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Summary Information

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Abstract:	The Robert D. Farber University Archives is pleased to make available two early public television series for in-house viewing: "Prospects of Mankind" and "The Course of our Times." Both series were produced by WGBH-TV (Boston) and offer rich and unique documentation on important individuals and events that shaped twentieth century history at home and abroad. Selected viewing copies of each series have been provided to Brandeis University courtesy of the WGBH Archives.

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Biographical / Historical

Shortly after becoming the new Chancellor of Brandeis University, Abram L. Sachar was invited to host an educational television series called "The Course of Our Times." Co-produced by WGBH-TV and Brandeis University, the program aired on public television from 1969 to 1971 and focused on events in contemporary world history.

The inspiration for the television series came from a course entitled, "History of the Contemporary World," which Sachar taught at Brandeis for more than ten years while President of the university. His lectures formed the basis of the weekly series and presented his perspective on contemporary

history from the end of the 19th century through the early 1970s. As an historian, Sachar highlighted the interaction between individuals and events. His talks reflected the philosophy that "every new development is not new; it is not a beginning, it is a consequence."

As a survey of 20th century history, "The Course of Our Times" examined historical figures including Winston Churchill, Mohandas Gandhi, Charles de Gaulle, Adolph Hitler, Gamal Abdel-Nasser, Woodrow Wilson, and Mao Zedong. Sachar believed that his personal relationships with many of these individuals enriched his interpretations of their ideas, motivations, and influence on world events.

"The Course of Our Times" began as a pilot series on local public television in 1969. A great success, the weekly program went regional in 1970, then national in 1971. After five seasons and 65 episodes, "The Course of Our Times" had become a classic and was rerun on public television in 1977.

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Collection Inventory

Series I

Title/Description	Instances
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'The Eclipse of the Old World', ca. 1969

Source: WGBH-TV

Date [inclusive]: ca. 1969

Physical Description: 1 Items

Material Specific Details: 30 min.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

VHS; U-Matic; 16 mm film

Scope and Contents

At the end of the 19th century Europe was the center of the world and Britain was the center of Europe. This world, which believed implicitly in progress and had great faith in the capacity and motivations of man, was to be drastically altered as World War I destroyed not only the four empires of Germany, Austria, Russia and Turkey, but also the sanctions and values that had been considered immutable. The chief casualty was man's belief in what he was doing - and thereafter whatever happened were not events but consequences, as the past became the womb of the future.

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Place Recorded

WGBH, Boston

Controlled Access Headings:

- WGBH-TV
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'The Road to World War I', ca. 1969

Source: WGBH-TV

Date [inclusive]: ca. 1969

Physical Description: 1 Items

Material Specific Details: 30 min.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

VHS; U-Matic; 16 mm film

Scope and Contents

There were many causes for World War I that irretrievably smashed the Old Order - intense colonial rivalries, ulcerated nationalism, little people in charge if big issues, and many others. But the basic cause was the fact that there was no international authority, with enforcing power, to prevent recourse to war. There was instead a delicate balance of power, precariously maintained, so that no issue could any longer remain local. A pistol shot in the remote Serbian village of Sarajevo could plunge the world into a catastrophe from which it never recovered.

Existence and Location of Copies:

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2 VHS copies [1 Master copy in Sachar Personal Papers, Box 22 || 1 use copy In Course of Our Times Collection, Box 1 || 1 U-Matic copy [In Sachar Personal Papers, Box 24] || 4 16 mm films [2 BW, 2 color; in Sachar Film Collection]

Place Recorded

WGBH, Boston

Controlled Access Headings:

- WGBH-TV
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'Woodrow Wilson and the Treaties', ca. 1969

Source: WGBH-TV

Date [inclusive]: ca. 1969

Physical Description: 1 Items

Material Specific Details: 30 min.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

VHS; U-Matic; 16 mm film

Scope and Contents

Woodrow Wilson's presidency fell in the period when the old world came apart. He moved the U.S. from a haughty self-righteous isolationism into the intervention that brought victory to the Allies. He then worked desperately to establish a League of Nations as the internationally respected force to prevent wars that were now too all-encompassing to be permitted. No country could again 'have its little war in peace.' But the combination of personal frailties, crippling illness and, above all, the implacable unwillingness to modify unrestrained sovereignty, defeated the League and sowed the seeds for the wars of the future.

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Place Recorded

WGBH, Boston

Controlled Access Headings:

- WGBH-TV

'The Weimar Republic', ca. 1969

Source: WGBH-TV

Date [inclusive]: ca. 1969

Physical Description: 1 Items

Material Specific Details: 30 min.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

VHS; U-Matic; 16 mm film

Scope and Contents

After Germany's catastrophic defeat in World War I a fresh start was attempted through the Republic of Weimar, the last word in democratic theory. Unfortunately, democracy was only a facade, for the old vested interests maintained their control - the Junker landowners, the predatory industrialists, the unregenerate military, and they all waited for the day when they could overthrow the Republic. Inflation wiped out the middle class and allowed speculators to get rich on

the misery of the German people. There was a brief respite, the Locarao honeymoon in the Stressmann period, but the world depression plunged Germany into new misery, and the way was opened for Hitler and the Nazis.

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Place Recorded

WGBH, Boston

Controlled Access Headings:

- WGBH-TV

'The Russian Revolution', ca. 1969

Source: WGBH-TV

Date [inclusive]: ca. 1969

Physical Description: 1 Items

Material Specific Details: 30 min.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

VHS; U-Matic; 16 mm film

Scope and Contents

Less than 20,000 Communists were able to take control of a nation of 180 million and make Russia the springboard for a world revolution. The causes are complex, but three stand out. The complete breakdown of Russia during the war provided the opportunity for the well-organized communist group to win over the workers and the peasants. There was no line of communication to the seats of authority that could present grievances except through conspiracy and disruption. When the historic moment required the catalyst of a genius to bring destiny's patterns together, the man, Lenin was there.

