



**AMERICA  
AND THE  
COLD WAR**

The end of WWII in 1945, marked a turning point in U.S. history by taking an active role in world affairs

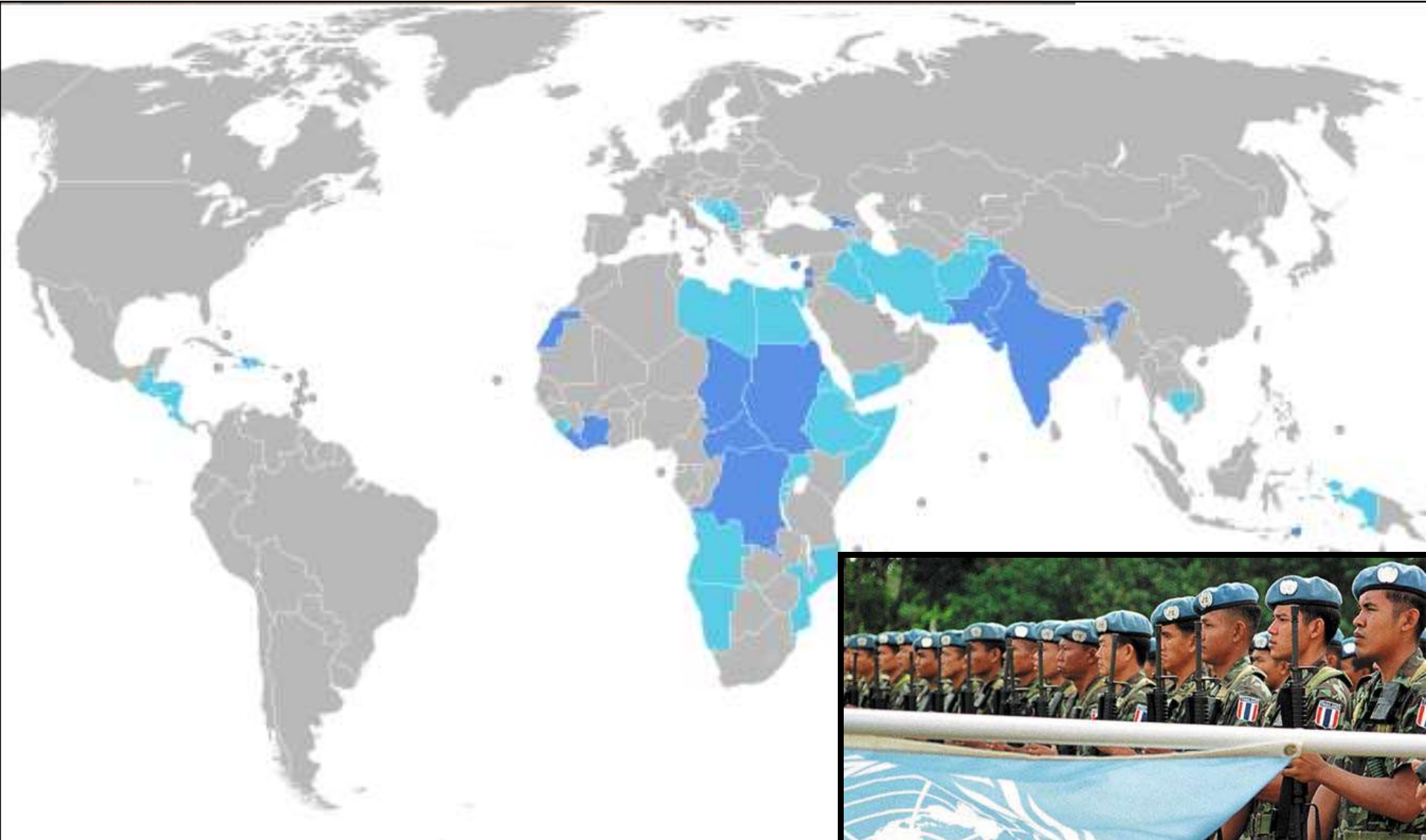
The USA became a leader in the United Nations & World Bank

For the first time, the USA joined an international organization to intervene in world affairs



