#### Non Alignment Movement



#### NAM

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- Non-Aligned Movement was formed in 1961 Five founding members of NAM: Nehru of India, Tito of Yugoslavia, Sukarno of Indonesia, Nasser of Egypt and Nkrumah of Ghana Neutrality was not specific to the Cold War

#### **States**

Afghanistan

Algeria AngolaBahamas

Bahrain Bangladesh

Barbados Belarus

Belize

Brunei Darussalam

Chile

Congo, DPR of

Cyprus Djibouti

Egypt Equatorial Guinea

Eritrea Ghana

Guinea

Guinea-Bissau

Guyana

HondurasIndia

Iran, Islamic Rep of

Jordan Kenya

Korea, DPR of

Lao People's DR

Lebanon Liberia

Libyan Arab Jamahirya

Madagascar Malawi

Malta

Mongolia

Mozambique

Myanmar Namibia

Nepal

Nicaragua

Niger Nigeria Oman

Pakistan Palestine Panama

Papua New Guinea

Peru

PhilippinesQatar

Rwanda Saint Lucia

Sao Tome and Principe

Saudi Arabia Sierra Leone Singapore

Somalia South Africa Sri Lanka

Swaziland

Syrian Arab Republic Tanzania, United Rep of

Togo Trinidad and Tobago

United Arab Emirates

Viet Nam

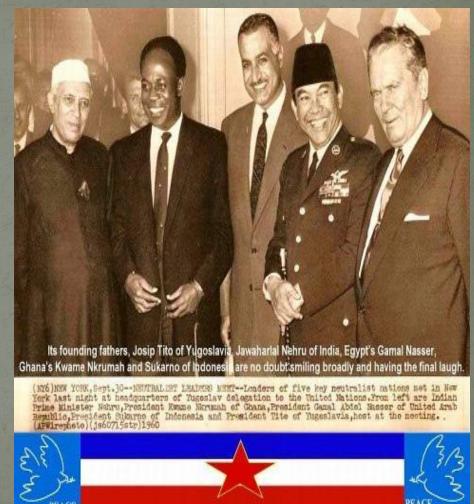
Zimbabwe

#### History of NAM

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- Non-Aligned Movement was formed in 1961
- Over 100 states were involved throughout the 20th Century

## Five founding members of NAM

- The founding members of the Non-Aligned Movement in 1960-61.
  From left to right Indian Prime Minister
- Jawaharlal Nehru.
- Nkrumah Ghana's first President,
- Gamal Abdel Nasser second President of Egypt ,
- Sukarno first President of Indonesia and
- Tito president of Yugoslavia



Nam and cold war

## Non-Alignment in Europe

- Almost no European countries were nonaligned, as the Iron Curtain and spheres of influence were centered in Europe •
- Yugoslavia
- After rejecting Soviet influence and being expelled from Cominform, Tito's Yugoslavia began receiving aid from the West
- However, after Stalin's death, Tito realized that he would have to choose between allying with the West and giving up his single-party dictatorship, or reconciling with Khrushchev
- Neither choice appealed to Tito, so he became a founder of the nonaligned movement as an alternative

## Non-Alignment in Asia

- Most of Asia was represented at the Bandung Conference
- Being a key organizer of the Bandung Conference, India's leader, Jawaharlal Nehru, emerged as a non-alignment leader
- Indonesia and Malaysia also emerged as non-alignment country leaders
- Asia, along with other Non-Alignment Movement countries, tried to shift the global political agenda away from the Cold War to the needs of their poorer countries

## Non-Alignment in India

- After independence, India's relations with the United States diminished substantially
- India rejected U.S. capitalism, and created a series of five year plans, with a very small private sector
- As a result of the economic disputes between India and the U.S., India refused to join the U.S. alliance in the Cold War
- Because India did not fully support the Soviet Union either, India became an organizer of the Bangung Conference
- Indian leader, Jawaharlal Nehru went to the Bandung Conference with five objectives: –
- Peace and Disarmament –
- Self-Determination –
- Economic Equality –
- Cultural Equality –
- Multilaterism through strong support of the UN

# Africa and the Non-Alignment Movement

- The majority of the present-day members of the Non-Aligned Movement are small African states that desire independence from the world's superpowers
- Many of these nations joined soon after gaining self-determination from Western powers as a means of maintaining their autonomy and freedom
- Eleven of the original twenty-five members of the Non-Alignment Movement were African states.
- Fears of further colonialism or future dependence on either the Western or communist blocs encouraged these nations to join the movement which encourages equality, non-aggression, and peaceful coexistence.
- They could restructure the world economic order as well as prevent imperialism from permeating their independent societies.
- The main African nations involved in the Non-Alignment Movement were Egypt, South Africa, and Ghana.

## Other Nations And The Non-Alignment Movement

- South Africa became a member of the Non-Alignment Movement when it severed ties to the British Commonwealth in 1961 and consolidated the apartheid system. The Commonwealth opposed the apartheid system in South Africa, making the Non-Aligned Movement a justified means to end the relationship between the two nations.
- Iran had been under the economic control of Britain and Russia throughout the nineteenth century. The Non-Alignment Movement reduced ties with these superpowers, but Iran continued to receive some economic aid from the United States because of the American's deep interest in the Iranian oil industry.
- Kwame Nkrumah led the non-violent Convention People's Party and was instrumental in helping Ghana gain independence from Great Britain in 1957. Nkrumah became the president of independent Ghana and fought for the policy of Africanization. Ghana became a republic in 1960, and was a founding member of the Non-Alignment Movement.

## Egyptian Involvement In The NonAlignment Movement

- Egyptian president Gamal Abdel Nasser played a major role in structuring the movement and its policies.
- As part of the movement to eliminate colonialism, Nasser decided to nationalize the Suez Canal in 1956, and caused great global unrest. The British and French required the canal as a passage from Europe to Asia, and Nasser intervened due to the British denying funding for the Aswan High Dam, and the retaliation from these nations led to UN intervention.
- Nasser then turned to the Soviet Union to gain the funds necessary to complete the dam. By seeking economic assistance from either power, Nasser created future expectations of the Non-Aligned Movement and its members.

#### The Third World

- The term "Third World country" was created during the Cold War
- During the Cold War, a Third World country referred to a country that was part of the Nonalignment Movement
- Many Asian countries were labeled Third World countries because of their political position in the Cold War
- During the 1960s and 1970s countries part of the Third World used their majority vote in the United Nations to shift discussions and attention away from the Cold War, and to their countries' needs.

## The Impact of Non-Alignment

- The Nonalignment Movement encountered several difficulties that made it less effective
- All members agreed to the ten points declaration and were against bloc politics, but they were by no means unified in their foreign policies or goals
- Many member-nations were from the Third World, and had little sway in international affairs compared to the powerful blocs
- The nonalignment movement succeeded in being an alternative to the bloc system and a means of avoid

#### Conclusion

- The Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) is made up of 120 developing countries and aims to represent the political, economic and cultural interests of the developing world, "The national independence, sovereignty, territorial integrity and security of non-aligned countries".
- The countries of the Non-Aligned Movement represent nearly two-thirds of the United Nation's members and contain 55% of the world population. Membership is particularly concentrated in countries considered to be developing or the part of Third World.
- State should follow independent foreign policy, support national liberational movement and not to be a part of multilateral military bloc.
- Thus, the NAM was so much important in Cold War period for world peace. Now we can say the present age is the power of new millennium, age of emergence nation, emergence of south and emergence of justified hope for peace and cooperation.



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