

Ch 26 Section 4 Two Nations Live on the Edge

Brinkmanship Rules U.S. Policy

Race for the H-Bomb

- **H-bomb**—hydrogen bomb—nuclear weapon more powerful than atom bomb
- 1952, U.S. explodes first H-bomb; moved quickly since the Soviets exploded an atomic bomb; 1953, Soviets explode one

The Policy of Brinkmanship

- **John Foster Dulles**, secretary of state under **Dwight D. Eisenhower**
- Dulles proposes **brinkmanship** policy:
 - willingness to risk nuclear war to prevent spread of communism

The Cold War Spreads Around the World

Covert Actions in the Middle East and Latin America

- **Central Intelligence Agency (CIA)** uses spies to gather information
- CIA helps oust Iranian prime minister, reinstate Shah
- CIA helps depose Guatemala's president; army leader becomes dictator

The Warsaw Pact

- U.S.-Soviet relations thaw after Stalin's death in 1953
- West Germany's entry into NATO scares Soviets
- Form **Warsaw Pact**—military alliance with 7 Eastern European countries

A Summit in Geneva

- Eisenhower meets Soviets in Geneva, proposes “open skies” policy
- Soviets reject proposal; “spirit of Geneva” seen as step to peace

The Suez War

- Gamal Abdel-Nasser plays U.S. against Soviets over Aswan Dam
- Dulles withdraws loan offer; Nasser nationalizes Suez Canal
- Israel, Britain, France send troops; UN intervenes
- Fighting stops; Egypt keeps canal; others withdraw

The Eisenhower Doctrine

- Soviet prestige in Middle East rises because of support for Egypt
- **Eisenhower Doctrine**—U.S. will defend Middle East against communists

The Cold War Takes to the Skies

A New Soviet Leader

- **Nikita Khrushchev** emerges as new Soviet leader; favors:
 - peaceful coexistence and economic, scientific competition

The Space Race

- October 1957, Soviets launch *Sputnik*, first artificial satellite
- Shocked Americans pour money into own space program

A U-2 Is Shot Down

- CIA makes secret high-altitude flights with U-2 to spy on Soviets
- Eisenhower wants flights discontinued before Khrushchev summit
- **Francis Gary Powers** shot down on last flight over Soviet territory, released from prison after 18 months

Renewed Confrontation

- Eisenhower first denies, then concedes U-2 was spying
- Agrees to stop flights, refuses to apologize as Khrushchev demands

- **U-2 incident** renews tension between superpowers; summit cancelled, Khrushchev withdraws invitation for Eisenhower to visit the Soviet Union