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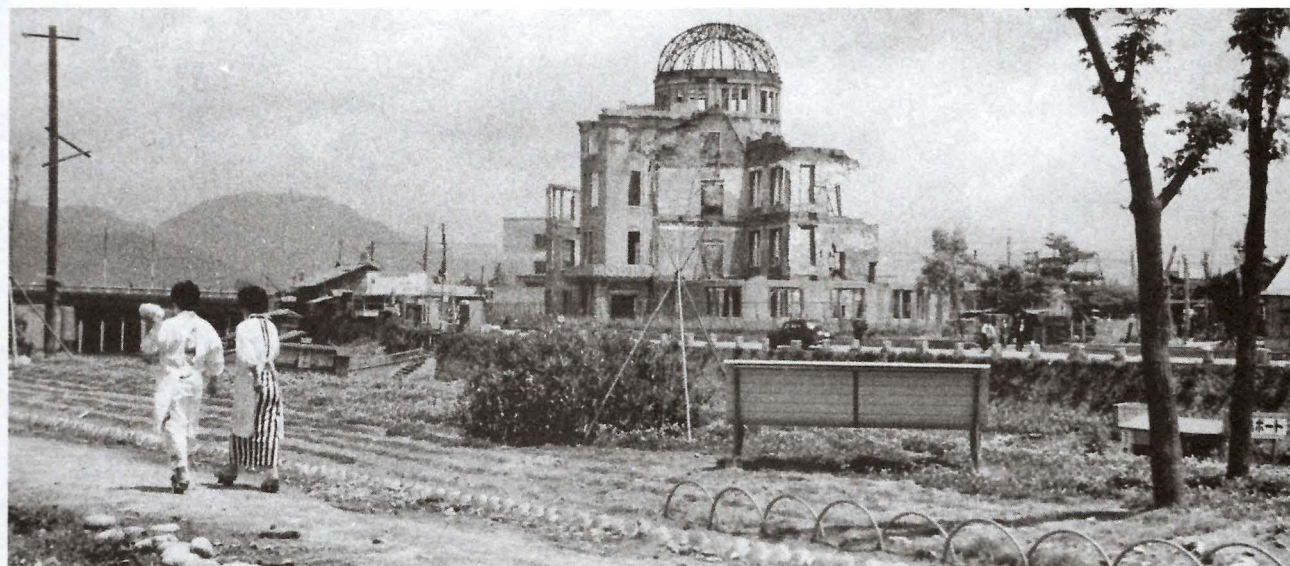
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The Cold War was initiated in Canada in 1945 by the dramatic defection of Igor Gouzenko, a Soviet cipher clerk. This event marked the start of over four decades of muted conflict between the Soviet Union and the West.

The Cold War became a major element of public life in Canada, affecting everything from northern sovereignty (over radar stations in the far-north DEW line) to hockey. It touched most people's lives, raising widespread fears of nuclear war, encouraging some to build fallout shelters and others to become active in the peace movement.

Through biographies of key figures, accounts of events like Canada's response to the Cuban missile crisis and Mikhail Gorbachev's 1983 visit to Canada, as well as exposés of state security operations such as the outrageous Operation Feather Bed, this book offers a fascinating portrait of a recent period of Canadian history. Extensively illustrated with photographs, this book revisits personalities and events that helped shape today's Canada.

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