

**Astounding Info #10**  
**The Soviet Union & the Great Patriotic War**  
**Before, During, and After**

**Terms, People, and Ideas:**

Viacheslav Molotov	Joachim von Ribbentrop
<i>Blitzkrieg</i> (Nazi military strategy)	Stalingrad
"Long Telegram"	"Iron Curtain" Speech
George Kennan	Winston Churchill
Truman Doctrine	Marshall Plan
NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization)	Warsaw Pact
FRG (Federal Republic of Germany)	GDR (German Democratic Republic)
Communist Information Bureau (Cominform)	Tito (Josef Broz)

**A Timeline of Significant Events:**

1933	Hitler and Nazis come to power in Germany
1935	USSR signs collective security agreement with France & Czechoslovakia
1938	Munich Conference hands over Sudetenland of Czechoslovakia to Nazis
1939	Nazi-Soviet non-aggression pact signed (August)
	Nazi forces invade Poland
	USSR invades and annexes western Belorussia & Western Ukraine from Poland
	Beginning of Russo-Finnish war (lasts until March, 1940)
1940	USSR annexes Baltic states Latvia, Estonia, & Lithuania
	USSR Bessarabia and part of Bukovina from Romania
1941	Nazi forces invade USSR
	Beginning of 900-day siege of Leningrad (Sept. 1941 thru Jan. 1944)
1942	Battle of Stalingrad begins lasting until Feb. 1943.
1943	Battle of Kursk begins – largest tank battle in history
	Stalin disbands the Comintern
	Stalin allows Russian Orthodox Church to elect a new Patriarch
1944	New Soviet anthem replaces the "International."
1945	Roosevelt, Churchill & Stalin meet at Yalta (Feb)
	Soviet forces enter Berlin, ending WWII in Europe (May)
	Potsdam conference with Truman, Attlee, and Stalin (July)
1946	Stalin's "Pre-election" speech
	George Kennan's "Long Telegram" from Moscow
	Churchill's "Iron Curtain" speech in Fulton, Missouri
1947	Declaration of Truman Doctrine (March)
	Introduction of Marshall Plan for Europe (June)
	Creation on Cominform, to replace disbanded Comintern
1948	Communists take power in Czechoslovakia
	Rupture between Stalin & Tito (Yugoslavia)
1949	Creation of North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)
	Creation of the German Democratic Republic ( <i>die so-genannte DDR</i> )
	Founding of People's Republic of China
1950	North Korea invades South to begin Korean War
1953	Death of Stalin (March)