CHAPTER 25: Prosperity and Liberty Under the Shadow of the Bomb 1945–1952

Visual Review

The Roots of Conflict
United States fears communist expansion after the end of the war.

Managing Postwar Europe in Potsdam
The Allies meet to determine the spheres of influence.

The Defeat of Japan
United States prepares the final assault of Japan.

Dividing the Postwar Globe
Despite military and economic advantages, U.S. leaders fear communist expansion in former colonies.

A Policy for Containment
U.S. leaders create a new strategy to challenge Soviet expansion.

Cold War


Red Scare

War in Korea
Cold War fears cause the United States to take action in Korea.

NSC-68—A Cold War Containment Policy
Truman adopts a strategy of military buildup and aggressive response to the Soviets.

Domestic Containment
The government makes efforts to contain communism at home.

The Color of Difference is Red
Significant numbers of Americans agree to restrictions of civil liberties.

Hollywood and the Pumpkin Papers
Hollywood is a target for anticommunist fears.
A New Affluence

First Steps
President Truman establishes a committee on civil rights.

Jack Roosevelt Robinson
Jackie Robinson changes attitudes by integrating Major League baseball.

The Fair Deal
President Harry S. Truman presses a new domestic agenda.

The GI Bill
Veterans receive aid through unprecedented affirmative action programs.

Working Women
Women are expected to assume their traditional roles in society.

Military-Industrial West and South
Military leaders favor the South and West for wartime mobilization.

Hispanics Move North
Large numbers of Hispanics move north seeking labor opportunities.

Mobile Leisure
Americans take to the road in search of leisure and greater connection with nature.

Laying the Foundations for Civil Rights

The Influence of African American Veterans
African American veterans point out the irony of racism in the United States during Cold War.

Black Migration and the Nationalization of Race
African American migration makes race a national issue.