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'The Consolidation of the Russian Revolution', ca. 1969

Source: WGBH-TV

Date [inclusive]: ca. 1969

Physical Description: 1 Items

Material Specific Details: 30 min.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

VHS; U-Matic; 16 mm film

Scope and Contents

Lenin's years of power ranged only from 1917 to 1922 when a stroke virtually incapacitated him. In this five-year period, by unmatched resourcefulness and a ruthlessness that rivaled any in history, he warded off powerful external enemies, eliminated international opposition, and laid the foundations for a new Communist world. He abolished God and the Bible but, since his death, he has been more venerated than God, and his writings have achieved a power far beyond the reverence ever extended to the sacred writings of Christendom.

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WGBH, Boston

Controlled Access Headings:

- WGBH-TV
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'Mussolini's Italy', ca. 1969

Source: WGBH-TV

Date [inclusive]: ca. 1969

Physical Description: 1 Items

Material Specific Details: 30 min.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

VHS; U-Matic; 16 mm film

Scope and Contents

The poverty of the country, the disillusionment of returning war veterans, a craven national government, and the threat to the industrial-military-clerical status quo, created a climate in post-war Italy for the rise of the Fascists and the emergence of their leader, Mussolini. A poseur on a grand scale, this 'sawdust Caesar' destroyed painfully built democratic institutions, created a police state, and ultimately, in alliance with Germany, threatened the whole of the civilized world. Retribution caught up with him and his own people hanged him like a herring in the public square of Milan and dissolved the Fascist state.

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Place Recorded

WGBH, Boston

Controlled Access Headings:

- WGBH-TV

'The Miracle of Czechoslovakia', ca. 1969

Source: WGBH-TV

Date [inclusive]: ca. 1969

Physical Description: 1 Items

Material Specific Details: 30 min.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

VHS; U-Matic; 16 mm film

Scope and Contents

With the collapse of the Austrian Empire at the close of World War I, the dream of Thomas Masaryk and Edward Benes for independence for the Czechs and Slovaks could be realized. During the war they led a cloak and dagger life in the attempt to enlist support for their objectives and they won out at the Peace Conference. They reorganized the economic and social structures of the state, creating an industrial and agricultural revolution. They were the most

stalwart supporters of the League of Nations, recognizing that only through collective security could the small states survive. Until the destruction of the state by Hitler, Czechoslovakia was to be a democratic model in Europe in a vast Fascist and Communist desert.

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Place Recorded

WGBH, Boston

Controlled Access Headings:

- WGBH-TV

'The Resurrection of Turkey', ca. 1969

Source: WGBH-TV

Date [inclusive]: ca. 1969

Physical Description: 1 Items

Material Specific Details: 30 min.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

VHS; U-Matic; 16 mm

Scope and Contents

The rust and corruption of the decadent Ottoman Empire at the close of World War I brought a violent revolution from the young Turks, and one of their leaders, Mustapha Kemal, organized an astonishing resistance movement that, within a few years, liberated Turkey from foreign control. As President of the new republic Mustapha broke with the religious, cultural and social mores of the past and wrought an industrial, agricultural, educational and nationalist revolution that brought Turkey vigorously into the 20th century.

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Controlled Access Headings:

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'Russia Under Stalin', ca. 1969

Date [inclusive]: ca. 1969

Physical Description: 1 Items

Material Specific Details: 30 min.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

U-Matic; 16 mm film [NO VIEWING COPY AVAILABLE]

Scope and Contents

Russia under Stalin was a complete dictatorship and perhaps more people were destroyed by its ruthlessness than in any of the tyrannies of history. But in Stalin's 30 year rule the state emerged as a fully armed power, able to contest leadership with the awesome might of the U.S. itself. The debate goes on furiously as to whether the price paid by Russia in lives and in sorrow was the inevitable cost of the transition from the backwardness of Tzarism or whether it represented the criminality of a paranoic.

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Place Recorded

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Controlled Access Headings:

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'Hitler Over Europe', ca. 1969

Source: WGBH-TV

Date [inclusive]: ca. 1969

Physical Description: 1 Items

Material Specific Details: 30 min.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

VHS; U-Matic; 16 mm film

Scope and Contents

Squabbling among the democratic groups in post-war Germany, the guilt clauses of the Versailles treaty, a calamitous inflation, the effects of the world depression, and an ominous restlessness which threatened the Establishment in Germany, all contributed to the rise and the dominance of the Nazis. In 1932, under the leadership of Adolph Hitler, the Nazis gained control of the levers of power and then Hitler scrapped the Weimar Republic and Germany became a police state. In the six years from 1933 to 1939 Nazi Germany was the bully of international life, and though the Nazis were defeated, they brought down a large part of Europe and the world.

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Controlled Access Headings:

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'Britain Between the Wars', ca. 1969

Source: WGBH-TV

Date [inclusive]: ca. 1969

Physical Description: 1 Items

Material Specific Details: 30 min.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

VHS; U-Matic; 16 mm film

Scope and Contents

Britain after World War I was like a once rich relation, fortune gone, laboring to keep up appearances, hiding shabbiness under ceremony and political and economic crisis under bustle and motion. Her dominions slipped from her one by one, some, like Ireland, actually cutting loose, others repudiating so much imperial control that after World War II the whole empire had become a tenuous federation.

In the '30s while it continued to deceive itself, it could not deceive a new breed of tough, cynical buccaneering dictators whose blackmail won continuous concessions until appeasement could go no further and Britain was drawn into the vortex of still another World War.

