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Q4(b)**How did the Council of Mutual Economic Assistance (CMEA) reflect geo-political division of the world during the cold war?**

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Council of Mutual Economic Assistance (CMEA)

Established in 1949 by the Soviet Union, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland, and Romania to coordinate economic development among socialist states.

European Recovery Program (Marshall Plan)

US initiative launched in 1948 providing financial aid to Western Europe, prompting the creation of the Soviet-led CMEA counterpart.

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