

The Race is On!

# NATO & the Warsaw Pact

In 1949 the western nations formed the **North Atlantic Treaty Organization** to coordinate their defense against USSR.

➤ It originally consisted of:

- America
- Belgium
- Britain
- Canada
- Denmark
- France
- Holland
- Italy
- Luxembourg
- Norway
- Portugal

➤ Since the fall of the Soviet Union in 1991, some former soviet republics have applied for membership to NATO.



NATO flag

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**Warsaw Pact:** organization of communist states in Central and Eastern Europe. Established 1955 in Warsaw, Poland in response to NATO treaty.

Founding members:

- Albania (left in 1961 as a result of the Sino-Soviet split)
- Bulgaria
- Czechoslovakia
- Hungary
- Poland
- Romania
- USSR
- East Germany (1956)

# The Iron Curtain

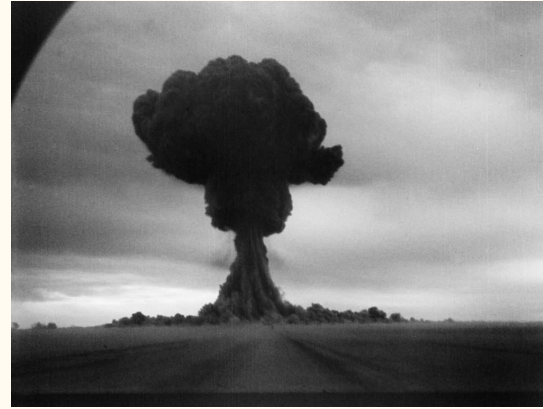
*From Stettin in the Balkans, to Trieste in the Adriatic, an **iron curtain** has descended across the Continent. Behind that line lies the ancient capitals of Central and Eastern Europe.*

-- Sir Winston Churchill, 1946

# The Soviets have an A-Bomb!

## The Arms Race Begins

Cold War tensions increased in the US when the USSR exploded its first atomic bomb in 1949.



# The Arms Race - H-bombs & ICSMs

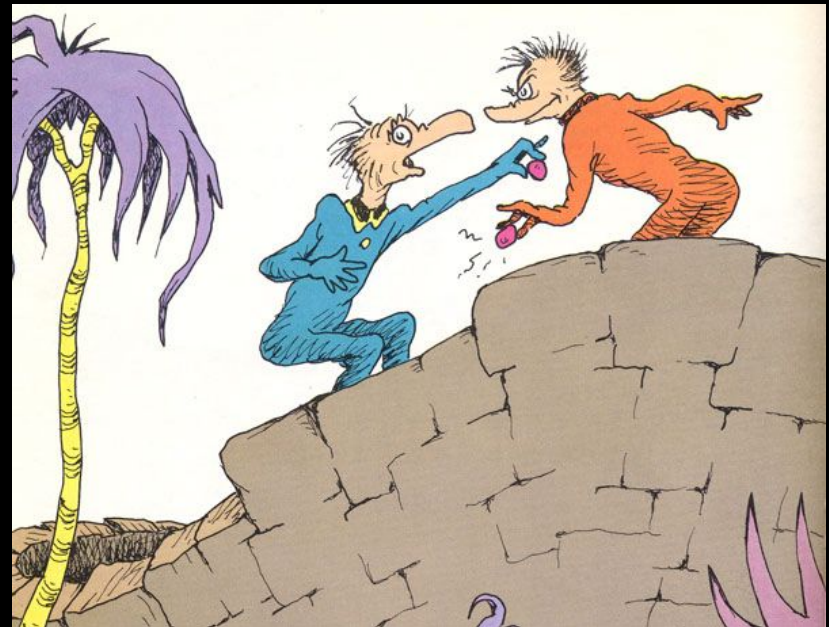
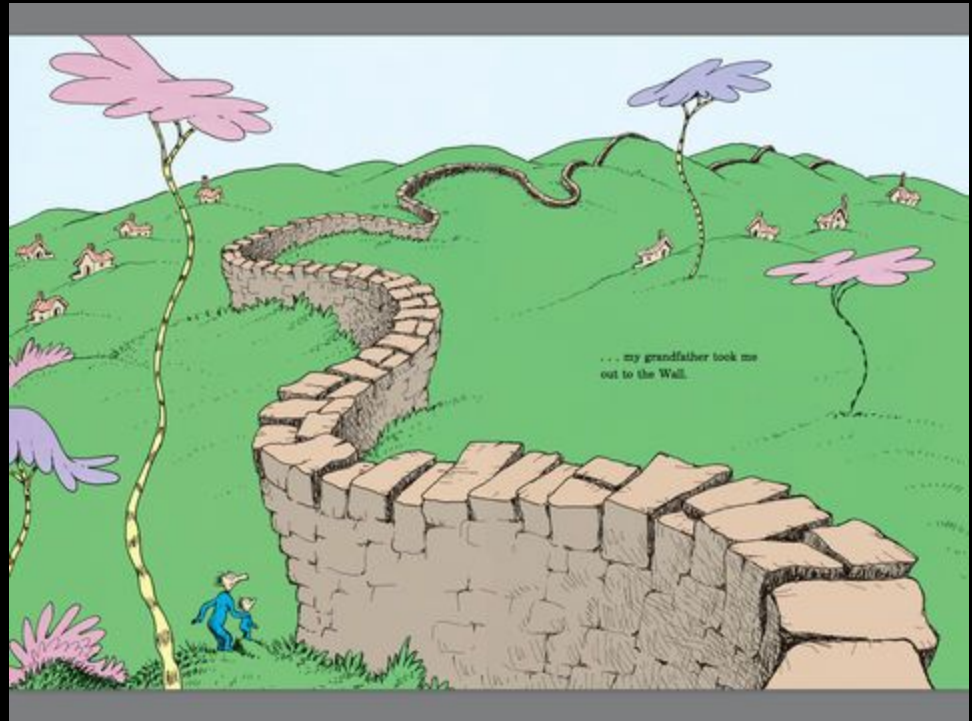
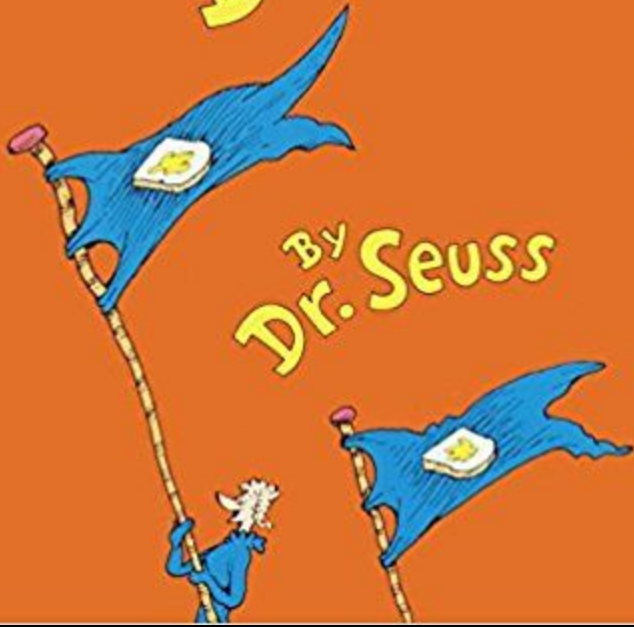