Member Nations

# U.N. Peacekeeping Interventions, 1945-2009

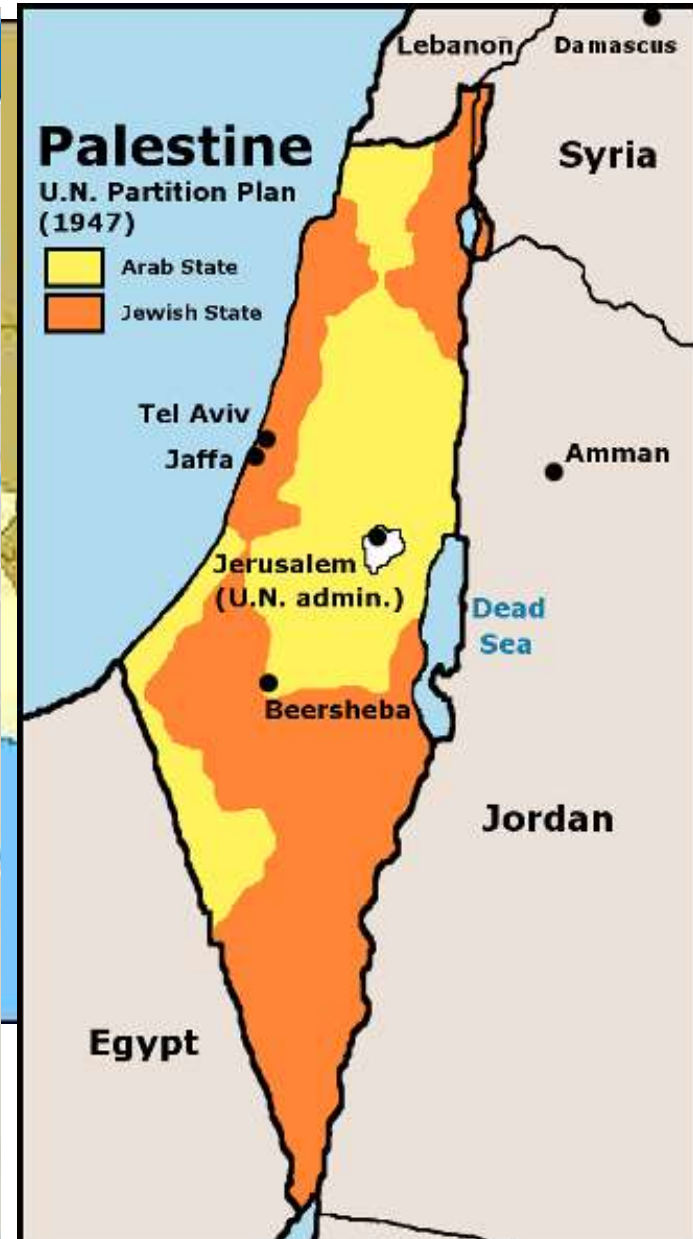




# The U.S. occupied & helped rebuild Japan after WWII



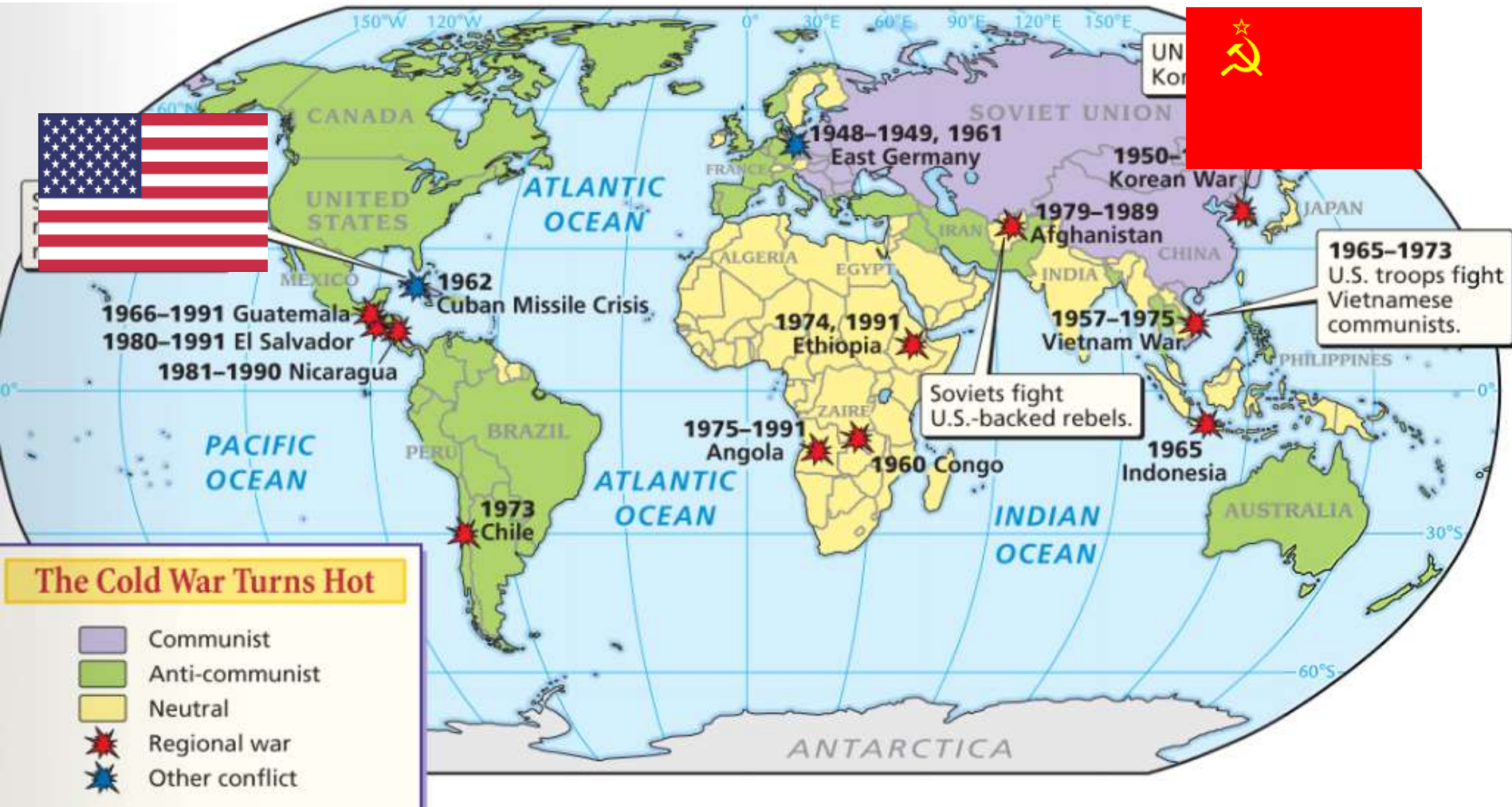
# The U.S. helped found Israel as a Jewish nation in the Middle East





The United States & Soviet Union were superpowers & rivals who dominated world politics

What were the major ideologies of the USA & USSR?



