

Conferences of the Cold War

Yalta : February 1945

- SITUATION**
 - Germany close to defeat
 - Met to discuss what to do with Europe
 - Big Three : Stalin, Roosevelt, Churchill
- DISAGREEMENTS**
 - Stalin wanted Polish/German border further west - BUFFER ZONE
 - Stalin also wanted Soviet-friendly gov in Poland
 - Amount of reparations for Germany - Stalin wanted to cripple their economy
 - No decision made - postponed to next conference
- AGREEMENTS**
 - Germany and Berlin to be divided into 4 zones
 - France
 - UK
 - US
 - USSR
 - USSR agree to invade Japan once Germany is defeated
 - Hunt down and trial Nazi leaders/politicians

Potsdam : July 1945

- SITUATION**
 - New leaders
 - Stalin, Atlee, Truman
 - Less familiarity between them
- DISAGREEMENTS**
 - Truman saw trading potential in Germany
 - US lowered reparations from original numbers set by Stalin
 - Truman wanted free elections for Soviet countries
 - Stalin refused - this worsened relations
- AGREEMENTS**
 - Germany and Berlin to be divided into 4 zones
 - (As previously discussed)
 - Changes in Germany
 - To be demilitarised
 - Introduction of free elections to create a democracy
 - Reparations to be paid out by Germany
 - Mainly to the USSR due to suffering most

Teheran : November 1943

- SITUATION**
 - Big Three : Stalin, Roosevelt, Churchill
 - Roosevelt keen to improve relations
 - Meeting mainly a success for Stalin
 - Because Roosevelt was unwell - sided with Stalin rather than Churchill
- DISAGREEMENTS**
 - Stalin felt that US/UK wanted to cripple soviet army in order to attack
 - Because they had delayed opening a second front
 - Tension between UK/USSR
 - Churchill hated communists and the Bolshevik Revolution
- AGREEMENTS**
 - US/UK agree to open a second front
 - (by invading France)
 - USSR agree to invade Japan once Germany is defeated
 - United Nations to be set up to restore peace