



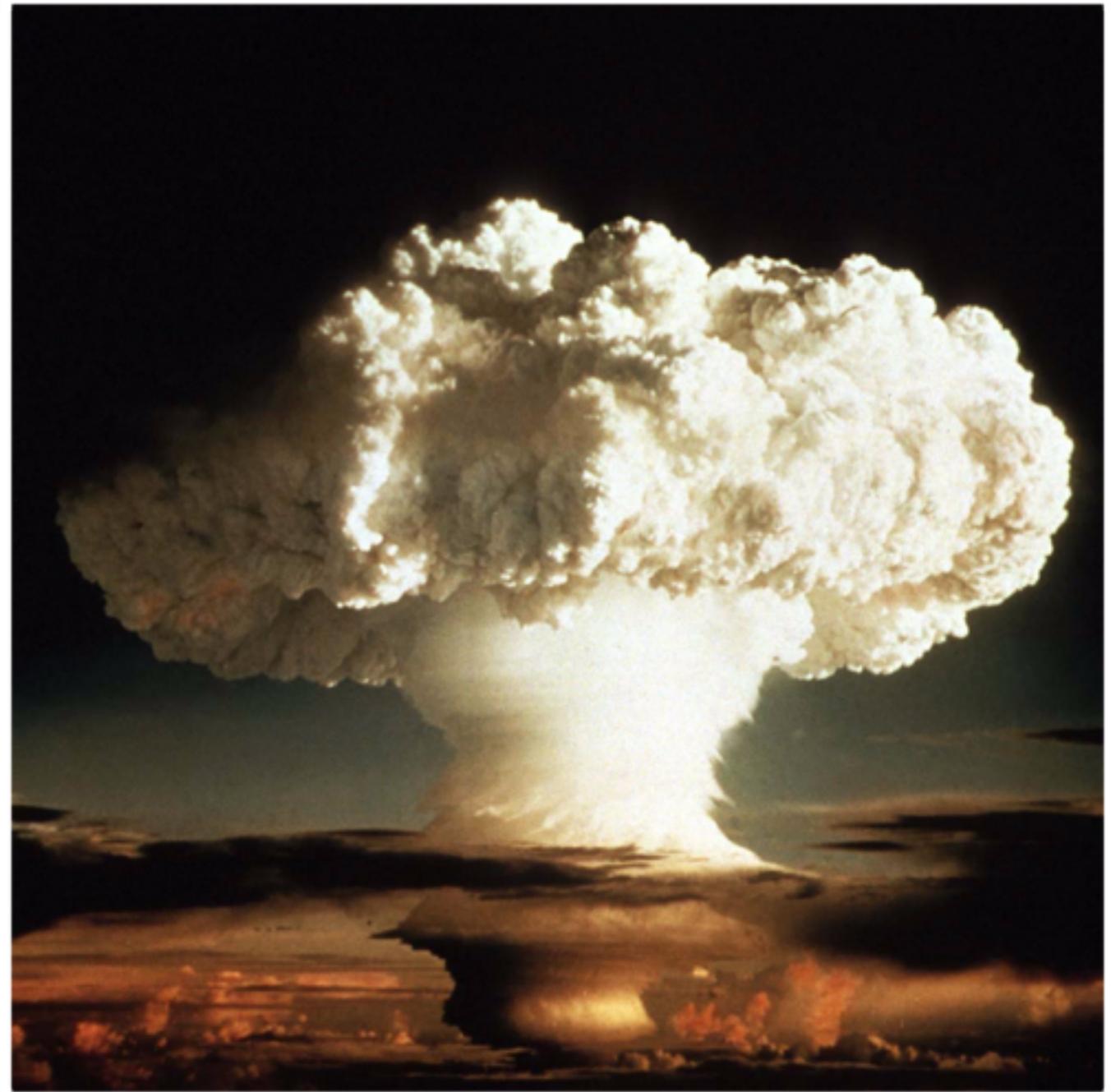
U.S. History: Chapter 18

Cold War Conflicts

Two Nations Live on the Edge

Race for the H-Bomb

- ❖ **H-Bomb** (hydrogen bomb)– nuclear weapon more powerful than atom bomb
- ❖ 1952, U.S. explodes first H-bomb; 1953, Soviets explode one



Policy of Brinkmanship

- ❖ John Foster Dulles, secretary of state under Dwight D. Eisenhower
- ❖ Dulles proposes brinkmanship policy: willingness to risk nuclear war to prevent spread of communism
- ❖ Nuclear threat unlike any before: millions can die; nation prepares



Covert Actions in the Middle East and Latin America



- ❖ Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) uses spies to gather information
- ❖ CIA helps oust Iranian prime minister, reinstate Shah
- ❖ CIA helps depose Guatemala's president; army leader becomes dictator