# The two sides of the Cold War

## CAPITALISM



"All industry, business and agriculture should be owned by private people or firms. Competition between rival factories or shops or farms will cause prices to fall, and make firms more efficient."

Any person should be free to start a business and employ people

Any profit he or she makes is reward for hard work

Average standard of living higher than under Communism, but a wide spread between rich and poor

Opportunity for all

Choice of many parties for Government, chosen by the people. A democracy

A free economy

## COMMUNISM



"Everything belongs to the state and should be run by the government on behalf of the people. A classless society achieved by overthrowing capitalism by revolution."

No private person should be allowed to profit from the work from other citizens

All profits, instead of going into the pockets of one owner or even shareholders, goes to the state – everyone benefits

Lower average standard of living, but (in theory) everyone equal

Fairness and equality for all

A controlled economy

Only one party of Government – no need for any more



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This was an era of competing ideologies: the USA promoted democracy & capitalism while the USSR tried to spread communism



The different ideologies between USA & USSR and their desires to spread these ideas led to an era of distrust, hostility, proxy battles, & near nuclear war



# Causes of the Cold War

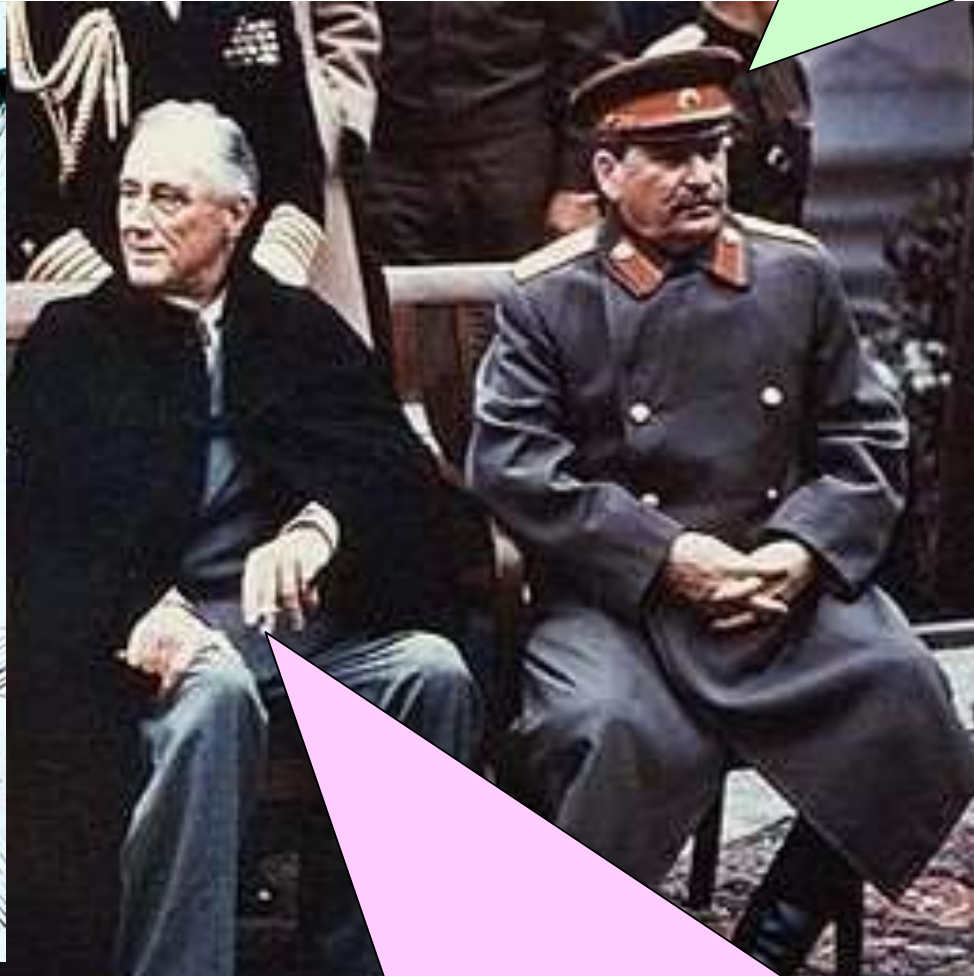
During WWII, the USA & USSR worked together to defeat the Axis Powers, but...



ВПЕРЕД, ЗА РАЗИ ПОМ НЕМЕЦКИХ

...World War II increased tensions between the USA and USSR

Stalin never trusted the Britain or the USA during World War II



The Manhattan Project gave the USA a monopoly on nuclear weapon technology



At the Yalta Conference, Stalin agreed to allow self-determination in Eastern Europe

But, Stalin wanted a “buffer zone” between the USSR & the democratic nations in Western Europe



