Methods of containment

Alliances

- Global network of anti-communist alliances
  - NATO 1949
  - USA gave money, advice and arms
  - USSR saw these alliances as aggressive; accused US of trying to encircle communists
    - 1955 - Warsaw Pact
  - **CENTO** Central Asia and Middle East
  - **SEATO** South East Asia

Sending soldiers too expensive and inefficient

Nuclear weapons

- First atomic bomb developed 1945
  - Hiroshima Nagasaki August 1945 - 70,000 killed instantly - Japan surrendered within a week
  - Powerful threat, world had seen the power
  - Even when allies, didn't share nuclear secrets with USSR
- **Arms race** developed between USSR and US

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