The Warsaw Pact

- ❖ U.S.-Soviet relations thaw after Stalins' death in 1953
- ❖ West Germany's entry into NATO scares Soviets
- ❖ Form Warsaw Pact—military alliance with 7 Eastern European countries



A Summit in Geneva

- ❖ Eisenhower meets Soviets in Geneva, proposes “open skies” policy
- ❖ Soviets reject proposal; “spirit of Geneva” seen as step to peace



The first post-war summit was held in Geneva, between American President Eisenhower and Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin

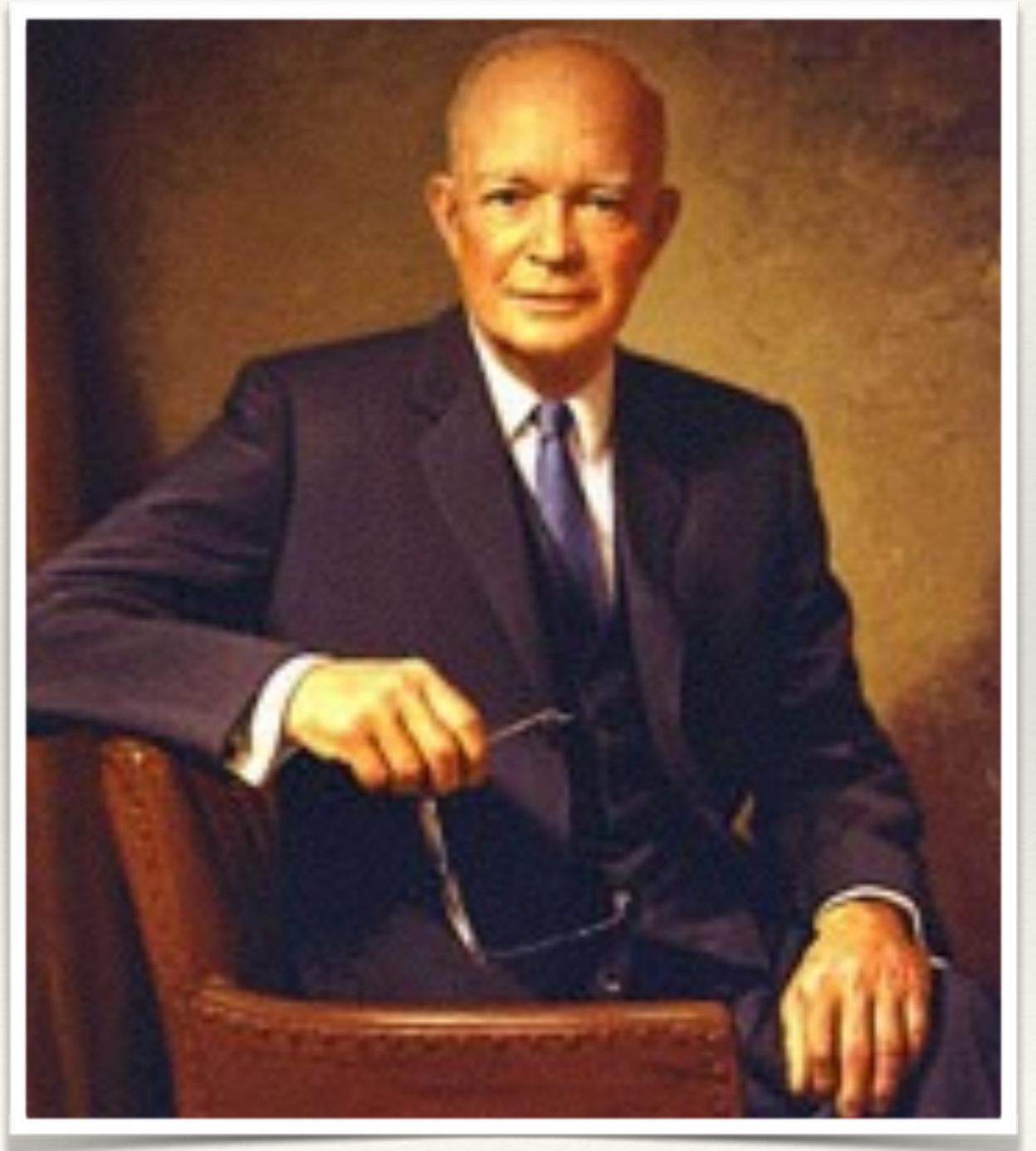
The Suez War

- ❖ Gamal Abdel-Nasser plays U.S. against Soviets over Aswan Dam
- ❖ Dulles withdraws loan offer; Nasser nationalizes Suez Canal
- ❖ Israel, Britain, France send troops; U.N. intervenes
- ❖ Fighting stops; Egypt keeps canal; other withdraw