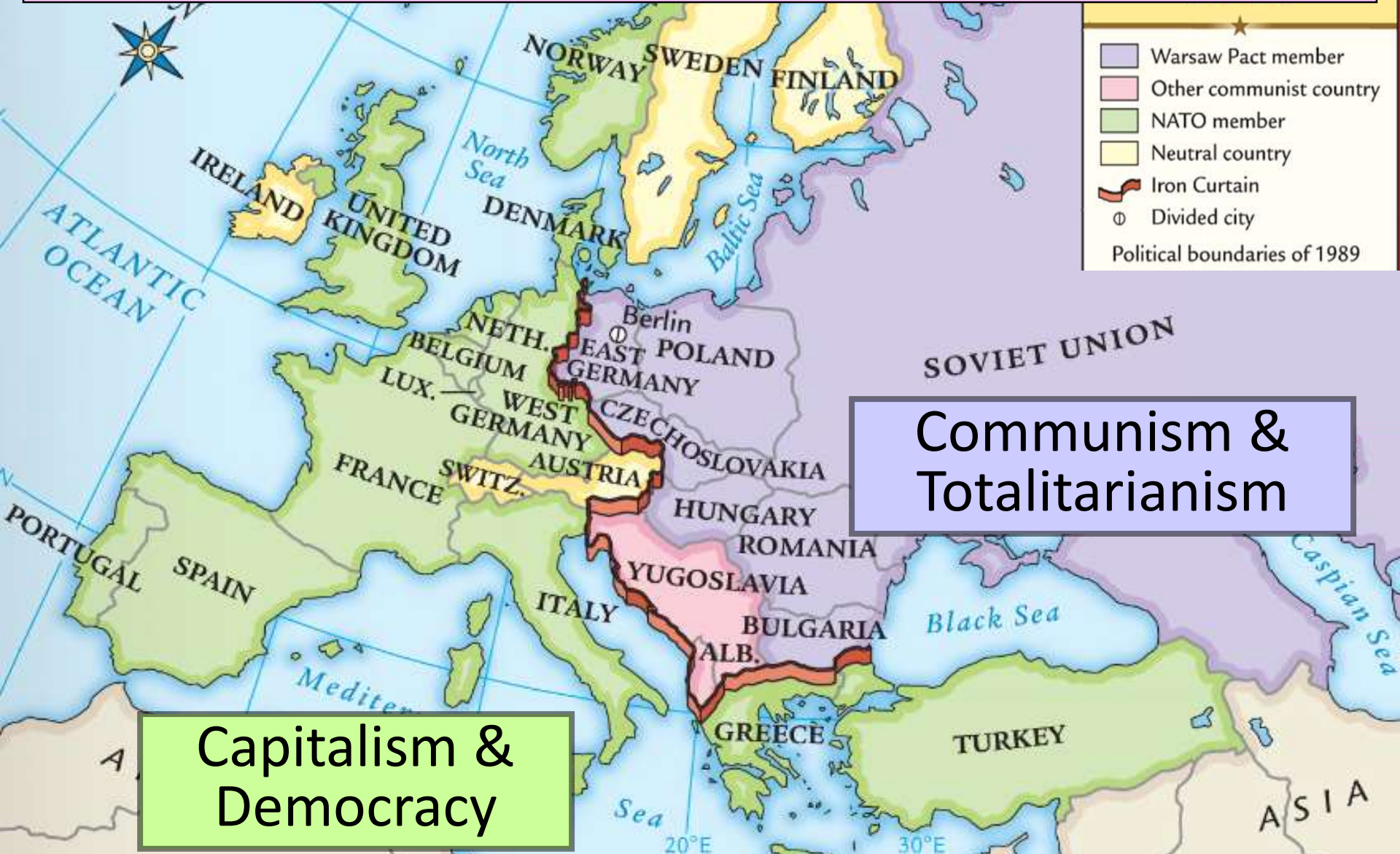
Stalin used his military to install communist gov'ts in Eastern European nations

In the years after World War II, the USA began to view Stalin as a new Hitler—a dangerous dictator who wanted to take over the world





By 1946, Europe was divided by an “iron curtain” that separated democratic/capitalist Western Europe from communist/totalitarian Eastern Europe



Communism & Totalitarianism

Capitalism & Democracy

The U.S. created a foreign policy called Containment to stop Soviet influence & the spread of communism

When the USSR began to pressure Greece & Turkey to turn communist, the U.S. created the Truman Doctrine, promising economic & military help to any nation threatened by communism

