IN 1949 THE SOVIETS DETONATE AN ATOMIC BOMB AND BECOME THE SECOND NUCLEAR POWER
ARMS RACE BEGINS

  - U.S. WILLING TO GO TO THE BRINK OF WAR (Brinkmanship)
- U.S. PRODUCES LARGE QUANTITIES OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.
  - U.S. CREATES HYDROGEN BOMB
  - U.S. CREATES CIA: to gather information abroad using spies

- SOVIETS COUNTER
- BEGIN PRODUCING HUGE QUANTITIES OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.
  - SOVIETS CREATE HYDROGEN BOMB
TRUMAN APPROVES DEVELOPMENT OF HYDROGEN BOMB. WEAPON IS 500 TIMES MORE POWERFUL THAN ATOMIC BOMBS.

JOHN FOSTER DULLES WAS EISENHOWER’S SECRETARY OF STATE UNTIL 1959 WHEN HE RESIGNED DUE TO ILLNESS. HE BELIEVED IN "BRINKMANSHIP" WHICH IS THE WILLINGNESS TO GO TO THE BRINK, OR EDGE OF WAR. U.S. WOULD KEEP THE PEACE BY PROMISING TO USE ALL ITS FORCE INCLUDING NUCLEAR WEAPONS, AGAINST ANY AGGRESSOR NATION.
AS A RESULT OF BRINKMANSHIP:

• IT REQUIRED GREATER DEPENDENCE ON NUCLEAR WEAPONS.
• U.S. TRIMS ARMY & NAVY, BUT BEEFS UP AIRFORCE.
• U.S. PRODUCES MASSIVE AMOUNTS OF NUCLEAR BOMBS. INCLUDING THE CREATION OF THE HYDROGEN BOMB.
• CIA (CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY) IS FORMED.
IN 1957 A NEW WORD ENTERED THE WORLD’S VOCABULARY: ICBM, **INTERCONTINENTAL BALLISTIC MISSILES**. THESE WERE NUCLEAR BOMBS CARRYING MISSILES WITH RANGES OF OVER 5,000 MILES. NO PLACE ON EARTH WAS SAFE FROM NUCLEAR DESTRUCTION.

**FIRST US ATLAS ICBM**

**USSR WAS THE FIRST TO SUCCESSFULLY LAUNCH AN ICBM**
OCTOBER 4TH 1957: SPACE AGE BEGINS AS RUSSIA LAUNCHES SPUTNIK, THE FIRST ARTIFICIAL SATELLITE TO ORBIT THE EARTH. AMERICANS WERE SHOCKED THAT SOVIETS WERE FIRST INTO SPACE.
US DID NOT GET AN OBJECT INTO ORBIT UNTIL JAN. 1958 AFTER SEVERAL EMBARRASSING FAILURES.
ATMOSPHERIC NUCLEAR BOMB TESTS WERE POISONING THE ATMOSPHERE WITH DEADLY RADIOACTIVITY. IT WAS SHOWING UP IN MILK AND OTHER FOODS. MARCH OF 1958 USSR SUSPENDS TESTING, FOLLOWED BY THE US AND BRITAIN IN OCTOBER.
SEATO (SOUTH EAST ASIA TREATY ORGANIZATION) FORMED IN 1954 AS A DEFENSIVE PACT TO DEFEND THE NATIONS AGAINST COMMUNIST ATTACK. IT WAS DISBANDED IN 1975 AFTER SEVERAL MEMBERS QUIT.
WARSAW PACT
FORMED BY THE USSR TO COUNTER NATO IN EUROPE
MAY 1, 1955
“TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP, CO-OPERATION AND MUTUAL ASSISTANCE”
