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How Would the Soviets Have Portrayed the American Intervention in Guatemala?

Directions: Create a three-paragraph news briefing concerning the U.S. government's involvement in the Guatemalan coup, from the perspective of the **Soviet Union**. The news briefing will be read over the radio to the citizens of the Soviet Union during July of 1954.

What to consider when writing:

- How would the Soviet Union portray the involvement of the United States in the Guatemalan coup to its citizens?
- What propaganda techniques were employed in speeches and newspapers during the Cold War? (rhetorical devices, language, etc.)
- How would the actions taken by the United States in Guatemala impact U.S.-Soviet relations?

What to include in your briefing:

- Causes of the coup – **paragraph 1**
- Role of the United States in coup/Description of the coup – **paragraph 1**
- Impacts of the coup on the country of Guatemala and the Guatemalan people – **paragraph 2**
- Impact the coup will have on U.S. - Soviet relations – **paragraph 3**

Remember:

- Historical Perspective
- PROOFREAD and Revise!
- Creativity

News Briefing:

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