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COLD WAR: MARSHALL PLAN

*Watch the video and answer the following questions.*

1. According to the video, what economic model does the Soviet Union offer? What model does the West offer? Provide examples to illustrate your understanding of the two competing economic systems: state ownership and a centrally planned economy versus free trade and a mixed economy.
2. What does economist Theodore Geiger suggest America feared happening in postwar Europe?
3. Why did President Truman ask Congress for $400 million dollars for Greece and Turkey? What fears does he address in his speech to Congress?
4. Who was General Marshall? After interviewing Stalin, how did Marshall interpret Soviet intentions?
5. What were the American and Soviet perspectives on plans for Germany? How do you account for the different opinions?
6. What was Marshall's plan for a European rescue? What role did the European plans have in this reconstruction?
7. According to Vladimir Yerofeyev, how did Stalin interpret the Marshall Plan?
8. What role did secret intelligence play in influencing the Soviet Union's decisions on the Marshall Plan? Why did the Soviet Union refuse the Marshall Plan aid for itself and its satellites?
9. At first, how did the Czechoslovak government respond to the Marshall Plan? How did the Soviet Union influence the Czechoslovak government's plan for receiving aid? How do you interpret the Czechoslovak response?
10. According to John Kenneth Galbraith, what was the goal of the Marshall Plan? How does this interpretation compare with that of the Soviets as described by Dmitiri Sukanov?
11. What were the Cominform and COMECON? Why were they created? How did the West interpret these organizations?
12. How did events in Czechoslovakia in 1948 influence congressional opinion on the request for Marshall Plan aid?
13. How did the Marshall Plan affect the American domestic economy? What was Marianne Debouzy's outlook on the Marshall Plan? What is your reaction to her claims?
14. In what condition was Greece after WWII? Why was America interested in providing the Greek government with aid?
15. Why do you think the segment with the Missouri mules was included in this episode? In your opinion, what points are the producers trying to illustrate?
16. What conditions did the United States place on Marshall Plan aid for France? How do you interpret this message?
17. Describe Marshall Tito's activities with respect to Josef Stalin and the Soviet Union. Why do you think the United States delivered Marshall Plan aid to Yugoslavia, a communist country?
18. When describing the Marshall Plan, what doesTheodore Geiger mean when he says, "We were doing well by doing good?"
19. Why were elections in Italy a focal point for U.S. foreign policy in 1948? What interest did the U.S. have in the Italian elections? What initiatives does the U.S. take to help influence the outcome of those elections? Compare Andreotti's denial with the CIA agent's statement. How does this segment shed light on U.S. interest in preventing a Communist victory? What is your reaction to the methods used by the CIA?
20. What role did the Catholic Church play in the Italian elections?
21. What was the perspective of the Communists in Italy? Addressing all of these different perspectives, assess the outcome of the Italian elections.
22. What conclusions did the Communists, the Christian Democrats and the United States draw from the defeat of the Italian Communist Party?
23. What impact did Marshall Plan aid have on the Italian community? How does the perspective of Italian Fiat chairman Gianni Agnelli compare with the perspectives of other eyewitnesses?
24. Assess the ramifications of the Marshall Plan based on the information provided in the video.