

# Truman Doctrine and the Marshall Plan

# Description

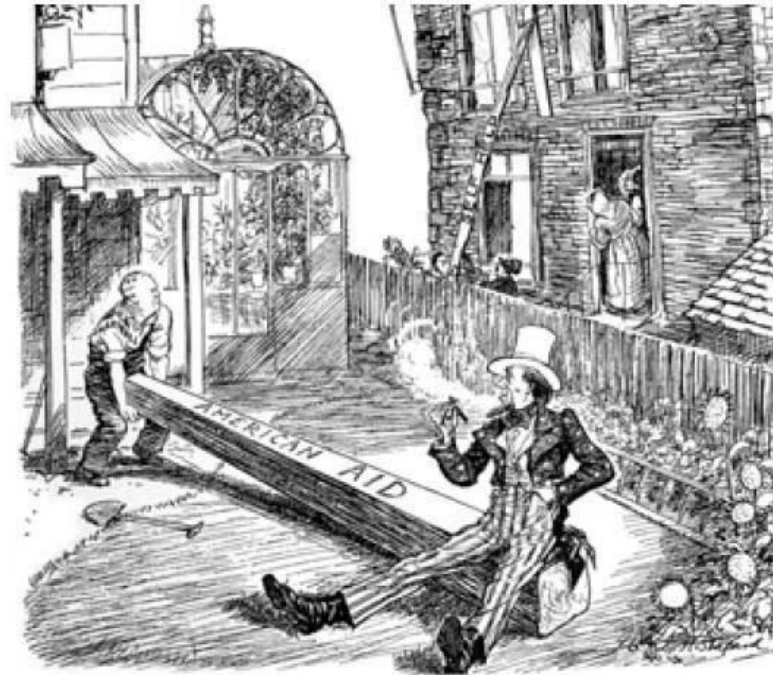
- A Doctrine outlines your attitude or behavior towards something.
- Monroe Doctrine- 1823- said that the US would keep out of European affairs.
- The Truman Doctrine- The US would now get involved and help support countries get their freedom through economic aid.

# Causes

- Greece- civil war going on between the communists and the Greek government. Greece was supported by the British financially but the British told the US that it can no longer make payments.
- Views on Communist government:
  - -lack of freedom
  - -terror
  - -oppression
  - -leadership have just taken power
  - -controlled press/ propaganda/ censorship
- Leads to US giving financial aid to countries to protect them from communism. This was called the Marshall Plan.
- Stalin called this Dollar imperialism which is creating an Empire through finances.

# The Marshall Plan

- Created by US Secretary of State- George Marshall
- Designed to give money to any European country that asks for it.
- Soviet Union and satellite countries reject this aid.



# Consequences

- Improved the economies of the countries that accepted the aid
- Strengthens ties between West Europe and the USA
- Increases division in Europe between West and East
- Made Stalin more suspicious of the USA
- Made Soviet Union more sure of its belief about 'dollar imperialism'
- Over time, big split in wealth between East and West Germany
- Made rivalry between communists and capitalists more official

