TIMELINE

1943

- ***December*** - The Tehran Conference *(p.16)*

1945

- ***February*** - The Yalta Conference *(p.17)*
- ***May*** - VE Day - surrender of Germany in the Second World War
- ***July-August*** - Potsdam Conference *(p.19)*
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1946

- ***February*** - The Long Telegram *(p.20)*
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1947

- ***January*** - Rigged elections in Poland put communists in power *(p.25)*
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1948

- ***February*** - Communist coup in Czechoslovakia *(p.27)*
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- ***April*** - New communist constitution introduced in Romania *(p.26)*
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1949

- ***January*** - Comecon set up *(p.30)*
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- ***May*** - Warsaw Pact formed *(p.31)*