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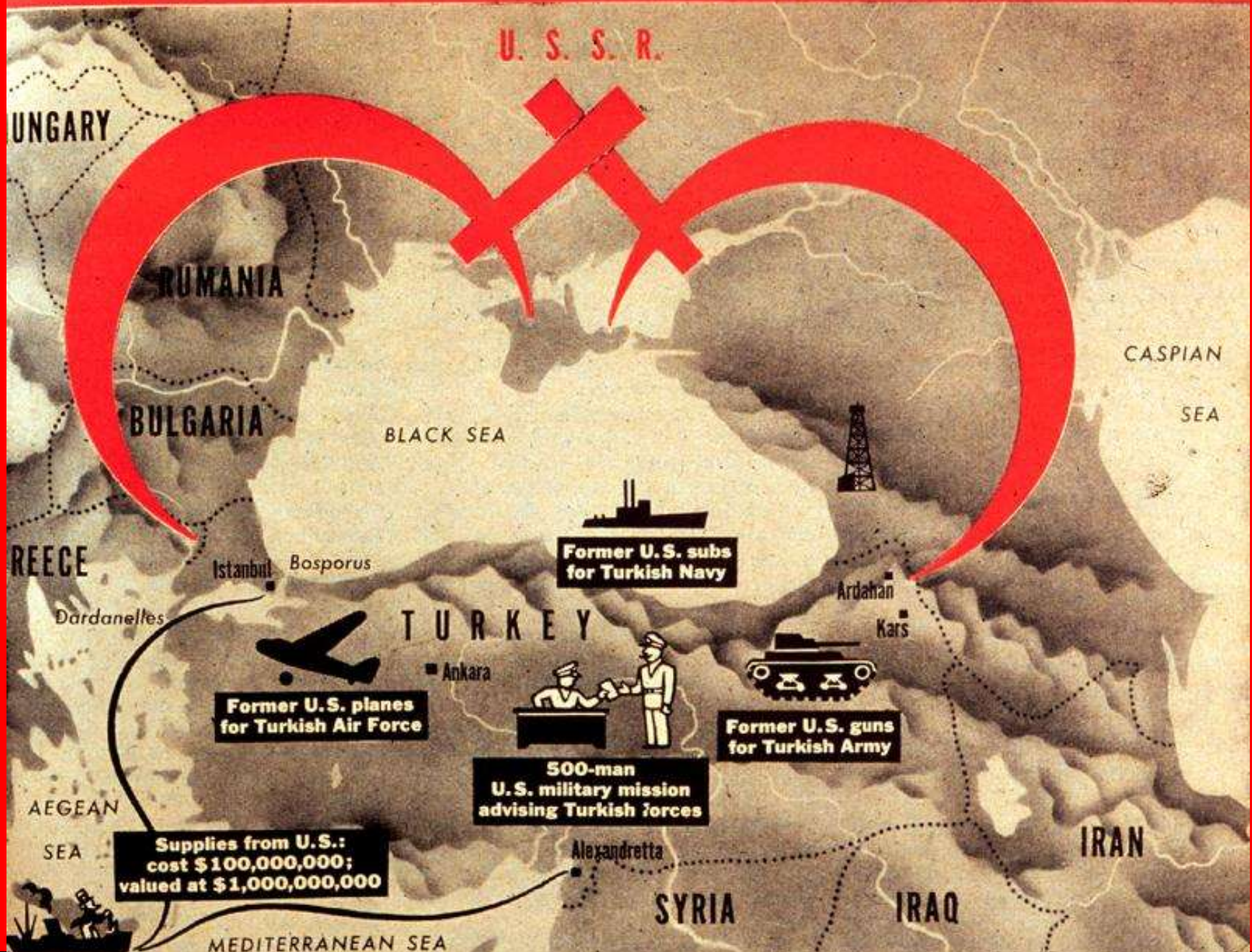


The Truman Doctrine worked & neither Greece nor Turkey fell to communism





# Russian Pressure: Basis for U.S. Aid to Turkey





European nations had difficulty recovering after WWII which led to fears of communism in Europe

The U.S. created the Marshall Plan which offered \$13 billion to help rebuild post-war Europe

