- Made Eastern Europe communists
- They have atomic bombs (After 1939)
- Russia has supported revolutions in many countries
- Prevents allies from entering Berlin

Why the Russia doesn’t trust the US:
- Nuked Japan
- Paranoia - blind hatred of anything socialist
- Supported many corrupt cruel government - Cuba, Iran, Vietnam

Where is Canada in all of this?
- We are between Russia and US (Geographically and politically)

“The East” vs “The West”
- After WW2 “The West” (Canada, US, Britain, France, West Germany) formed an alliance called N.A.T.O. (North Atlantic Treaty Organization)
- In Eastern Europe, “The East” (countries dominated by communist Russia like Poland, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, East Germany) formed “The Warsaw Pact”
- At first only the west and atomic bombs but in 1949 Russia (or the USSR) tested its first atomic weapon

Atomic Nuclear Weapons
- In the late 1940s the only way to deliver an atomic (later nuclear) bomb was with an airplane - but as rocket technology improved, both sides experimented with a nuclear tipped missile
- The Canadian - made avro arrow became a casualty of this new strategy
- Nuclear missiles also meant there was no way to stop a nuclear attack so M.A.D. (Mutual assured Destruction) was how we prevented a war
- So Russia and the US support opposite sides in smaller wars (Ex: Korea, Vietnam) to avoid a direct confrontation and armageddon