

3/6/67 How to End the Cold War (rew)

Lately one hears a good many statements that an end should be brought to the Cold War. Actually this would not be difficult to do. There are two ways in which the Cold War might be ended. One way would consist of (involve) certain actions taken by Russia. The other way would consist of actions taken by the United States followed by actions that the Russians would naturally take as a result of United States actions. In view of the fact that the Cold War was begun by Russia, it is proper that we should first look at the ways in which Russia could ~~end~~ end it. *

If the first of these methods, which consists of actions by Russia, were to be followed, the Cold War could be ended almost immediately. If the second method were used, which consists of actions taken by the United States, and inevitably followed by certain actions on the part of the Russians, it would take a little longer, but probably not a great many years.

Actually the United States did not start the Cold War. ~~Spoken of by~~ * see above At the end of World War II in 1945 it was the expectation of those in authority in the United States that all the conquering nations would now proceed to live together in unity and mutual trust. The United States proceeded to put battleships into moth balls, to sell off as surplus a great part of its defense material, to dismantle its war machine, and to act on the assumption that there was nothing more to worry about so far as war was concerned because Hitler was now conquered/ and all of his plans had been completely wrecked. In this situation, however, the leaders of Russia proceeded immediately to treat the American allies as enemies, and tried to take every possible advantage of the United States. Anyone who doubts this statement should read Diplomats Among Warriors by Robert Murphy, or 1945, Year of Decisions; ~~Memories~~ by Harry S. Truman. Each of these books brings out vividly the details of how slowly and gradually, but definitely, it finally dawned on the Americans that Russia did not consider that the war was ended, but merely that one adversary had been destroyed and it was necessary to begin ~~preparation~~ preparation for a final all-out war against another.

Aggressive attitudes and actions on the part of the Russians eventually forced the United States to abandon its ~~a~~ thoroughly pacifistic attitude, to rebuild its