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- WGBH-TV

'The Agony of France', ca. 1969

Source: WGBH-TV

Date [inclusive]: ca. 1969

Physical Description: 1 Items

Material Specific Details: 30 min.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

VHS; U-Matic; 16 mm film

Scope and Contents

The peace and security of the West depended, after World War I, on the democratic tripod, the U.S., France and Britain. But the Tripod proved all top wobbly and, after a few years, there was no tripod at all. The U.S. turned isolationist, and Britain was too enfeebled to carry any major responsibility. But the weakest part turned out to be France. It suffered a fearful hemorrhage of manpower and resources in World War I and all its hopes for reparations from defeated Germany to help restore her strength proved an illusion. The 20 years after Versailles therefore were a nightmare of ever weaker coalition governments until a resurgent Germany under Hitler struck for the third time in a lifetime and almost permanently destroyed the land and its people.

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Place Recorded

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Controlled Access Headings:

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Series II

Title/Description	Instances
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'The Spanish Civil War', ca. 1970

Source: WGBH-TV

Date [inclusive]: ca. 1970

Physical Description: 1 Items

Material Specific Details: 30 min.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

VHS; U-Matic; 16 mm film

Scope and Contents

The Spanish Civil War was not limited to the Spaniards. The great powers were not only concerned with its outcome but actually participated in it. This was because, in an almost literal sense, the conflict was really a rehearsal for World War II, which erupted as soon as dictatorship was established in Spain.

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WGBH, Boston

Controlled Access Headings:

- WGBH-TV

'The Road to World War II', ca. 1970

Source: WGBH-TV

Date [inclusive]: ca. 1970

Physical Description: 1 Items

Material Specific Details: 30 min.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

U-Matic; 16 mm film [NO VIEWING COPY AVAILABLE]

Scope and Contents

Britain and France, who won World War I by completely immobilizing Germany, were, within 15 years, frantically practicing appeasement. They kept retreating in panic from every crisis. This is the melancholy story of Manchuria, Ethiopia, the Rhineland, and Austria, where every bastion was abandoned until the decisive surrender at Munich.

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Place Recorded

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Controlled Access Headings:

- WGBH-TV

'The Fruits of Appeasement', 1970

Source: WGBH-TV

Date [inclusive]: 1970

Physical Description: 1 Items

Material Specific Details: 30 min.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

VHS; U-Matic; 16 mm film

Scope and Contents

The British and the French based their hopes for the preservation of peace on working out reasonable compromises that would satisfy the Nazis. Hitler, however, proved to be insatiable, and when Czechoslovakia and Poland were ground under the Nazi juggernaut, the long-

dreaded World War exploded, from the launching pad of appeasement, again validating the lesson that blackmail never gets cheaper.

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'The Collapse of France', ca. 1970

Source: WGBH-TV

Date [inclusive]: ca. 1970

Physical Description: 1 Items

Material Specific Details: 30 min.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

U-Matic; 16 mm film [NO VIEWING COPY AVAILABLE]

Scope and Contents

When Poland, the Scandinavian countries, Holland and Belgium fell quickly under the onslaughts of the Nazis, there was little surprise. However, the complete collapse of France, within a few weeks, stunned the world. This chapter attempts to analyze the tragedy and the forces that undermined and shattered what had been considered the greatest power on the continent.

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'Churchill and the Salvation of Britain', ca. 1970

Source: WGBH-TV

Date [inclusive]: ca. 1970

Physical Description: 1 Items

Material Specific Details: 30 min.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

VHS; U-Matic; 16 mm film

Scope and Contents

By 1940 the full cost of appeasement was brought home to the democratic west. Hitler was master of the continent up to the frontiers of Russia, with Britain itself threatened by the blitz and invasion. It was then that the country turned to Winston Churchill, the man of destiny, who had continuously warned the West against the apostles of destruction. This chapter is a review of Churchill's extraordinary leadership which made his eloquence prophetic, that 'if the Commonwealth were to last for a thousand years, men would say this was their finest hour.'

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Place Recorded

WGBH, Boston

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- WGBH-TV

'FDR: From Isolation to Intervention', ca. 1970

Source: WGBH-TV

Date [inclusive]: ca. 1970

Physical Description: 1 Items

Material Specific Details: 30 min.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

VHS;U-Matic; 16 mm film

Scope and Contents

During the long appeasement nightmare in Europe, the United States lived almost completely in a climate of isolation. There was overwhelming hatred of the dictators

and an emotional attachment to the right of the threatened peoples to survive - Ethiopia, China, Spain, Austria. But there was an adamant firmness against any involvement that could lead to war. This chapter discusses the steady development of American foreign policy that moved from sympathy for the allies, to material assistance, to total involvement and intervention. Throughout, the leadership of Franklin Roosevelt, who had already made fundamental changes in the domestic life of the country, is decisive for this road from isolation to intervention.

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Place Recorded

WGBH, Boston

Controlled Access Headings:

- WGBH-TV

'Hitler: Zenith and Retribution', ca. 1970

Source: WGBH-TV

Date [inclusive]: ca. 1970

Physical Description: 1 Items

Material Specific Details: 30 min.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

U-Matic; 16 mm film [NO VIEWING COPY AVAILABLE]

Scope and Contents

By the end of 1941 Hitler was at the zenith of power, his lightning thrusts carrying his conquering hordes to an imperial stretch that rivaled Napoleon's. Virtually every dictator, however, eventually overreaches and Hitler fell victim to his fatal temptation. His blitz on England was thwarted by the gallantry of the RAF, his attack on Russia bled his armies to death, and his declaration of war on the United States brought into the struggle the matchless resources of the world's wealthy nations. These were three fatal miscalculations that ultimately brought down his Reich, and ended his dream of conquest in an air raid bunker in Berlin.

