"The Heart of Europe - a history of Central Europe"

Winter 2018

Week 6
World War II

US and USSR

Co-operation

Central Europe

(Soviet) Monroe Doctrine

Friendly, allied neighbours
Central and Eastern Europe

1943-1944: no anti-Soviet (PL/Rom)

1944: sphere of influence, min/max aims

1945: little progress
1946: maintaining Soviet interests

1947: tightening
1948: Czecho-Slovakia, Tito-Stalin
Guided Democracy

People’s Democracies

Planned Economies

Social Contract

Free Healthcare and Education

Employment, Housing, Prices
Hungary (22 – 31 October 1956)

22 October - students

24 October - Budapest (Warsaw Treaty)

29 October - the Suez

30 October - Imre Nagy, Soviet withdrawal

31 October, Pravda
Hungary (1 - 4 November 1956)

“if we withdraw from H … we will add H to Egypt.”

1 November, neutrality

2 November, the UN
UNGA emergency session

4 November, UNSC (3 a.m.)

14 November (27,000; 7,000; 200,000)
Alexander Dubček
Dubček: Socialism with a human face
The Dubček Spring of 1968

Alexander Dubček

Socialism with human face

21 August 1968

Mikhail Gorbachev
Leonid Brezhnev: “...a threat to socialism in one socialist state is a threat to all.”
20 - 21 August 1968
The Soviet – American Détente in the 1970s

“And one of the questions which we have to ask ourselves as a country is: what in the name of God is strategic superiority? What do you do with it?”

US Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, Moscow, July 1974
Détente 1970s
Do Not Be Afraid!

Karol Wojtyła

Pope John Paul II

Solidarity

Lech Wałęsa
Mikhail Gorbachev

March 1985

perestroika
glasnost

the Soviet Union
and (Central) Europe
Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski, the Polish leader, reading a speech of welcome to Pope John Paul II at the Belvedere Palace in Warsaw.

The Pontiff blessing the crowd yesterday evening at the Warsaw stadium.
ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS TO THE UNITED NATIONS

Letter dated 10 December 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Czechoslovakia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instruction from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that, on 25 November 1992, the Federal Assembly of the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic passed the Constitutional Law on the dissolution of the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic.

The above-mentioned Constitutional Law provides that:

(a) The Czech and Slovak Federal Republic will cease to exist on 31 December 1992 (art. 1, para. 1);

(b) The successor States of the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic are the Czech Republic and the Slovak Republic (art. 1, para. 2);

(c) The Czech Republic and the Slovak Republic can, even prior to the dissolution of the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic, conclude international treaties with third States on their own behalf, provided that those treaties enter into force after the dissolution of the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic (art. 8, para. 2).

I should like to inform you that the Czech Republic and the Slovak Republic, as the successor States of the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic, which was one of the original Members of the United Nations in 1945, will apply for membership in the United Nations as soon as possible.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under agenda item 19.

(Signed) Eduard KUKAN
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative of the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic to the United Nations
Europe, whole and free
The Enlargement Process, from Southern Europe to Eastern Europe

Central and Eastern Europe, Cyprus, Malta: the Copenhagen criteria ['diktat']:

‘stability of institutions guaranteeing democracy, the rule of law, human rights and respect for and protection of minorities, the existence of a functioning market economy….’
Central and Eastern Europe, Cyprus, Malta:
1998 negotiations with six candidates
1999 open to all candidates
2004 EU25 - ten new members
Cyprus, Malta, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Slovakia, Hungary, Slovenia, the Czech Republic
2007 EU27 - Bulgaria, Romania
The Enlargement Process, from Southern Europe to Eastern Europe

Marcel Jesenský, PhD (cand)
2 November 2009
See you! Au revoir!

Do widzenia!

Na shledanou!

Dovidenia!

Viszontlátásra!