

Tehran Conference
(November 1943)

Yalta Conference
(February 1945)

Potsdam Conference
(July-August 1945)

**USA drop atom bomb on Hiroshima
and Nagasaki (August 1945)**

Kennan's 'Long Telegram'
(February 1946)

Churchill's Iron Curtain Speech
(March 1946)

Novikov Telegram
(September 1946)

**Communist government elected in
Poland (January 1947)**

**Communists seize power in
Czechoslovakia (February 1948)**

**Communist government elected in
Hungary (May 1949)**

Truman Doctrine
(March 1947)

Marshall Aid
(June 1947)

First Cominform meeting
(September 1947)

Berlin Blockade
(June 1948 - May 1949)

Comecon established
(January 1949)

NATO formed
(April 1949)

Federal Republic of Germany
(September 1949)

German Democratic Republic
(October 1949)

Warsaw Pact
(May 1955)

Stalin dies
(March 1953)

Hungarian Uprising
(1956)

Arms Race – Missiles
(1952 – 1957)

Khrushchev's Berlin Ultimatum
(November 1958)

Geneva Summit
(May 1959)

Camp David Summit
(September 1959)

U-2 Crisis
(May 1960)

Paris Summit
(May 1960)

Vienna Summit
(June 1961)

Berlin Wall
(August 1961 – November 1989)

Castro becomes leader of Cuba
(January 1959)

'Bay of Pigs' invasion
(August 1961)

**U-2 spy plane spots missile silos on
Cuba (14 October 1962)**

**Soviet Union agree to remove missiles
from Cuba (28 October 1962)**

**Dubcek becomes leader of Czech
government (January 1968)**

**'Prague Spring' reforms begin (April
1968)**

Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia
(August 1968)

Brezhnev Doctrine set out
(September 1968)

Dubcek dismissed
(April 1969)

Nixon elected President
(1968)

**Brandt elected Chancellor of West
Germany (1969)**

SALT I
(1979)

Helsinki Accords
(1975)

SALT II
(1979)

Soviet invasion of Afghanistan
(1979)

Carter Doctrine
(1980)

US Boycott of Moscow Olympics
(1980)

'Second' Cold War begins
(1980)

Martial Law declared in Poland
(1981)

**SDI announced by Reagan
(1983)**

**Soviet boycott of Los Angeles
Olympics (1984)**

**Gorbachev becomes Soviet Leader
(1985)**

**Reykjavik Summit
(1986)**

**INF Treaty
(1987)**

**Moscow Summit
(1988)**

Gorbachev wins Nobel Prize
(1990)

Fall of the Berlin Wall
(1989)

Soviet Union dissolves
(1991)

Greek Civil War
(1946-49)

Korean War
(1950-53)

Vietnam War
(1955-1975)