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1 U-Matic copy [In Sachar Personal Papers, Box 26] || 4 16 mm films [2 BW, 2 color; in Sachar Film Collection]

Place Recorded

WGBH, Boston

Controlled Access Headings:

- WGBH-TV
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'The Morality of Collaboration', ca. 1970

Source: WGBH-TV

Date [inclusive]: ca. 1970

Physical Description: 1 Items

Material Specific Details: 30 min.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

VHS; U-Matic; 16 mm film

Scope and Contents

One of the most tormenting problems of WWII was the actions of the collaborators, the men who either opportunistically joined forces with the enemies or reluctantly, through coercion, cooperated with them. In this chapter we go down into the underworld of the war to analyze the psychological pressures that influenced the actions of Quisling in Norway, Petain, Lavel and Darlan in Vichy France, and Joyce, Mosley and Amery in England. The study is not merely dramatically absorbing; the actions of the collaborators, condemned by their countrymen as traitors, played a role long after the war was over, in a country like France, poisoning political and social life. How are such men to be judged? Suppose their sides had won out, as Gomulka did in Poland, or Tito did in Yugoslavia? It was Churchill's judgement that, 'we ought to let them rest in peace, thankful that we have never had to face the trials under which they broke.'

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'The Western World and its Reaction to Genocide', ca. 1970

Date [inclusive]: ca. 1970

Physical Description: 1 Items

Material Specific Details: 30 min.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

VHS; U-Matic; 16 mm film

Scope and Contents

There have been destructive wars in every era. But it was left to the enlightened 20th century to witness the planned destruction of whole peoples simply because of the blood that flowed in their veins. Almost forgotten now is the tragedy in the early days of World War I, of the Armenian people, where more than 1.25 million were systematically slaughtered by the Turks. The Nazis perfected the technique of annihilation in their passion to exterminate the Jews, and they combined the barbarism of the Middle Ages with the technical efficiency of this scientific era. Their toll was six million. The tragedy of such horrors was unspeakable enough. What compounded the horror was the virtual indifference of the so-called civilized world, including the professed humanitarians of the great democratic states. This chapter discusses the Armenian and Jewish tragedies and the impact on the civilized nations who apparently reacted in terms of Stalin's dictum: 'The misfortune of a family is a tragedy; the misfortune of millions of families is a statistic.'

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'Japan and the Atomic Bomb', ca. 1970

Source: WGBH-TV

Date [inclusive]: ca. 1970

Physical Description: 1 Items

Material Specific Details: 30 min.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

VHS; U-Matic; 16 mm film

Scope and Contents

Japan emerged from World War I as the strongest and most confident nation in the Orient. However, she was restricted to a tiny area, smaller than California, with an expanding population highly skilled and ambitious. She was determined to take leadership for the unnumbered millions of Asians, fulfilling her own economic and social needs and protecting the races. This chapter details the opportunistic partnership she entered with the Fascist dictators of Europe, the attempt to subordinate China and the colonial holdings of the European powers, and the growing animosity toward the United States, leading to Pearl Harbor and the ensuing all-out war. It was ended with the atomic bomb, the morality of whose use by the United States had been a subject of impassioned debate ever since. The defeat of Japan was complete and it led to the ironic development of a firm friendship with the conqueror, so that, in the decades that followed, Japan became the staunchest ally of the United States in Asia.

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Place Recorded

WGBH, Boston

Controlled Access Headings:

- WGBH-TV

'The Irish Uprising and its Aftermath', ca. 1970

Source: WGBH-TV

Date [inclusive]: ca. 1970

Physical Description: 1 Items

Material Specific Details: 30 min.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

VHS; U-Matic; 16 mm film

Scope and Contents

The Catholic Irish have long memories. They stretch back centuries with particular bitterness when they reach to the brutalities of Cromwell and the uprooting of Irish families to make way for Protestant settlers and absentee landlords. The animosities of the Green and the Orange, which Disraeli characterized as the problem of the Pope and potatoes, is not merely confined to the cold pages of history books. It is rooted in the famines of the 1840s when the toll of death was staggering, and the migrations, mainly to the United States, transported the bitterness to this country. This chapter details the Irish rebellion of 1916, the attempts at suppression, the Black and Tans, the emergence of the resourceful leadership of Michael Collins and Arthur Griffith and Eamon deValera, the establishment of the Free State, and the uneasy truce that is continuously broken down to our own day.

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'Tito and the Balkan Tinderbox', ca. 1970

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Physical Description: 1 Items

Material Specific Details: 30 min.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

VHS; U-Matic; 16 mm film

Scope and Contents

The Balkans have been variously termed the International Cockpit, The Cauldron of Diplomacy, The Tinderbox of Europe - the names suiting the dramatic style of the writer, but all pointing up the tempestuous character of life and destiny in this hopelessly fragmented area. This chapter details the tragic role of the Balkans preceding and during World War II, with special emphasis on the rise of Tito

and the Partisans, and that bastion that they created in Yugoslavia.

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'Gandhi and the Emergence of India', ca. 1970

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Physical Description: 1 Items

Material Specific Details: 30 min.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

VHS; U-Matic; 16 mm film

Scope and Contents

All through the post-World War I period, there was a steady attrition of British colonial power - Britain steadily yielded, usually too little and too late, as in Ireland, in Egypt, in Palestine, in the African states. Her most perplexing problem was in India where for more than two centuries Britain had, with a tiny military and administrative contingent, controlled the destinies of hundreds of millions of fantastically divided races and religions. The struggle for freedom was at last crystallized in the leadership of one of the most extraordinary personalities in history, Mahatma Gandhi. For two generations he dominated completely the life of his country and everything that he did had overwhelming significance: his words, his defiances, his fasts, his conferences, his very pulsebeats, down to the day of his assassination. This chapter analyzes the amazing influence of a man who defied a great empire, using as his main weapon the subtle power of satyagraha, active non-violence.

