- China responded by shelling both islands prompting US action:
  - Threatened use of nuclear weapons if Taiwan was directly attacked
  - Signed mutual defense treaty with Taiwan

- China ended their attacks several months later

  - Second Taiwan Strait Crisis

    - In 1958, China initiated another military conflict with Taiwan over Quemoy and Matsu, and US once again threatened nuclear war
    - Taiwan successfully defended both islands using American artillery and aircraft ending crisis within weeks

- Nuclear Arms Race

  - Hydrogen bomb
    - Developed first in US (1952), then USSR (1953)
    - 1000 times more powerful than atomic bomb
    - Fueled by nuclear fusion rather than fission
    - “They could blow things up a lot”

  - Inter-continental ballistic missiles (ICBMs)
    - Developed first in USSR (1957), then US (1958)
    - Used by USSR to launch Sputnik (first artificial satellite)
    - Long range delivery system for nuclear warheads

  - US maintained numerical superiority in nuclear weapons despite myth of Soviet “bomber gap” and “missile gap”

  - By 1960, both sides possessed enough weapons to establish principle of “mutually assured destruction” (MAD)

- The German Question