The Eisenhower Doctrine

- ❖ Soviet prestige in Middle East rises because of support of Egypt
- ❖ **Eisenhower Doctrine**– U.S. will defend Middle East against communists



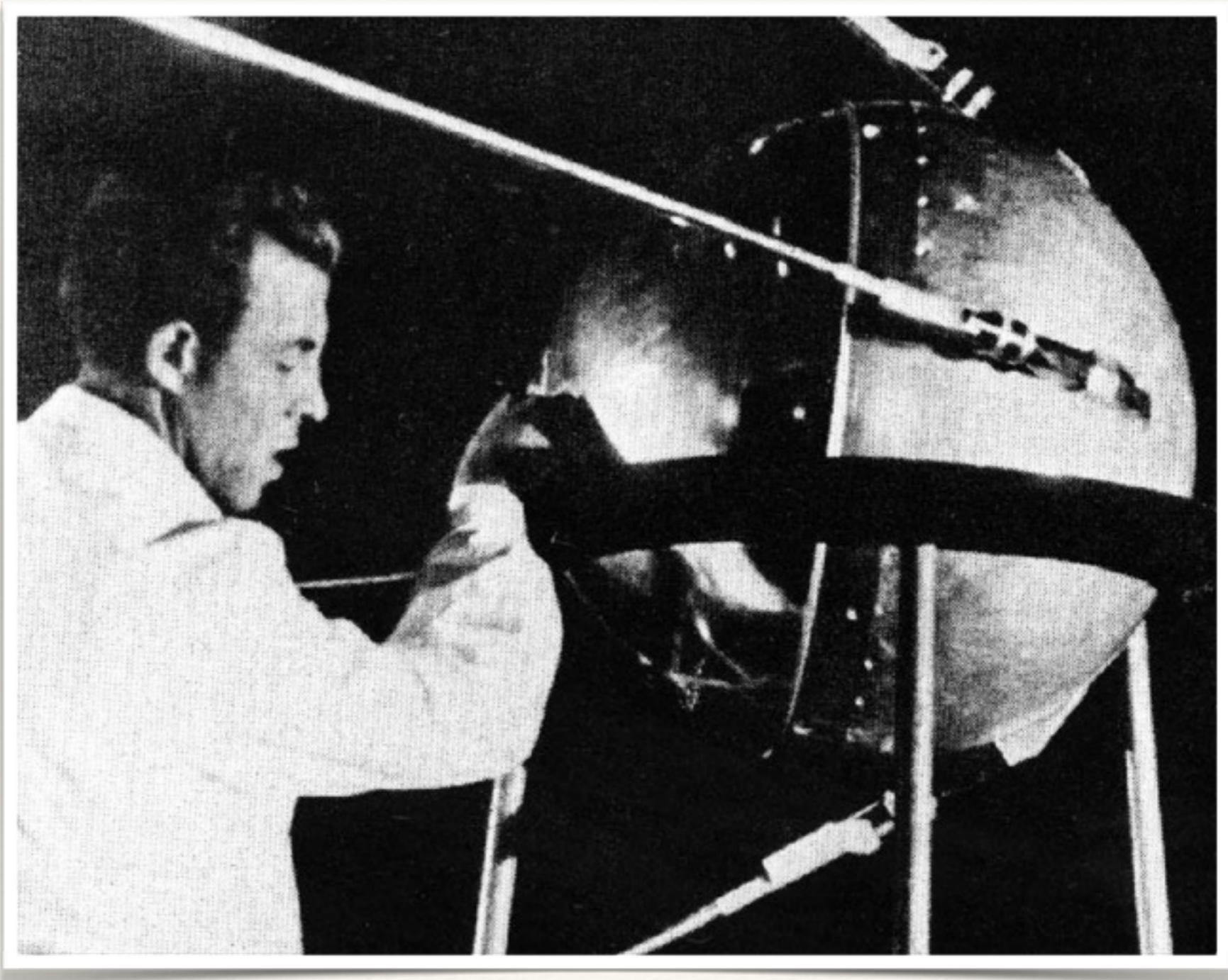
A New Soviet Leader

- ❖ Nikita Khrushchev emerges as new Soviet leader; favors peaceful coexistence and economic, scientific competition



The Space Race

- ❖ October 1957, Soviets launch Sputnik, first artificial satellite
- ❖ Shocked Americans pour money into own space program



A U-2 is Shot Down

- ❖ CIA makes secret high-altitude flights with U-2 to spy on Soviets
- ❖ Eisenhower wants flights discontinued before Khrushchev summit
- ❖ Francis Gary Powers shot down on last flight over Soviet territory



Renewed Confrontation

- ❖ Eisenhower first denies, then concedes U-2 was spying
- ❖ Agrees to stop flights, refuses to apologize as Khrushchev demands
- ❖ **U-2 Incident** renews tension between superpowers; summit cancelled

