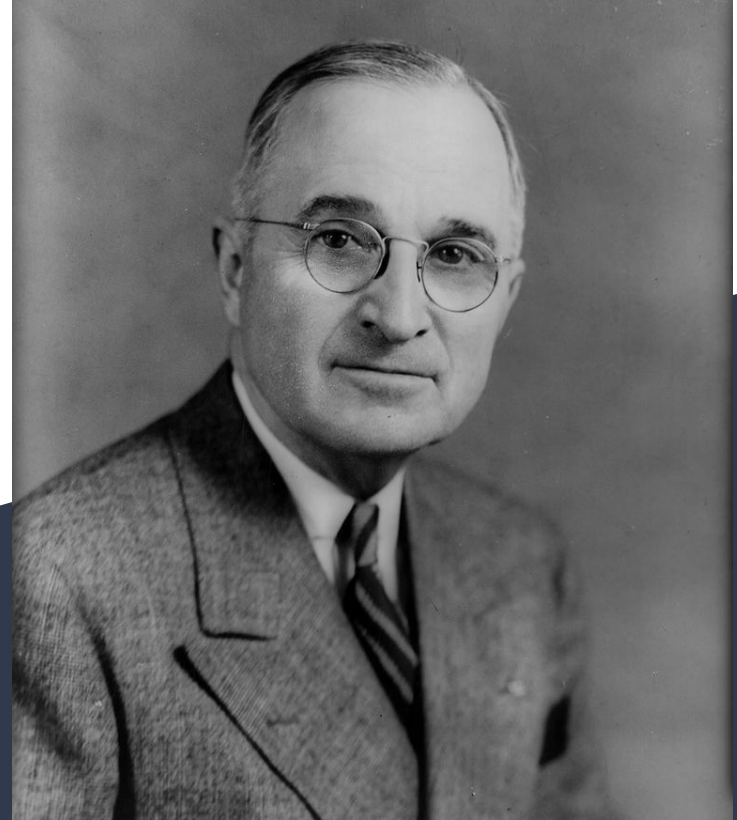


Harry Truman

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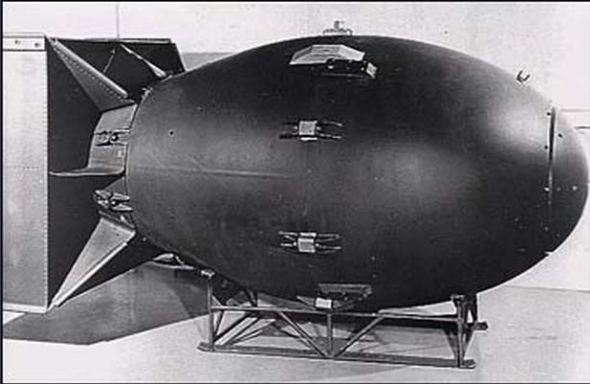
- Believed that there should be a time of peace
- Called communism a false philosophy
- Wanted to contain communism and spread democracy
- Strengthen foreign policy
- Had 4 major courses of action to execute his plan of keeping peace and freedom
 - Give military weapons/aid
 - Help with economic recovery in Europe
 - Scientific and technological advances
 - Promote democracy and contain communism

Truman's National Security Team 1947



- Reconstruction of intelligence of US
 - Changed the department of war into the department of defense
 - Within this new structure, he created titles like defense of chief
- Truman signed the National Security Act of 1947, which mandated a major reorganization of the foreign policy and military establishments of the U.S. Government.
 - Created the CIA which served as the primary civilian intelligence-gathering organization in the government
 - These jobs helped the president advise office issues

Entering the Atomic Age 1945



- Truman dropped atomic bombs on the Japanese islands of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.
 - Japan surrendered and WWII ended
- Truman's use of atomic bombs lead to the advance of weapons/bombs (atomic to hydrogen to nuclear)
 - This advance resulted in several countries having bombs, which caused the hysteria of nuclear war.
 - Cold War

Containment of Communism

Truman Doctrine 1947

- Britain could no longer provide aid to Greece and Turkey
- The United States feared the Soviets would take control or gain influence.
- To contain the Soviets, Truman requested \$400 million for military and aid to Greece and Turkey.
 - Giving them money to resist communism
- Impact: America is moving further from isolation
 - Truman argued that the US had a duty to “support free peoples who are resisting attempted subjugation by armed minorities or by outside pressures” (Truman Doctrine).

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Containment of Communism Cont.



Marshall Plan

- Secretary of State, George Marshall
- US would spend billions of dollars to improve Western European economic recovery
 - Eastern Europe not allowed to receive aid from the US (taken over by Soviets)
- Goal: keep the Soviet Union from spreading communism
 - Europe was struggling economically after World War II, so people turned to different forms of government to help.

Containment of Communism Cont.



North Atlantic Treaty Organization(NATO)

- Truman used diplomacy as a form of containment.
- Originally the US and 11 other members.
- This drastically changed the US foreign policy because up until this point, the US never had a peacetime foreign alliance.
- A threat to any NATO nation would involve all NATO nations.

Berlin Blockade 1948-1949

- Soviets cut all access of from Berlin
 - Separates Berlin into East and West
 - Prompted us/ britain to drop off air supplies in West
 - Prompts Soviets to build Berlin Wall

Fall of China 1949

- Civil war in China: nationalist Jiang Jieshi vs. communist Mao Zedong
 - Mao and the Communists took control of China
- Truman and democrats were blamed for the “loss” of China
 - too focused on Western Europe.
- Made people believe that if China fell for communism anyone can fall for communism
 - Caused hysteria

The Korean War 1950–1953

- North Korea invaded South Korea
 - Truman orders U.S. forces to South Korea to aid the democratic nation
- US and South Korea vs. the Soviets and North Korea
- US saved South Korea from communism
- The North and South Korea were split at the 38th parallel

