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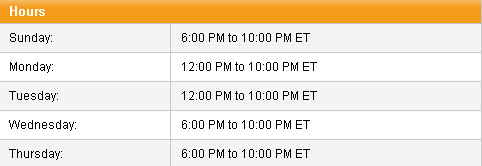
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Cold War

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Cold War is the period where there was military and political tension between the United States and the Soviet Union who were the main players in Cold War, due to different ideologies. The United States adopted capitalism while the Soviet Union advocated for communism (The Canadian encyclopediaca, 2017). During the end of World War 2, the Soviet Union desired to gain more territory while the United States wanted to limit their aspirations. The different ideologies led to diplomatic tension and heightened national security issues, as well as proxy wars which arose between America and the Soviet Union.

President Truman ordered the suspension of Lend-Lease Act which was used to support nations such as the Soviet Union to function properly after the impacts of the previous World Wars. The Soviet Union, however, decided to go for the satellite states to make up for the lost financial support. Both the United States and the Soviet Union claimed that they were acting only in defense actions by expanding their military powers. Each claimed that the expansion was domestic while each of them deemed the actions of the other to be aggressive and threatening. People have had different sentiments about the Cold War was not plainly evident to the citizens of the nations involved. In an attempt to understand what people, think about when they hear the words ‘Cold War,’ I interviewed my uncle, my mom and one of my friends from school.

My uncle’s understanding of the Cold War was simple. I asked him what he thinks about Cold War, and this is what he said, “I think Cold War is simply an economic rivalry between two or more nations.” By this, he meant that it is a situation where different nations do not agree with certain decisions that are made by some of them, and they result to non-violent wars. He gave me an example which was, for example, the United States fails to come to terms with the Great Britain concerning some energy trades between the two. As a result of the disagreement, the United States decides to terminate any trading activities with Great Britain. Great Britain on the other hand, decides to act the same way and pull out any diplomatic relations it might have with the United States.

My mom did not clearly understand what the words ‘Cold War’ meant, but she did have some idea. She understood the words to mean “political rivalry” between nations due to different interests. According to her understanding, and I quote “It is a situation where some countries who are members of a certain global union have contrasting ideas about some situation.” For one of the nations involved to lure the other in supporting it, it results in exacting political pressure to the rival nation. This may be in the form of terminating a ceasefire that both nations might have agreed before the situation arose or trading relations between them.

My friend Erick had a clear picture of what Cold War means. He referred to scholarly articles that had been written about the origin of Cold War and the nations which were involved. According to him, the main parties which were involved in Cold War were the Soviet Union and the United States. He argued that Cold War was a form of “conflict” between U.S.S.R. and the U.S due to different ideologies possessed by leaders from these two parties, which did not involve military actions. The United States strived to maintain its economic power which was globally recognized, by limiting the control of Eastern Europe by the Soviet Union. The Soviet Union was angered by this act, and it resulted in gaining other territories.

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