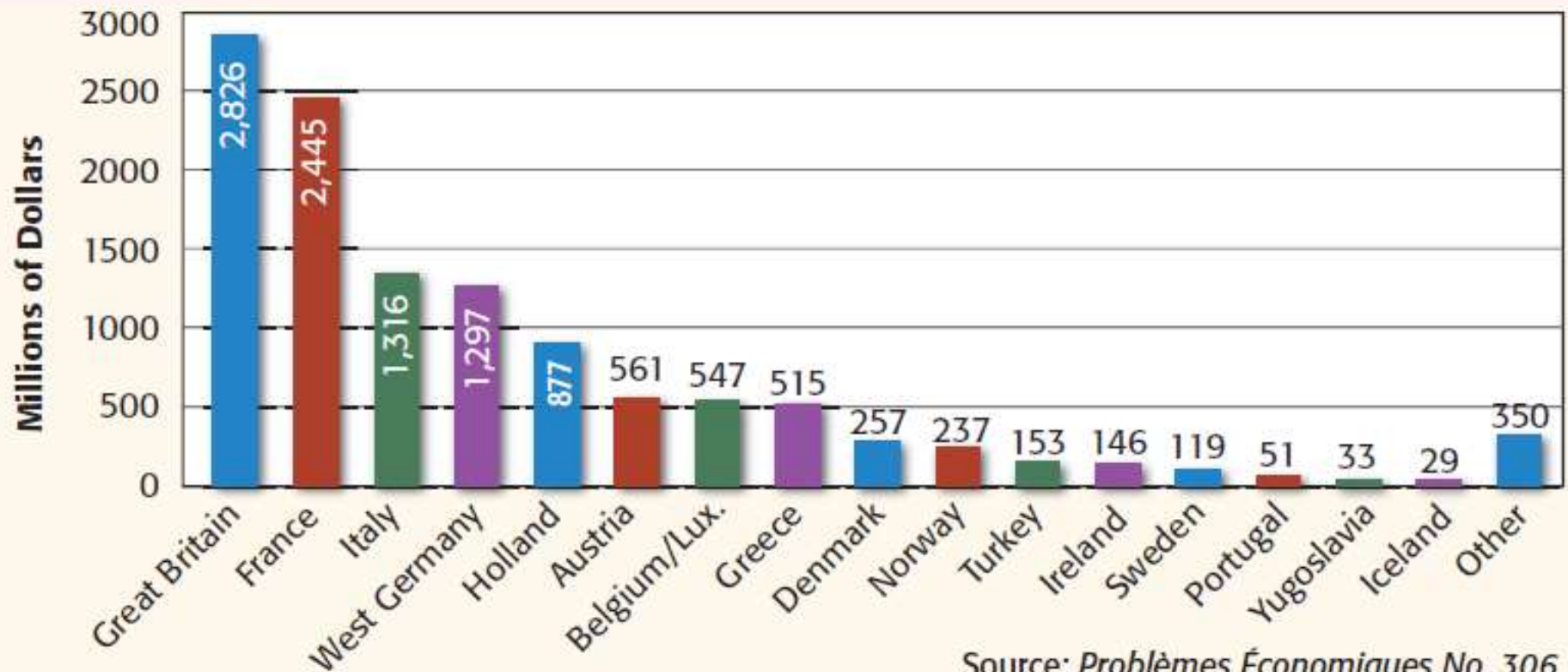


By 1952, Western Europe recovered & Communism never took root





## Countries Aided by the Marshall Plan, 1948–1951



Source: *Problèmes Économiques* No. 306



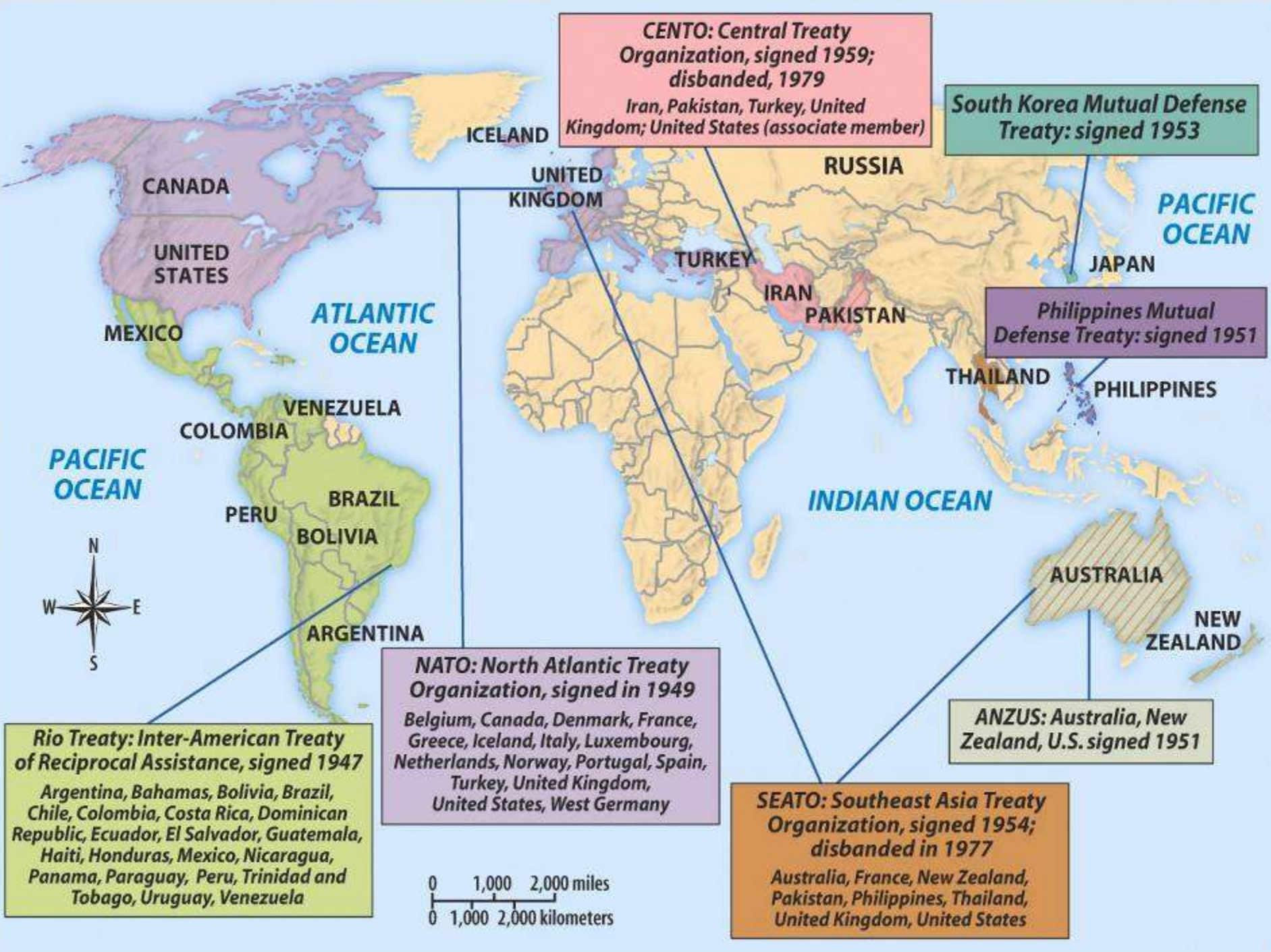
In 1948, the USSR used military force to turn Czechoslovakia to communism; This led to fears that Stalin would use similar tactics in Western Europe



In 1949, the United States formed the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO): a military alliance among democratic countries in Europe & North America







**CENTO: Central Treaty Organization, signed 1959; disbanded, 1979**  
 Iran, Pakistan, Turkey, United Kingdom; United States (associate member)

**South Korea Mutual Defense Treaty: signed 1953**

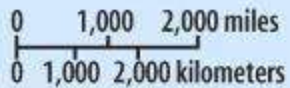
**Philippines Mutual Defense Treaty: signed 1951**

**ANZUS: Australia, New Zealand, U.S. signed 1951**

**SEATO: Southeast Asia Treaty Organization, signed 1954; disbanded in 1977**  
 Australia, France, New Zealand, Pakistan, Philippines, Thailand, United Kingdom, United States

**NATO: North Atlantic Treaty Organization, signed in 1949**  
 Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Greece, Iceland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States, West Germany

**Rio Treaty: Inter-American Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance, signed 1947**  
 Argentina, Bahamas, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay, Venezuela



