1946 -- Iron Curtain speech

1947 -- Truman Doctrine Speech

Federal Loyalty Program (could be fired for reasonable belief that person was a loyalty risk; 3000 discharged through 1951)

HUAC investigations of Hollywood begin

CIA created

Department of Defense and National Security Council created

1948 -- Berlin airlift

Marshall Plan /ERP

Alger Hiss accused of spying

1949 -- NATO

Soviet atomic test

1950 -- Joseph McCarthy's allegations began

U.S. began aid to France in its war with Ho Chi Minh and the DRVN

Korean War

McCarran Internal Security Act (over HST veto; all communists to register; a crime to conspire to establish totalitarian govt)

Hiss convicted of perjury

1951 -- Rosenbergs convicted (executed in 1955)

Supreme Court upheld Smith Act that USCP = conspiring to overthrow government and no more specificity for treason needed

1952 -- Eisenhower elected: New Look, massive retaliation, brinksmanship

hydrogen bomb tested

1953 -- Stalin died

Korean armistice

USIA (Information Agency) to distribute info about American culture and policies to gain support for U.S.

CIA topples government in Iran

Soviet hydrogen bomb

1954 -- Dien Bien Phu and Geneva Accords and SEATO

McCarthy censured by Senate

1955 -- Geneva summit meeting

Warsaw Pact

1956 -- Suez Crisis

Hungary/East Germany

1957 -- *Sputnik* 

troops to Lebanon

Bagdad Pact (CENTO): U.S., England, Iran, Pakistan, Turkey, Iraq (1 of 43 created by Eisenhower)

Eisenhower Doctrine (military and economic aid to Middle East to defeat communist-nationalist rebellions)

1959 -- Castro

Khrushchev's visit to the U.S.

Quemoy and Matsu

1960 -- U-2 incident

cancelled summit meeting

Soviets' Berlin ultimatum

1961 -- Bay of Pigs

summit meeting

construction of Berlin Wall

1962 -- Cuban Missile Crisis

1964 -- Chinese atomic bomb

Gulf of Tonkin Resolution