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The three Western military alliances - NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization), SEATO (Southeast Asia Treaty Organization) and CENTO (Central East Treaty Organization, originally called METO or Baghdad Convention) were anti-communism military allies against the USSR. The USSR was completely surrounded by the US from the west end to the east end of its territory in the Eurasian Continent. It was a containment policy for the USSR. The US feared that after the World War II socialist and communist ideology would penetrate whole world overwhelmingly.

The United States named this policy as "Domino theory". Once the revolution took place and a communist regime was born in the neighboring country of the USSR, it might spread quickly one after another. It was "Domino theory" that communism infiltrates globally like a domino game. The wall of unti- communism materialized in the military alliance of NATO, CENTO and SEATO. The US seriously worried that US itself would be influenced by a communist ideology. The storm of "Red Scare" commonly named McCarthyism was blown in the US under the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HUAC).

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