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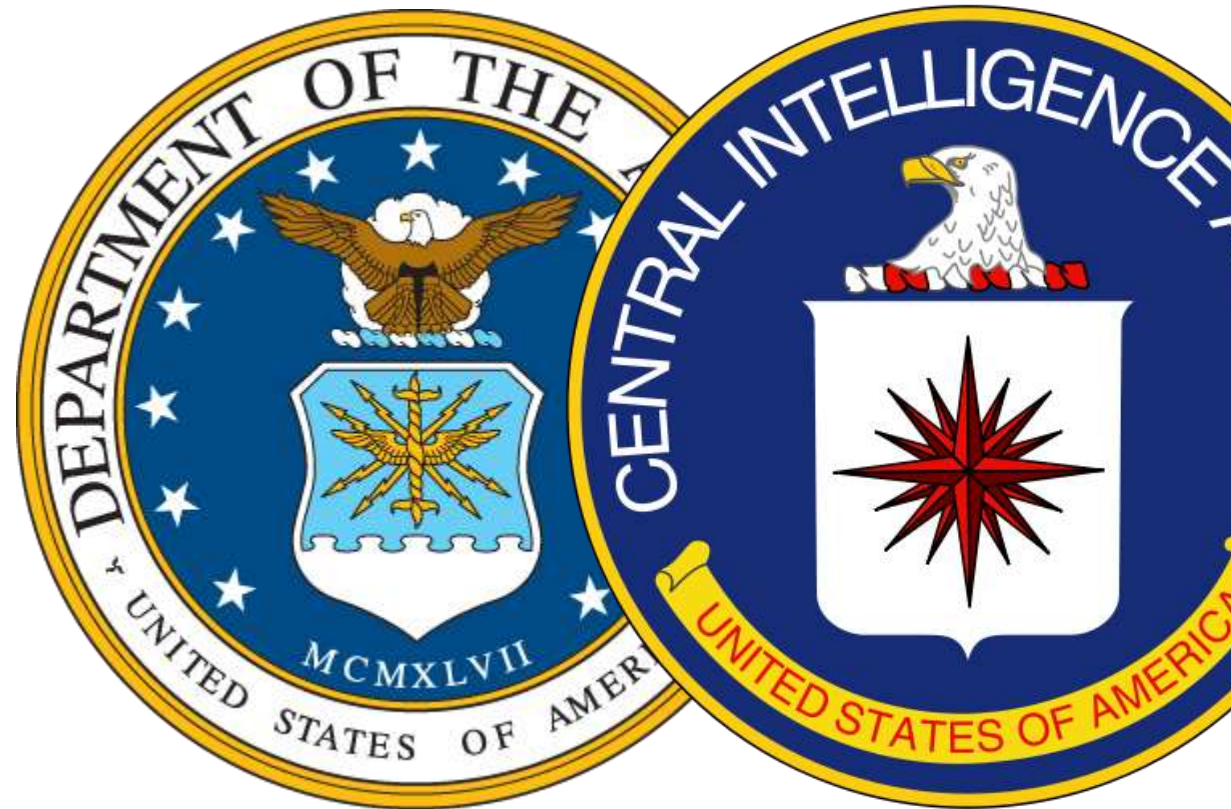
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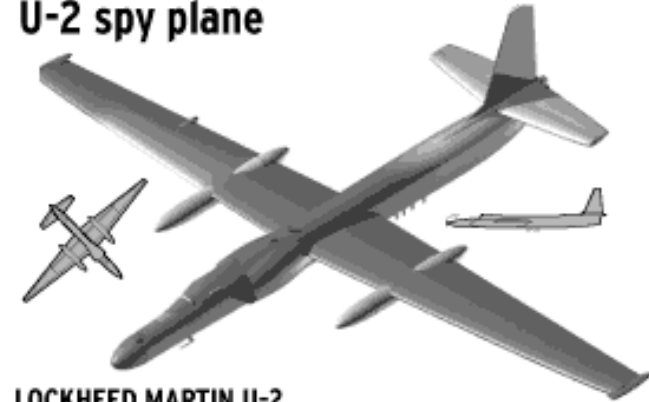
The Department of Defense was reorganized to create an independent Air Force (which was preferred military agency of the Cold War because airplanes could drop nuclear bombs if needed)



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U-2 spy plane



LOCKHEED MARTIN U-2

The manned aircraft provides high-resolution imagery and electronic intelligence at high altitudes.

LENGTH:	63 feet
WINGSPAN:	103 feet
HEIGHT:	16 feet
CEILING:	90,000 feet
RANGE:	3,000 miles
MAX ENDURANCE:	12 hours
MAX. CRUISING SPEED:	430 mph

The Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) was created to spy on foreign nations, collect national security information, and carry out covert operations

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The National Security Council (NSC) was created to advise and assist the president on national security and foreign policy matters

## Divided Germany, 1948–1949

At the end of WWII, Germany was divided into zones occupied by the USA, Britain, France, & the USSR

Berlin, the German capital, was also divided but was located in the Soviet zone

In 1948, Stalin tried to turn all of Berlin communist & ordered the Berlin Blockade which shut down all ground transportation to West Berlin





# In response, the U.S. began the Berlin Airlift



**MILK...new weapon of Democracy!**

*Supplied by air transport alone, 235  
Berliners sample a new way of*

• In today's diplomatic Battle for Berlin, democracy is being kept alive for millions of Europe by the U. S. Air Force.

Flying Douglas aircraft almost exclusively, crews have poured over half a million tons of into Berlin since last June. This impressive strained to the limit our resources in air. It has shown why cargo planes in sufficient must be considered essential to any modern military defense program.