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'The Genesis of the Cold War', ca. 1970

Source: WGBH-TV

Date [inclusive]: ca. 1970

Physical Description: 1 Items

Material Specific Details: 30 min.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

U-Matic; 16 mm film [NO VIEWING COPY AVAILABLE]

Scope and Contents

In March of 1946, Churchill referred to the Iron Curtain that now had fallen across the continent to divide the former allies, Russia, Britain and the United States. The curtain represented a Cold War, where yesterday's cooperation became today's hostility, where yesterday's friends became today's enemies. This Cold War became the dominant factor in the international affairs of the next generation. Where did the break come: How could the rapport of a firm alliance become the alienation that turned every major development into a crisis of confidence? This chapter details a number of crucial episodes during the coalition period that would indicate there had never really been a genuine alliance, that the allies were not united in a common cause, but only against a common enemy.

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'Truman and the Recovery of Europe', ca. 1970

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Physical Description: 1 Items

Material Specific Details: 30 min.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

VHS; U-Matic; 16 mm film

Scope and Contents

Perhaps nothing so vindicated the American system of the open society that a man as little prepared for overwhelming responsibility as was Harry Truman could rise to his responsibility with such astonishing effectiveness. For it is generally agreed that he belongs with the great American presidents for the major decisions that he took -- the Truman Doctrine, the Marshall Plan, Point Four, NATO, the Berlin Airlift, the Atomic Energy Act, the defense of Korea, and withal, the transition from a war to a peace economy without a depression, indeed, with an enhanced standard of living for worker and for farmer. When he left office after seven years of standing up to the giants of his generation, even those who had downgraded him or who had disagreed most vehemently with him, had to admit that America and the western alliance had been well served.

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'Adenauer and the Rebirth of Germany', ca. 1970

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Date [inclusive]: ca. 1970

Physical Description: 1 Items

Material Specific Details: 30 min.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

VHS; U-Matic; 16 mm film

Scope and Contents

When World War II ended in complete Nazi defeat, Germany lay in ruins. Its cities a wasteland, its railroads and canals and roads virtually useless, its people stunned and hopeless. Within a few years the country was again thriving, its high standard of living restored, its cities booming, its currency the strongest in Europe, its goodwill courted by East and West. The man who dominated this period of astonishing resurrection and who did most to bring his country into the west European concert was Dr. Konrad Adenauer. The miracle of his achievement was compounded because it came in a 14-year incumbency as Chancellor, from 1949 to 1963, the longest since Bismarck, and longer than the existence of Hitler's Third Reich.

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'Attlee's Britain', ca. 1970

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Date [inclusive]: ca. 1970

Physical Description: 1 Items

Material Specific Details: 30 min.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

VHS; U-Matic; 16 mm film

Scope and Contents

To the astonishment of the world and to Churchill's chagrin his Tory party was overwhelmingly defeated in the election of 1945 and Labor took over the task of reconstructing Britain in the new post-war world. Clement Attlee became Prime Minister and he brought in with him a gifted group of colleagues -- Cripps, Bevin, Morrison, Bevan -- who had radical views of what was necessary as the country emerged from the welter of war. Within a few years, there was an astonishing mass of legislation that was reminiscent of the Roosevelt New Deal and that transformed the whole structure of British imperial relationships.

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'France and the Fourth Republic', ca. 1970

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Physical Description: 1 Items

Material Specific Details: 30 min.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

VHS; U-Matic; 16 mm film

Scope and Contents

The tasks of reconstruction for France after the devastation and the humiliation of World War II was infinitely more difficult than after 1919. Now, in 1945, it was necessary to wipe out the shame of defeat, the Vichy nightmare, and to renew not only the political and economic fabric, but the very soil of France, starved and poisoned for five long years. Charles de Gaulle took initial responsibility, but when he was not given his way he resigned in a huff and waited 12 years to be vindicated. France went back to its petty political bickering, floundering with 13 governments in the first seven years since liberation. Only Pierre Mendes-France stood out with the statesmanship that the times required. At last, when internal problems seemed insolvable, and

colonial dominions were everywhere in turmoil, a revolt was triggered in North Africa and Charles de Gaulle was recalled and given the mandate to inaugurate the Fifth Republic.

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'Stalin and Post War Russia', ca. 1970

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Date [inclusive]: ca. 1970

Physical Description: 1 Items

Material Specific Details: 30 min.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

U-Matic; 16 mm film [NO VIEWING COPY AVAILABLE]

Scope and Contents

Stalin's post-war Russia is a study in surrealist contrasts. It is a world of immense suffering, mainly the result of a war that took tens of millions of lives and wrecked huge areas of the country; a world of immense bitterness over the bewildering about-face of the allies of the western world who cancelled Land-Lease aid the moment the Nazis had been eliminated and began courting and strengthening former enemy states. Yet there was great pride in the victories over the Nazi war machine and growing confidence as major internal problems were overcome. Indeed, the pace of reconstruction was spectacular enough to make Russia by 1952 one of the two dominating powers, challenging even the United States. Over all the changes the brooding, suspicious Stalin presided, giving his name to the inflexible type of Communism that controlled the actions, even the thoughts, of nearly 200 million people.

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'Israel and the Arab World', ca. 1970

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Physical Description: 1 Items

Material Specific Details: 30 min.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

U-Matic; 16 mm film [NO VIEWING COPY AVAILABLE]

Scope and Contents

In the many settlements that followed World War I, Palestine was promised as a homeland for the Jews, with the understanding that the Arabs, who were the the great majority in the land, were assured that their civil and religious rights would be adequately protected. In the years between 1920 and 1948 this little land was converted by the Jewish settlers into a modern, healthful, highly civilized commonwealth. But Arab resistance, both within the country, and among the neighboring states, grew ever more intensive. There were continuous clashes and the British, who held the mandate, were increasingly frustrated as they attempted to maintain the peace. At last, by vote of the United Nations, it was decided to partition the country and in May 1948, the modern Jewish state came into being. There followed a period of unremitting conflict with several wars where the Israelis were victorious. But the conflict raged, aggravated by the alliances of the Cold War, the United States steadily supporting Israel, the Soviet supporting the Arabs.

