Astounding Info #10
The Soviet Union & the Great Patriotic War
Before, During, and After

Terms, People, and Ideas:
Viacheslav Molotov
Joachim von Ribbentrop
*Blitzkrieg* (Nazi military strategy) Stalingrad
"Long Telegram" "Iron Curtain" Speech
George Kennan Winston Churchill
Truman Doctrine Marshall Plan
NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) Warsaw Pact
FRG (Federal Republic of Germany) GDR (German Democratic Republic)
Communist Information Bureau (Cominform) Tito (Josef Broz)

A Timeline of Significant Events:
1933 Hitler and Nazis come to power in Germany
1935 USSR signs collective security agreement with France & Czechoslovakia
1938 Munich Conference hands over Sudetenland of Czechoslovakia to Nazis
1939 Nazi-Soviet non-aggression pact signed (August)
Nazi forces invade Poland
USSR invades and annexes western Belorussia & Western Ukraine from Poland
Beginning of Russo-Finnish war (lasts until March, 1940)
1940 USSR annexes Baltic states Latvia, Estonia, & Lithuania
USSR Bessarabia and part of Bukovina from Romania
1941 Nazi forces invade USSR
Beginning of 900-day siege of Leningrad (Sept. 1941 thru Jan. 1944)
1942 Battle of Stalingrad begins lasting until Feb. 1943.
1943 Battle of Kursk begins – largest tank battle in history
Stalin disbands the Comintern
Stalin allows Russian Orthodox Church to elect a new Patriarch
1944 New Soviet anthem replaces the "International."
1945 Roosevelt, Churchill & Stalin meet at Yalta (Feb)
Soviet forces enter Berlin, ending WWII in Europe (May)
Potsdam conference with Truman, Attlee, and Stalin (July)
1946 Stalin's "Pre-election" speech
George Kennan's "Long Telegram" from Moscow
Churchill's "Iron Curtain" speech in Fulton, Missouri
1947 Declaration of Truman Doctrine (March)
Introduction of Marshall Plan for Europe (June)
Creation on Cominform, to replace disbanded Comintern
1948 Communists take power in Czechoslovakia
Rupture between Stalin & Tito (Yugoslavia)
1949 Creation of North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)
Creation of the German Democratic Republic (*die so-genannte DDR*)
Founding of People's Republic of China
1950 North Korea invades South to begin Korean War
1953 Death of Stalin (March)