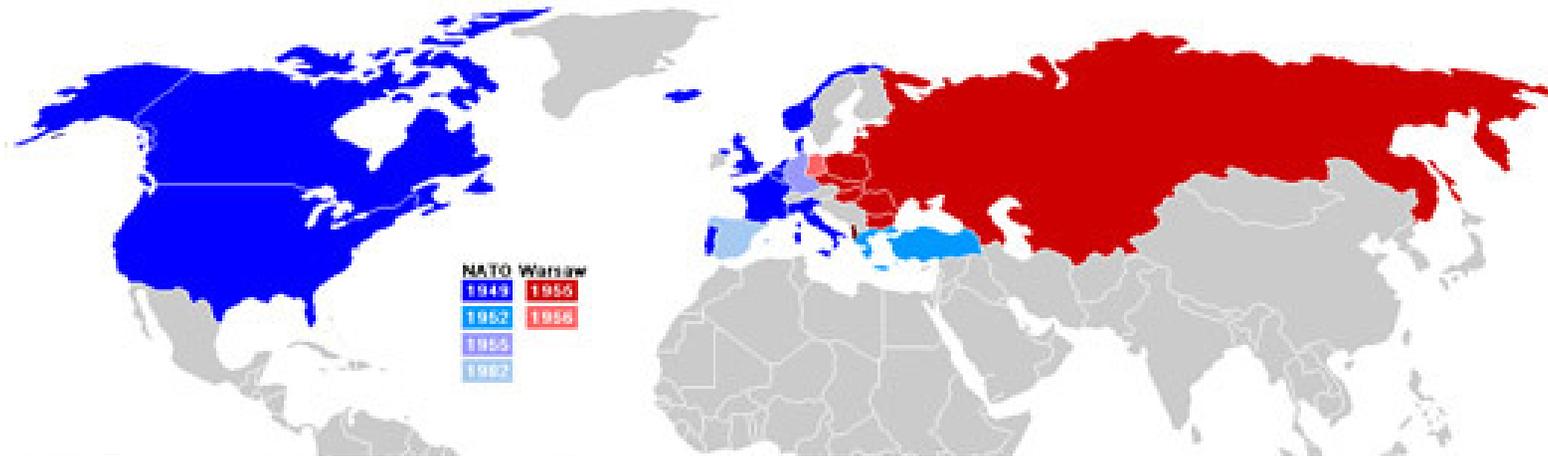


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- **United Nations**
- The world was divided between two *superpowers* after World War 2
- The *United Nations* was founded as a place where countries could negotiate and not go to war
- A permanent *Security Council* was set up in the UN (US, USSR, Britain, France, China)
- The UN Security Council has the unanimous authority to investigate disputes and authorize military action



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- **NATO vs. Warsaw Pact**
- Alliances afforded collective security after World War 2 for most nations
- 1949, the US and several European nations signed a mutual defense treaty (North Atlantic Treaty Organization), *NATO*
- 1955, the Soviet Union formed the *Warsaw Pact* with its allies to fight collectively if attacked