

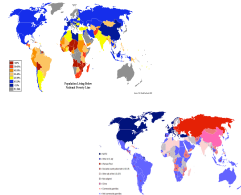
The Cold War in Lesser Developed Countries

Lesser Developed Country =

- Nations that have a weak economy (cash-crop economy)
- Former colonies of European nations
- Located in Africa, Asia, & Latin America

The USA and USSR competed over the lesser developed nations

- Send \$ and aid to these countries
- USA and USSR wanted to expand their influence into different parts of the world



Communism in Cambodia

Pol Pot -- Communist leader of the **KHMER ROUGE**

Khmer Rouge = Communist guerilla group

Pol Pot's Goals :

- Purify Cambodia of any capitalism, western culture, religion and/or ANY foreign influences
- Forced the whole country's population to move to the countryside and work in agricultural labor camps ...
- Pol Pot wanted Cambodia to become a self-sufficient society based around government controlled farming



The "Killing Fields" or Cambodian Holocaust/Genocide:

- When Pol Pot and the Khmer Rouge took over Cambodia in 1975, he declared it "**Year Zero**"

"Year Zero" = Pol Pot wanted Cambodia to "start over" by creating a society that had no foreign influences or religion

- Forced everyone to leave the cities and live on collective farms
- Influenced by Mao's Cultural Revolution

- S-21 = Former High School turned prison/torture center -- 20,000 inmates only 7 known survivors

Pol Pot targeted:

- foreigners (Chinese & Vietnamese)
- educated (lawyers, doctors, etc..)
- religious figures (monks)
- suspected political opponents

- Estimated 1.5 - 3 million people died through starvation or execution
- 25% of Cambodia's population



Cold War in Latin America

Cuba



Cuba in the 1950's -- Cuba is controlled by Batista (US supported him)

1959 -- FIDEL CASTRO overthrows Batista and turns Cuba into Totalitarian State

Command Economy

- Castro nationalizes the sugar plantations that were owned by the United States

Cuba is 90 miles away from the southern tip of Florida



US response to Cuba turning Communist =

The United States places an embargo on Cuba

Embargo = The USA refuses to trade with Cuba



Castro turned to the Soviet Union for economic and military help



Bay of Pigs Invasion

- United States wanted to remove Castro from power
- CIA planned an invasion of Cuba using Cuban refugees
- CIA trained the refugees to invade Cuba and start a revolution that was supposed to remove Castro from power
- JFK (US President) refused to send air support = plan failed; USA & JFK look weak

Cuban Missile Crisis

Nikita Khrushchev (Soviet leader after Stalin) used the failure of the USA at the Bay of Pigs to escalate the Cold War tension between the two countries

The Soviet Union started to place nuclear missiles in Cuba



USA quarantined Cuba and prevented more missiles to get into the country
- 42 missiles were smuggled in before the quarantine

End of the Cuban Missile Crisis



- Khrushchev agrees to remove missiles
- USA promises not to invade Cuba
- USA also has to remove missiles in Turkey

**** Closest the world has come to Nuclear War**