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'China Goes Communist', ca. 1970

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Physical Description: 1 Items

Material Specific Details: 30 min.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

VHS; U-Matic; 16 mm film

Scope and Contents

China after World War II went through one of the most momentous transformations in modern history involving hundreds of millions of people, a fifth of the human race. Under the leadership of a guerilla genius, Mao Tse-tung, a backward, peasant, warlord-ridden society became a military and economic giant, challenging in strength and in potential the American and Russian power structures. The Chinese Revolution, under Mao, represented the greatest diplomatic disaster in American history. For China had been an American protege up to World War II. It was a fixed point in American diplomacy to build it as an Asian bastion, to protect it from the encroachments of Japan and the Soviets. But China went Communist, and the United States not only lost its most valuable ally in Asia, but was confronted thereafter with an implacable enemy.

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'DeGasperi's Italy', ca. 1970

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Physical Description: 1 Items

Material Specific Details: 30 min.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

U-Matic; 16 mm film [NO VIEWING COPY AVAILABLE]

Scope and Contents

Italy emerged from World War II with tremendous damage. Loss of life had been mercifully held down, but bombing and expropriation inflicted serious damage upon the industrial plants, communications and shipping. The post-war inflation practically wiped out the middle class and was as serious as any of the military assaults. It was this devastated, embittered, and discouraged Italy that became the responsibility of Alcide de Gasperi, whose lengthy incumbency brought the country from ruin and defeatism to stability and hope. The engineering and petrochemical resources were opened and Italy became a world center for fashions, the cinema, and motor cars. The boom did not last long beyond de Gasperi's incumbency and the 1960s brought back many of Italy's political and economic problems.

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'Japan After World War II', ca. 1970

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Material Specific Details: 30 min.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

U-Matic; 16 mm film [NO VIEWING COPY AVAILABLE]

Scope and Contents

After the atomic bombs exploded over Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945, Japan surrendered unconditionally and its stoic people resigned themselves to the usual fate of the conquered. There seemed little hope that there could be recovery for many years, since the major cities had been reduced to a shambles by the incessant American bombing. The United States sent in General MacArthur as a virtual pro-consul with the mandate to keep Japan perpetually disarmed so that it could never again menace the peace of its neighbors. But just as the Cold War drastically changed objectives for the future of Germany, the Allied plans were similarly changed for Japan. The dynamism of Soviet policy in Europe, the triumph of Mao and Communism in China, and the Korean War dictated that the defeated enemy now be built up as a strong ally. The next decades witnessed the reconstruction of the Japanese economy with massive American help, and, though Japan was not obligated to support free-world diplomacy in its dealings with Asia, in fact it did become the anchor point to prevent all of the Pacific world from falling to the Communist power bloc.

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Material Specific Details: 30 min.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

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Scope and Contents

Of the many transformations that came out of World War II the most spectacular and far reaching were the creation of independent India and Pakistan. The problems that accompanied liberation were staggering -- civil war, appalling carnage, the migration of terror-stricken

populations, the economic and social tasks of feeding, housing, healing, educating hundreds of millions who had to be moved out of the age of the oxcarts and caste into the era of technology. The mentor for India, inheriting the mantle for leadership from Gandhi, was Nehru, whose 15-year incumbency brought his teeming country into the 20th century. Pakistan with the leadership of Jinnah and AyuBWas not as fortunate.

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'Africa for the Africans', ca. 1970

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Material Specific Details: 30 min.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

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Scope and Contents

Two World Wars substantially loosened the power of the colonial nations, victors and losers alike, to control their imperial dominions. There had been increasing revulsion against western domination which after World War II turned into open revolt on all the submerged continents, and primarily in Africa. The process of liberation was extremely complicated, for Africa was a vast continent which included some well-defined nationalities, but also a myriad of tribal groups and a Babel of languages and dialects and customs. North African states were really part of the European Mediterranean world, and their problems were vastly different from the great black areas of central, east and west Africa. Redemption and emancipation came hard, with much bloodshed and terror, with initial tyranny, corruption and inefficiency. Age-old evils of poverty, disease and illiteracy could not be quickly eliminated.

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'The Russian Chinese Rupture', ca. 1970

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Physical Description: 1 Items

Material Specific Details: 30 min.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

VHS; U-Matic; 16 mm film

Scope and Contents

One of the decisive events of our time was the rupture in the alliance between Soviet Russia and Red China. By 1949 these two among the most populous nations of the world stood together in a firm Communist alliance and it seemed as if the future, certainly of Asia, belonged to them. Yet by 1958-59, there were recriminations, at first with symbolic names and indirect targets, but a few years later the break was openly revealed, in language more abusive than was used in attacking the long-standing enemies of the West. A new balance of power had been created in Asia and the Pacific as yesterday's allies became the most bitter antagonists.

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'France and the Fifth Republic', ca. 1971

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Date [inclusive]: ca. 1971

Physical Description: 1 Items

Material Specific Details: 30 min.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

U-Matic [NO VIEWING COPY AVAILABLE]

Scope and Contents

In 1958, as the Fourth Republic disintegrated because of internal ineptitude and heavy losses in futile colonial wars, Charles de Gaulle returned from his twelve years in the political wilderness to create the Fifth Republic. He dominated France for more than a decade, 'a dictator by consent.' In this period he tried hard to create a Third Force that would counterbalance the super-hegemonies of the United States and Russia. His reliance on glamor was no substitute for power, but he did restore the pride of France and ended the chaos of its political fragmentation. The electorate of 1968 repudiated him, perhaps because he had rebuilt so successfully that he was expendable.

