

## EISENHOWER ADMINISTRATION RESPONSES

### TO FEARS OF COMMUNISTS AT HOME

Eisenhower privately critical, did little openly to destroy McCarthy

Republicans used McCarthy in 1952 election

Eisenhower's Dartmouth speech 1953 "don't join the book burners"

McCarthy brought down by own flaws & Army-McCarthy hearings

Nixon, HUAC member, VP & strong anti Communist

Continued Loyalty programs

### TO FEARS OF THE SPREAD ABROAD

Eisenhower Doctrine (used in Jordan w/ attempted coup, not successful w/ Syria, Lebanon 14,000 troops then withdrew with UN Arab resolution) & shift focus from Europe to Middle East/ Latin America/Asia

Dullès – Massive retaliation

The "New Look" "A bigger bang for the buck"

Brinkmanship

Domino theory (Laos, Vietnam)

Negotiated peace in Korea

supporter of NATO – internationalist – defeated Bricker Amendment

Guatemala – CIA – covert aid to overthrow Colonel Arbenz-Guzman vs. United Fruit Company- CIA trained mercenaries & Am. planes – Gen. Armas now dictator & United Fruit got its land back

CIA "Operation Ajax" recruited mob to help army topple Mossadegh in Iran & restore Shah to power (to protect oil)

Suez crisis- pressure France & Britain to withdraw

Inaction during the Hungarian crisis

Cuba – Castro vs. Batista – Ike authorizes Bay of Pigs plan by CIA

Formosa resolution – Ike requested of Congress –power to protect Formosa (Taiwan)- stopped Chinese assault 1954 & mutual defense treaty with Chinese Nationalists on Taiwan

Refusal to admit China to the UN or trade

Better relations w/ Khrushchev (1955+) – Geneva Summit Conference 1954 (Ike, Khrushchev, Britain & France) – "spirit of Geneva" – though little of substance – Eisenhower's "open skies" proposal (rejected by SU)

Khrushchev visit 1959 warms relations (Camp David)

U-2 incident harms relations (1960)

SEATO CENTO

concerned about our image abroad with civil rights movement

Voice of America/ Radio Free Europe; DEW line

### TO NUCLEAR WEAPONS & THE MISSILE/SPACE RACE

Ike moderate support for space race

Huge impact of Sputnik forced hand

Federal program to build bomb shelters/ Duck & Cover program for schools

US supplying missiles to Britain & NATO allies

NASA (1958) & Explorer I

MAD – Mutually Assured Destruction

### TO ECONOMIC CONCERNS

Moderate Republicanism/ Maintains some of the New Deal programs

Warns of military-industrial complex in farewell address