Cold War tensions increased in the USSR when the US exploded its first hydrogen bomb in 1952. It was 1000 times more powerful than the Hiroshima atomic bomb.



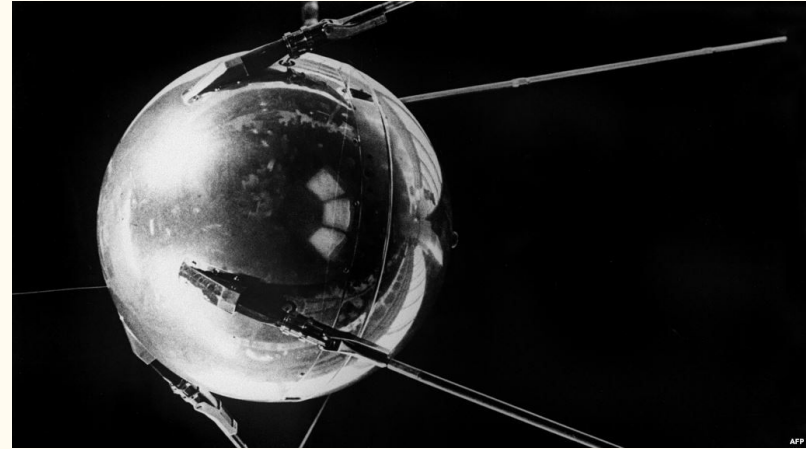
# The Butter Battle Book

By Dr. Seuss



# The Space Race

Cold War tensions increased in the US when the USSR launched *Sputnik I*, the first artificial satellite into geocentric orbit on October 4, 1957.





# The Space Race

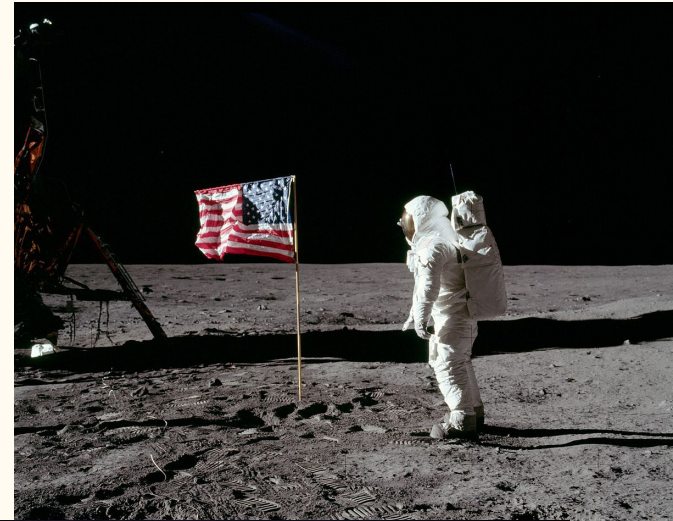


April 12, 1961: Yuri Gagarin became first human in space and first to orbit Earth. US felt a loss of prestige and increased funding for space programs and science education.

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On May 25, 1961, Kennedy gave a speech challenging America to land a man on the moon and return him safely by the end of the decade.

Apollo 11 landed on the moon on July 16, 1969.



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