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Material Specific Details: 30 min.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

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Scope and Contents

Dr. Konrad Adenaur's long incumbency as Chancellor of West Germany brought his country back into the family of the western nations. After initially accepting his paternalistic leadership, the people became restive; Adenaur's very success encouraged his people to demand more freedom of action. He retired reluctantly in 1963 and was briefly succeeded by Ludwig Erhard, the economic genius who was mainly responsible for the miracle of German recovery. The growth of the Social Democrats during the 1960s culminated in the election of Willy Brandt as Chancellor in 1970, a development which opened possibilities of rapprochement with the eastern Communist bloc without jeopardizing the commitment to the West.

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'The Eisenhower and Kennedy Years', ca. 1971

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Material Specific Details: 30 min.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

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Scope and Contents

The election of Dwight Eisenhower ended 20 years of Democratic control in American government. He attempted to slow the intercession of government in domestic affairs. In foreign policy he relied greatly upon his Secretary of State, Dulles, who practiced 'brinkmanship,' facing up to foreign adversaries right to the brink of war, and then backing away. In the election of 1960, in spite of Eisenhower's enormous popularity, John Kennedy was

elected, along with a Democratic Congress. His ambitious programs went unrealized, for he was assassinated in 1963 before he finished his first term. But his youthful, exciting, dramatic, vigorous style gave the brief Kennedy period a romantic glow.

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'The New Elizabethan Era', ca. 1971

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Material Specific Details: 30 min.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

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Scope and Contents

By 1951 virtually all of the British Labor Party's evangelical fervor had been spent and the Conservatives were brought back for a long period of consolidation. This change in mood coincided with the ascent to the throne of young Elizabeth, who reinforced the British tradition of stability. There were brief ministries under the aged Churchill and his protege Anthony Eden, and then the leadership passed to Harold MacMillan. His was a remarkable incumbency, whose prosperity was in sharp contrast to the necessary austerity of the first decade of the post-war period. MacMillan was obliged to retire in 1963 because of ill-health and soon thereafter, in 1964, the electorate gave its favor once again to the Labor Party and Harold Wilson. But the long Tory incumbency had strengthened morale, and Britain was counted an affluent society.

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Material Specific Details: 30 min.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

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Scope and Contents

The death of Stalin in 1953 ended an extended era of capricious despotism, and three years later, Khrushchev clawed his way to supreme power and remained head of state for seven years. In domestic affairs it was a period marked by impressive progress and tolerable living standards. In this period, Russia also achieved nuclear power and, in launching Sputnik in 1957, demonstrated to the world that it had virtually closed the gap in the arms race with the United States. In foreign policy, apart from an ever-widening rift between the Soviets and Red China, Khrushchev followed a policy of 'competitive coexistence.' In 1963 he was suddenly overthrown, ostensibly to end 'the cult of personality.'

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Material Specific Details: 30 min.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

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Scope and Contents

Fidel Castro landed in Cuba in 1956 with a small band of bearded confederates and in three years forced out Fulgencio Batista, the long-reigning despot. He won the admiration of the United States and liberal forces throughout the world who hailed him as a modern Simon Bolivar. But Castro soon openly declared his Communist allegiance, and the Soviet Union extended credit and helped to arm practically the entire population. Tension with the United States built up to a crisis in the fall of 1962 when Khrushchev placed ballistic missiles in Cuba that threatened the security of the American mainland. There was a showdown with President Kennedy, and the missiles were withdrawn. But the promise was made that there would be no invasion of Cuba. The U.S. would now have to live with the Communist threat at its back door.

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Material Specific Details: 30 min.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

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Scope and Contents

The 1952 revolution in Egypt eliminated the old royal dynasty and brought to the head of affairs the ambitious young Lieutenant Colonel, Gamal Nasser, who was to dominate the life of his country and the Middle East for nearly two decades. He effected fundamental economic

and social reforms in the structure of Egypt, climaxed by the completion of the Aswan Dam. He was continually diverted, however, by his dream of imperial expansion and by the unending war with Israel, where he was twice humiliatingly defeated. He brought the Soviet Union into the Mediterranean and the Middle East, and this established a bondage that was to be almost impossible to loosen.

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Material Specific Details: 30 min.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

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Scope and Contents

In 1947 the United Nations voted to sponsor the partition of Palestine and to create sovereign states there for the Arabs and Israelis. Israel, fed by major immigration waves, grew in two decades into a sophisticated western-type state, with a strong economy and a high level of culture. But the surrounding Arab nations refused to accept the United Nations mandate, and they fought three wars to overturn the settlement. Despite their successive defeats, they refused any concessions and insisted upon the repatriation of the hundreds and thousands of refugee Arabs, and the return of 'every inch' of occupied Arab land. The stalemate continued, half war and half peace, right into the 1970s, and the area remained among the most troubled in the world.

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Physical Description: 1 Items

Material Specific Details: 30 min.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

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Scope and Contents

After World War II there was virtual civil war in Greece which ended only when Tito broke with the Soviet Union and withdrew his support of insurgent Greek Communists. The following decade of reconstruction and social reform on the Greek mainland was jeopardized by the highly emotional problem of the island of Cyprus, a British colonial possession, where a Turkish minority opposed union with Greece. The civil disorders and guerilla warfare dominated the headlines for years, until a compromise was effected: Cyprus became a republic within the British Commonwealth, and the Greeks and Turks developed a joint cabinet approach in government.

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Material Specific Details: 30 min.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

VHS; U-Matic

Scope and Contents

Among the nations that emerged from the crucible of WW II was Indonesia, a congeries of 3,000 islands that, after the war, had a population of more than 90 million. Indonesia, led by the emancipator Sukarno, professed non-alignment in the East-West Cold War, but its Communist Party, encouraged by Soviet Russia and Red China, kept moving it into the Communist camp. But he moved too far and too fast: he was overthrown in 1966 in an anti-Communist coup, under the leadership of Suharto, and the revolution brought the sixth largest nation in the world back into the western camp.

