

Asia and the Cold War



Fighting the Cold War

- Proxy Wars
 - The USA and USSR never directly fought, instead they fought proxy wars
 - Indirectly
- Decolonization
 - The process by which European granted independence to their former imperial holdings



India

- Led by actions of Mahatma Gandhi India gained independence in 1947
 - Used policy of non-violence
 - Pakistan created August 14th as a Muslim State
 - India created August 15th as a Hindu State
 - Led to Great Migration and border conflicts between India and Pakistan
- Served as an example to other Asian Nations



Israel

- May 14, 1948 Israel is formally established by the United Nations
 - Palestinians not involved in process of state formation
 - Led to constant resentment towards Israel and the West



Malayan Emergency

- 1948 -1960
- Malayan National Liberation Army
 - Militant arm of Malayan Communist Party
 - Used Guerilla Tactics
 - Jungle Fighting against British Control
- British Win
 - Grant Independence in 1957



Korean War

- Korea freed from Japanese control
 - North Korea (with support of USSR) invaded South Korea (who was supported by the USA)
- Fought openly from 1950-1953
 - Still technically at war

Photo # SC 357227 Troops watch bombardment of enemy-held area in Korea, Feb. 1951



Vietnam War



- 1955-1975
 - US attempt to prevent North Vietnamese (Communist) take over of South Vietnam
 - North Vietnamese assisted by China and the Soviet Union
 - Started with use of advisors
 - Followed by troop surges
 - “Hearts and minds”
 - By the end very un-popular war
 - Public opinion had shifted away from containment

Afghanistan

- USSR invades Afghanistan
 - December 1979
 - Trying to help prop up communist government there
- Charlie Wilson's War
 - US Senator from Texas
 - Increases funding for CIA operations in Afghanistan
 - Bought anti-aircraft missiles to shoot down soviet helicopters



Fall of the Soviet Union

- Formally dissolved Dec. 25, 1991
 - From combination of democratic reforms and financial problems
 - Could not compete with the West

