

Detente

- Defrosting of tensions between US and USSR 1960's – 1979
- 2 main areas in arms race and human rights
- Due to both having difficult economic times
- Henry Kissinger (Secretary of State) new form of containment, recognized US was forced to share superpower status
- 1964 Khrushchev removed from power, replace with Leonid Brezhnev
 - o Had spent too much money on military = other areas suffering (1970's same standard of living as North America in 1920)
 - o Detente under Nixon-Ford-Carter allowed them to import vast amounts of Western technology by borrowing from Western banks = looked like gaining economically on the US (an illusion)
- By 1960's US had better nuclear weapons and #'s but USSR had superior conventional army
- Once they both had thermo-nuclear power, concentrated on delivery systems = goal to prevent other from striking first = nuclear deterrence
 - o August 1957 – USSR first ICBM
 - o US Polaris missile (2500 miles) = no one on earth safe, early '60's US = 1880 delivery systems to 472 for USSR
 - o '69 USSR had tripled its stockpile (ICBMs) and (SLBMs) – end of US dominance
 - o US developed MIRVs (Multiple Ind. Targeted Re-Entry Vehicle) = ICBM 3-10 separately targeted war heads
- 1968 US, USSR, GB, signed Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty to keep nuclear fraternity to those who already had them
- SALT I and SALT II
 - o May 26, 1972 SALT I
 - Limited both to 2 ABM sites with 200 interceptors each
 - Limits on missiles, US = 1054 ICBMs, USSR 1618, US 44 subs with 710 nuclear missiles, USSR 62 subs with 950 = US still had superior #'s of long range bombers and MIRVs

- 1974 Brezhnev and Ford agreed in principle to SALT II (Afghanistan prevented signing)
 - US and USSR 2400 ICBMs (1320 in MIRVs), US 525 bombers
USSR 160
- MAD maintained
- Helsinki Accord
 - Human Rights
 - August 1, 1975 33 European nations, US and Canada
 - Borders of Eastern Europe could not be violated, no intervention in internal affairs, 21 days notice on all military manoeuvres
 - Respect human rights, directed at USSR – this led to US thinking they had won – help people with freer movement, allow political dissidents to leave the country (many Soviet Jews tried to move to Israel)
 - USSR never had to live up to it
- Detente ended with invasion of Afghanistan and election of Ronald Reagan as President – labelled the USSR the Evil Empire.