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'Mao Tse-tung Remakes China', ca. 1971

Source: WGBH-TV

Date [inclusive]: ca. 1971

Physical Description: 1 Items

Material Specific Details: 30 min.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

U-Matic [NO VIEWING COPY AVAILABLE]

Scope and Contents

In 1949 Mao Tse-tung conquered the Chinese mainland and drove the last remnants of the Nationalists to the Formosa redoubt. But he faced enormous problems not only in coping with the opposition of the Soviets, to whom he had become a future threat, but in the reorganization of the social and economic life of China and its 650 million people. His reconstruction was on a scale that had never before seen attempted in history, for it involved the reshaping of the minds of a whole people, through absolute thought

control. His China, after two decades, was called by critics a society of Blue Ants, but it was formidable in its power and efficiency, and could now challenge the United States and Russia.

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'South Africa, Rhodesia and Apartheid', ca. 1971

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Date [inclusive]: ca. 1971

Physical Description: 1 Items

Material Specific Details: 30 min.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

VHS; U-Matic

Scope and Contents

Within a generation of World War II, virtually all colonial possessions in Asia and Africa had been relinquished to the native populations. A glaring exception was South Africa, where the white population of three million was determined to maintain rigid control and to keep ten million blacks and 1.5 million Asians from any shared participation. The policy of Apartheid was ever more strenuously enforced, in residence, in schools, in voting, and above all, in the economy. Each year there were votes of censure in the United Nations; there were pressures from nations around the world, including boycotts. But the white population turned all protests aside, and the South African economy, despite the conditions, continued to thrive. Ever present, however, was the threat of a racial explosion that would threaten the peace of the whole continent, and perhaps the world.

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'Lyndon Johnson and the Tragedy of Vietnam', ca. 1971

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Date [inclusive]: ca. 1971

Physical Description: 1 Items

Material Specific Details: 30 min.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

VHS; U-Matic

Scope and Contents

With the withdrawal of the French from Indo-China in 1954, the United States took over the responsibility to maintain the settlement that had created four autonomous units, North and South Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia. An intended plebiscite to determine the wishes of the population in the permanent settlement was not held, and the North Vietnamese, under the leadership of Ho Chi Minh and supported by Russia and China, invaded the South and a full-scale war was underway. The American commitment grew through the incumbencies of Presidents Eisenhower, Kennedy, and Johnson, and ultimately became a quagmire which desperately divided the American people.

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'Czechoslovakia and the Prague Spring', ca. 1971

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Date [inclusive]: ca. 1971

Physical Description: 1 Items

Material Specific Details: 30 min.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

VHS;U-Matic

Scope and Contents

Czechoslovakia suffered assaults upon its national life three times since it was recognized as an independent state after World War I. After enduring the long Nazi occupation, Czechoslovakia established a new government, a coalition of Democrats and Communists. This potential bridge between the East and the West was ultimately undermined by the Cold War. In the early 1960s, defiance within the Communist ranks led to the eventual leadership of Alexander Dubcek, the most renowned Communist of the post-Stalinist period. A popular and successful leader, Dubcek was eventually denounced by the satellite states for taking action that jeopardized the Warsaw Pact. Czechoslovakia

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'Cardenas and the Mexican Middle Way', ca. 1971

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'Soviet Union After Khrushchev', ca. 1971

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'Black Africa Gropes for Security', ca. 1971

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Scope and Contents

In the Belgian Congo, longstanding tribal conflict was exacerbated by the Belgian policy of denying governmental training to the country

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'The Irish and Other British Dilemmas', ca. 1971

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'Tito and the Strategy of Non-Alignment', ca. 1971

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Date [inclusive]: ca. 1971

Physical Description: 1 Items

Material Specific Details: 30 min.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

VHS; U-Matic

Scope and Contents

The Yugoslavian leader, Tito, built a force of non-aligned nations to offset pressure from the Cold War countries. He was grateful for the Soviet Union

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'India, Pakistan and Bangladesh', ca. 1971

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'Brazil: The Military Calls the Tune', ca. 1971

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Physical Description: 1 Items

Material Specific Details: 30 min.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

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Scope and Contents

One of the five largest countries in the world, Brazil had long been wretchedly poor, its wealth concentrated among a few families. When Getúlio Vargas assumed the presidency in 1930, unemployment was at its peak and the state

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'Japan After the American Interlude', ca. 1971

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'Roumania on the Tightrope', ca. 1971

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'The Transformation of Richard Nixon', ca. 1971

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Physical Description: 1 Items

Material Specific Details: 30 min.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

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Scope and Contents

Few public figures in American history have evoked such extreme reaction as Richard Nixon. Ironically, the same man who spent 20 years fighting Communists at home also forged the eventual reconciliation with Red China and the Soviet Union. Nixon

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'The Quest for Integration in Europe', ca. 1971

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Material Specific Details: 30 min.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

VHS; U-Matic

Scope and Contents

A quiet strategist, John Monet worked patiently behind the scenes and influenced every effort on behalf of European integration in the post-World War world. He believed that the consolidation of European economic interests would lead to the creation of a European political federation. The European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC) was founded on this premise in 1952, and within five years, the ECSC had set up a pattern of successful cooperation. Monet

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'The Best of Times, the Worst of Times', ca. 1971

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Material Specific Details: 30 min.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

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Scope and Contents

The period since World War I is best described by the phrase, "the best of times, the worst of times." It witnessed remarkable achievements in science and technology, but was also marred by inhumanity and violence. It was a period in which Europe's dominance was undermined, the capitalist economy of the Western World was challenged by the emergence of Communism, the threat of the atom bomb loomed, and the world's population expanded at an alarming rate. Perhaps the most dramatic achievement of this period was the conquest of space and its triumphs. The half-century following WWI created a mood of anxiety that eroded the traditional values of loyalty and confidence in man's capacity to survive. Although the leaders of the period operated within lonely, hostile environments, they refused to be defeated. More significant than the opening of new continents, was the resurgence of man's spirit, the revival of confidence.

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