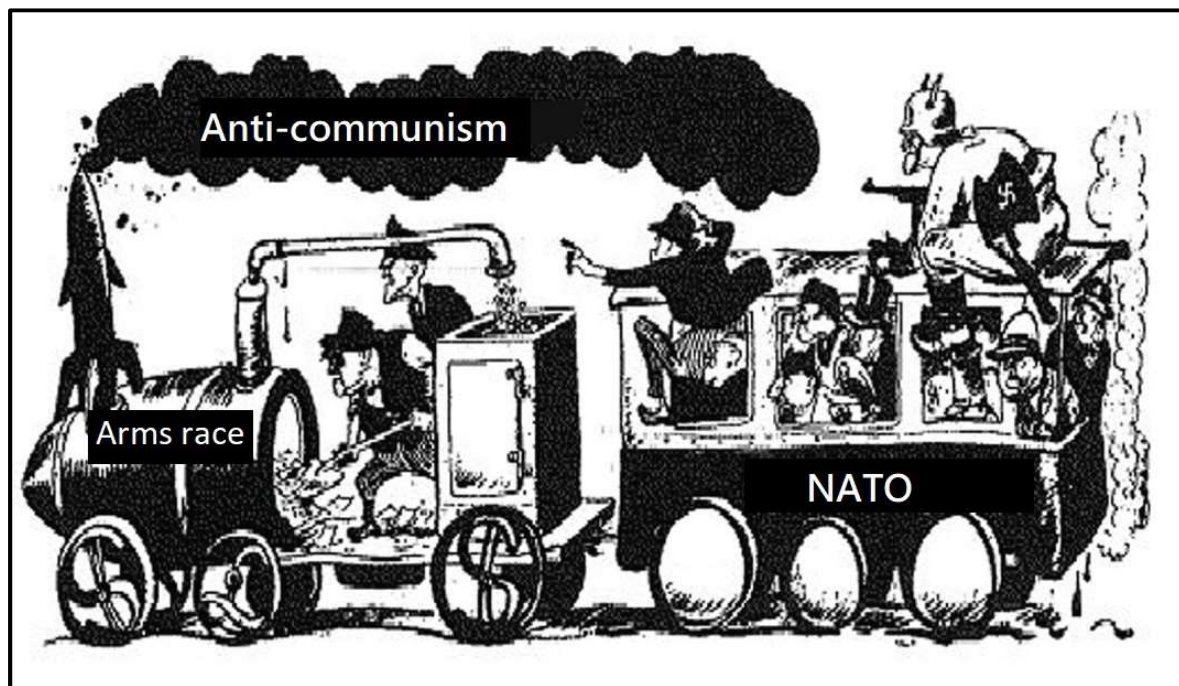


30 Minutes.

Study Sources A and B.

SOURCE A

The following cartoon was published in 1961.



SOURCE B

The following extract is adapted from a history book.

America sought to strengthen the North Atlantic Treaty Organization with a view to forming a multinational force under unified command and control, but France opposed this idea and left the NATO in 1966. However, the impact on the defense of the West was not too great since West Germany was allowed to rearm and join the NATO in 1955. Besides the issue concerning military cooperation, the prejudice and anxiety among NATO members also made them close partners only in appearance. Many European countries disliked America since they thought American values were based on the question ‘Can it be sold?’ However, in view of the continuation of worldwide communist infiltration plotted by the Soviet Union, America and Western European countries had no choice but to stay united.

In order to combat the NATO from the capitalist bloc, the Soviet Union provided economic assistance for its satellite states in Eastern Europe and formed a military alliance named the Warsaw Pact in 1955. In the next year, however, there was resistance in Poland against the Soviet rule coupled with anti-Soviet riots in its cities. After exchanging fire with Polish soldiers, the Soviets were defeated and agreed to reduce its military presence in Poland. The new President of Poland promised his people more freedom in practicing Roman Catholicism together with certain freedom of speech and press. Poland still had a communist government but it was no longer under Moscow’s control. In 1975, Poland even requested loans from America for food and machinery.

- (a) What was the view of the cartoonist towards the North Atlantic Treaty Organization? Explain your answer with reference to Source A. (4 marks)
- (b) With reference to Source B, describe the relationship between America and Western European countries. (3 marks)
- (c) ‘In the period 1946-91, the ideological factor was the most important factor that shaped the situation in Europe.’ Do you agree? Explain your answer with reference to Sources A and B, and using your own knowledge. (8 marks)