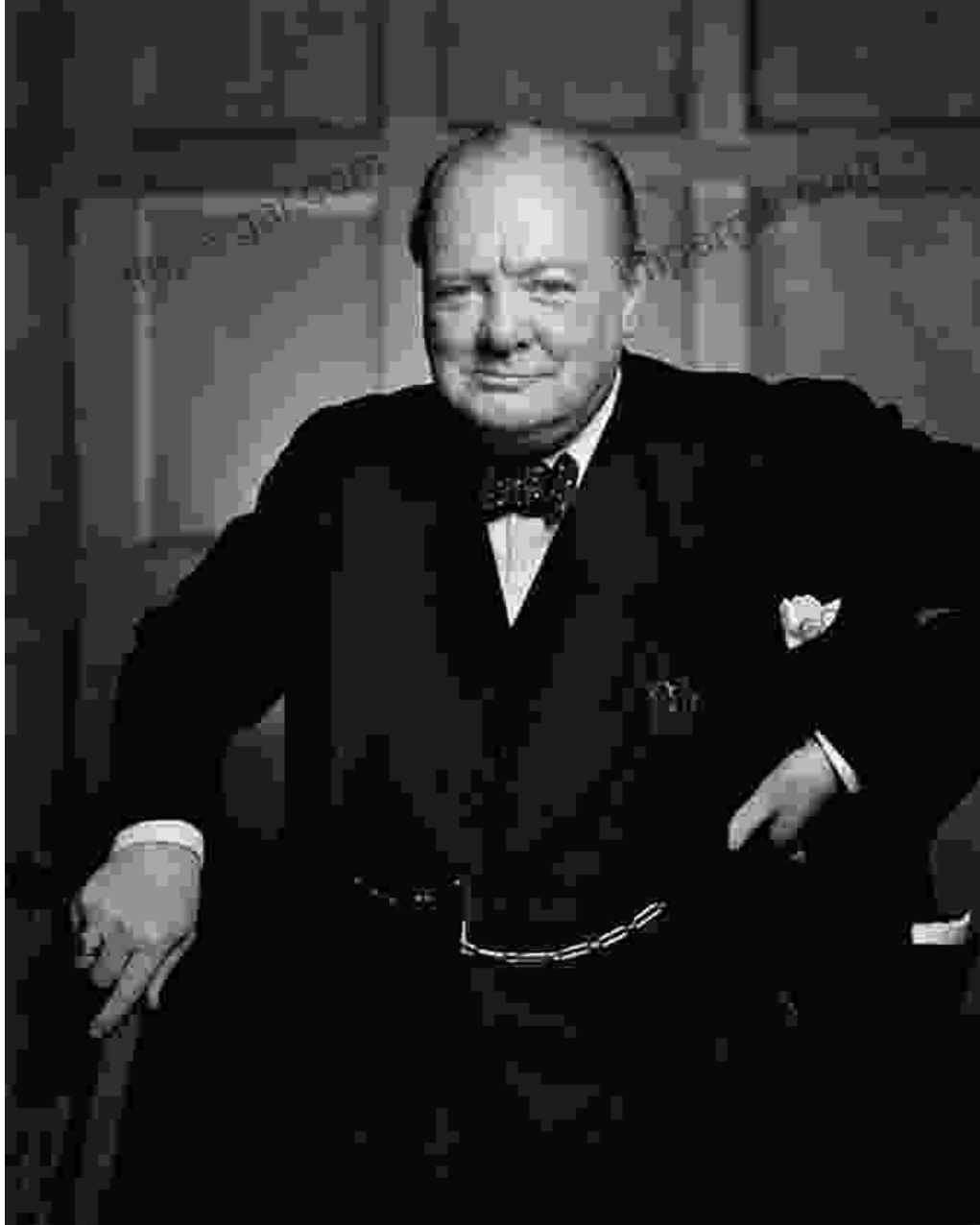


# How Winston Churchill's Iron Curtain Speech Defined the Cold War Alliance



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## The Iron Curtain Speech

Winston Churchill's Iron Curtain speech was delivered on March 5, 1946, at Westminster College in Fulton, Missouri. The speech was a warning about the Soviet Union's expansionist ambitions and called for the West to unite against the threat of communism.

Churchill's speech was a defining moment in the Cold War. It helped to shape the alliance between the United States and its allies in Western Europe and set the stage for the decades-long conflict between the two superpowers.

## Churchill's Warning

In his speech, Churchill warned that the Soviet Union was seeking to dominate Eastern Europe and spread communism throughout the world.

"From Stettin in the Baltic to Trieste in the Adriatic, an iron curtain has descended across the Continent," Churchill said. "Behind that line lie all the countries of Central and Eastern Europe which are subject, in one form or another, not only to Soviet influence but to a very high and, in many cases, increasing measure of control from Moscow."

Churchill called on the West to unite against this threat. He said that the free world must stand up to communism and defend the values of democracy and freedom.

"The safety of the world requires a new unity in Europe, from which no nation should be permanently outcast," Churchill said. "It is my belief that Europe should be recreated as a single economic unit, with a common currency, a central bank, and a common defense system."

### **The Impact of the Speech**

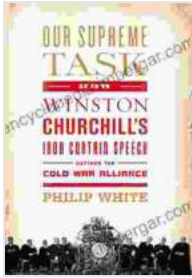
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It helped to shape the alliance between the United States and its allies in Western Europe. The speech also helped to galvanize public opinion in the West against the Soviet Union.

The Iron Curtain speech is considered one of the most important speeches of the 20th century. It was a defining moment in the Cold War and helped to set the stage for the decades-long conflict between the two superpowers.

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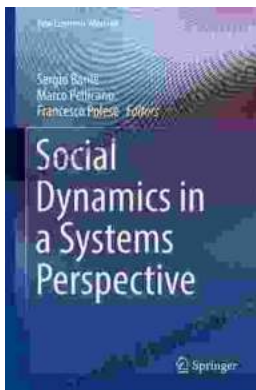
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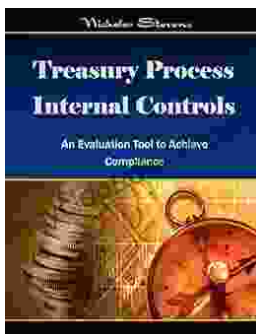
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