Keeping up appearances: how the Soviet state failed to control popular attitudes toward the United States of America, 1945-1959

Abstract

This dissertation explores perceptions of the United States of America in the Soviet Union from the April 1945 meeting of Soviet and American soldiers on the river Elbe in Germany to the September 1959 visit of Premier N. S. Khrushchev to America. It uses a large body of archival sources to uncover multiple discourses about America in the Soviet Union, arguing that the Soviet state's America myths helped create a positive counter-myth of America. Chapter 1 introduces the state-sponsored anti-American campaign during the Stalin years and some of its most active participants. Chapter 2 addresses the effectiveness of the anti-American campaign as it uncovers an unofficial counter-myth that mirrored the anti-American propaganda promoted by Soviet authorities. In Chapter 3, considers official
Soviet Ambassador to the US, Nikolai Novikov, describes the advent of a more assertive US foreign policy. Novikov cautions the Soviet leadership that the Truman administration is bent on imposing US political, military and economic domination around the world. Their expectation was that the United States of America, if it was not able to completely avoid participation in the war, would enter it only at the last moment when it might be able to influence its outcome without great effort, completely securing its own interests. Such a situation in eastern and southeastern Europe cannot fail to be viewed by the American imperialists as an obstacle in the path of an expansionist American foreign policy. Russia and the United States of America. Foreign Policy of Russia. Foreign Relations of the United States of America. Foreign Policy of the United States of America. World War II. Russia. International Relations. The United States of America. Why did the USA and Soviet Union become enemies after World War II, in spite of being allies during the war? Ad by Forge of Empires. Can you solve this equation in under 20 seconds? "There are now two great nations in the world, which starting from different points, seem to be advancing toward the same goal: the Russians and the Anglo-America. Continue Reading. Q: Why did the USA and Soviet Union become enemies after World War II, in spite of being allies during the war? The article highlights the participation of American troops in liberation of Western Bohemia in 1945, discussions about the possible liberation of Prague, Soviet-American agreements and motives for the decisions taken, positions of the US more. AFTER YEARS OF DEMANDING both the United States and the Soviet Union to come forth with some serious initiative that would break a spiral of nuclear build-up, the Peace Movement finds itself unable to come out vigorously in support of the more. In the United States, the problem of the American working class in achieving Socialism may be summed up, as Browder has put it, as the present American industrial technique plus Soviets. Besides this more favorable industrial base, American workers, once in
control, will have other advantages which will greatly speed the tempo of revolutionary development. These are, first, the vast experience accumulated in the Russian revolution, and, second, the practical assistance of the Soviet governments existing at the time of the American revolution.