

## The Cuban Missile Crisis

1959... Why did Castro come to power - January 1959 Had help of Che Guevara Resentment of people against huge U.S. influence in the country Cuba too dependant of sugar export unemployment / no benefit difference between rich and poor large corrupt government No proper political system no prospect of peaceful social revolution Batista's harsh retaliation to Castro's rebel attacks &nbsp;How did Castro's coming to power affect Cuban/US relations? At first he was tolerated (only social democrat) Enraged US by nationalising American owned industries Us embargoed Cuban sugar (1960) Cuba turns to USSR January 1961 - US cuts off diplomatic relations with Cuba The Missile Crisis April 1961 - Bay of Pigs CIA backed - easily crushed by Cuban forces Later that year, Castro announced Cuba was a socialist country Khrushchev decided to set up nuclear missile launch pads in Cuba. Since Jupiter missiles were in Turkey. Why did Khrushchev take these actions? October 1962 Sieze back the initiative from the U.S. (ICBM's) Put U.S. in same pressure, as USSR from Turkey Gesture of solidarity to Castro Test the resolve of Kennedy A bargaining tool - to prevent U.S. invasion of Cuba Kennedy's Reaction alert U.S. troops blockade Cuba demand dismantaling of weapons Agreement was made after 13 days of tension Result Khrushchev promised to remove missiles Kennedy proposed never to invade Cuba, and dismantle Jupiter missiles in Turkey. &nbsp; Brought a marked relaxation in tensions between US/USSR Hot line set up July 1963 - US, USSR, UK, signed Nuclear Test Ban Treaty. Only underground tests. However crisis should have never occured because Russians ICBM's could already reach the U.S...

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