

1) Prague Spring (1968)

- reformation in Czechoslovakia (→ aim: “Creation of Socialism with a Human Face.”)
- 1967: after protests, criticism, and lacking support from Moscow: President Novotny resigned
→ Slovakian Dubcek = his successor (represented reformation-oriented wing of KSC)
- reformation: re-introduction of basic rights (freedom of speech/press/assembly...),
rehabilitate victims of Stalinism (re-introduction of prohibited art, parties... etc.),
reduction of state interference in economy
- fear of Warsaw Pact: spread of Czechoslovakian counter-revolution = danger to neighbouring socialist states → demanded other politics from Dubcek (“Warschauer Brief”, 15th July 1968)
- invasion of Czechoslovakia by Warsaw Pact → about 100 demonstrators shot

2) Breshnev Doctrine

- stated 1968 by Leonid Breshnev (Soviet politician, and leader of Soviet party)
- *“When forces that are hostile to socialism try to turn the development of some socialist country towards **capitalism**, it becomes not only a problem of the country concerned, but a common problem and concern of all socialist countries.”*(*source?*)
- justifies limited sovereignty/independence of satellite states; also USSR's intervention
→ examples: Soviet Invasion of Czechoslovakia after **Prague Spring (1968)**,
Invasion of non-Warsaw Pact country Afghanistan (1979)
- ended (officially) 1988 by Mikhail Gorbachev(substituted by Sinatra-Doctrine)

3) SALT I (1969ff.) & SALT II (1972ff.)

- Strategic Arms Limitation Talks
- negotiations between USSR and USA → limitation of strategic weapons

- SALT I (17th November 1969 - 5th June 1970) → led to Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty (ABM Treaty) & Interim Agreement on the Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms
 - regulation of antiballistic missiles
 - only ABMs in one launched are and reduction of number of Intercontinental-Ballistic missiles (ICBMs)
 - no increase in amount of ICBMs, strategic ballistic missiles or submarine launched ballistic missiles

- SALT II (late 1972 - 18th June 1979)
 - specification of previous treaty aimed (both countries found ways to increase weaponry in spite of SALT I)
 - treaty sent to the US Senate but never ratified (due to tensions)

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