For 11 months, U.S. & British planes supplies landed in Berlin to bring food, fuel, & supplies

Stalin admitted defeat & lifted the blockade in 1949

The United States successfully kept West Berlin from turning communist





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But, in 1949 Communist forces led by Mao Zedong took control of China and the Cold War spread to Asia



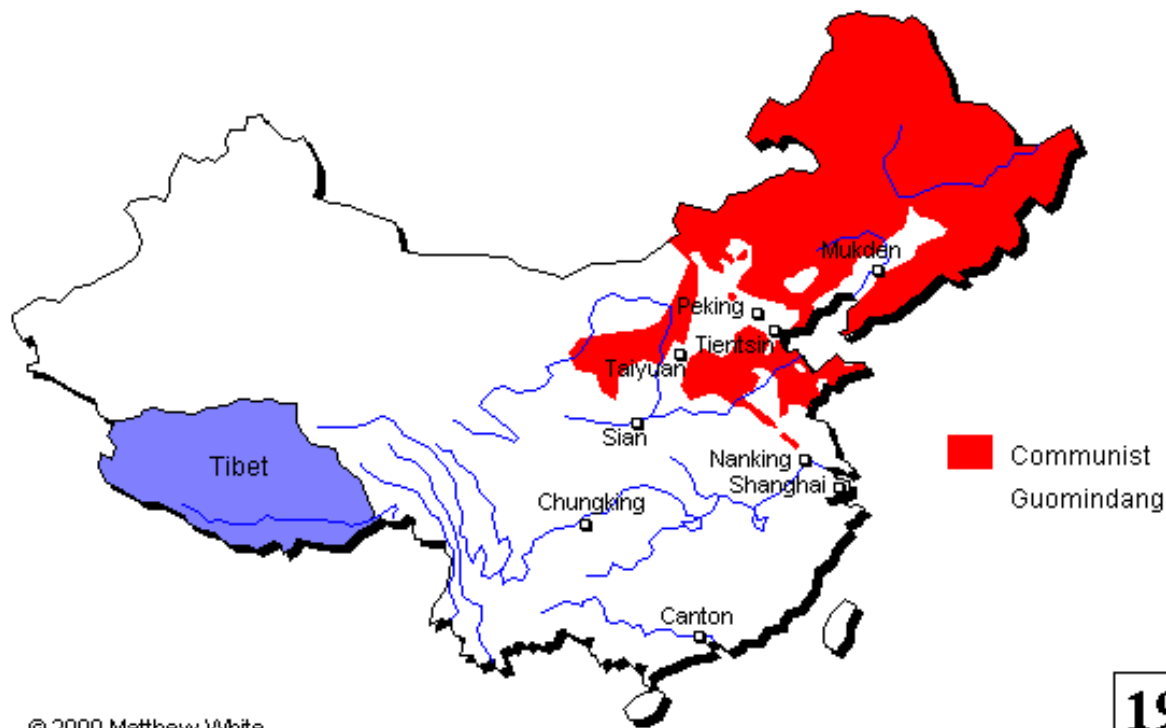
The fall of China was a shock to the USA & President Harry Truman took the blame for “losing China”



# The Chinese Civil War (1930-1949)

## Chinese Political Opponents, 1945

Nationalists		Leader	Communists	
Jiang Jieshi			Mao Zedong	
Southern China		Area Ruled	Northern China	
United States		Foreign Support	Soviet Union	
Defeat of Communists		Domestic Policy	National liberation	
Weak due to inflation and failing economy		Public Support	Strong due to promised land reform for peasants	

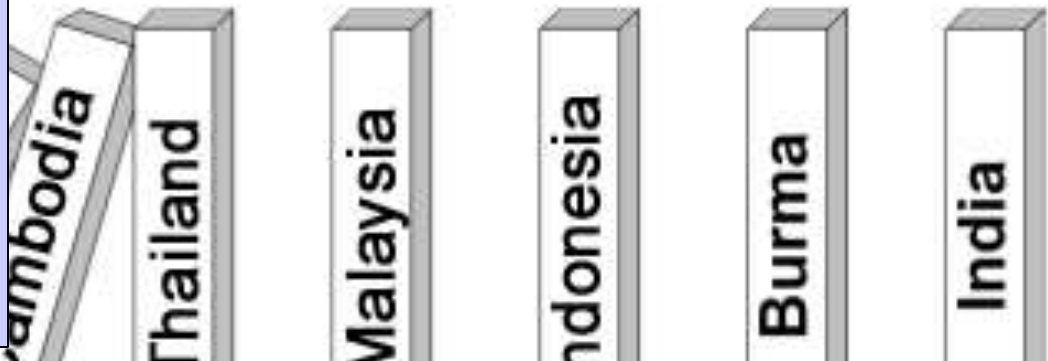


The U.S. response to the fall of China was to more aggressively confront communism the world

The USA was afraid of a “domino theory” in which communist nations turn their neighbors communist

As a result, the USA vowed to contain the spread of communism anywhere in the world

The USA acted when communism threatened Korea





In 1950, North Korea (using Soviet supplied weapons) crossed the 38° & attacked South Korea

When South Korea appealed to the United Nations, the USA sent troops to Korea to

But, when the USA pushed too close to China, the Chinese Army entered the war & helped North Korea

After WWII, Korea was divided along the 38° with a communist gov't in North Korea & a democracy in South Korea

June 1950  
North Korean troops invade South Korea and capture the capital, Seoul.

September 1950  
North Koreans push South Koreans and UN troops south to the perimeter of Pusan.

September to October 1950

**GEOGRAPHY SKILLBUILDER**

- 1. Movement** How far south did North Korean troops push the UN forces?
- 2. Place** Why do you think MacArthur

American paratroopers comb through a village in North Korea on October 20, 1950, during the Korean War.



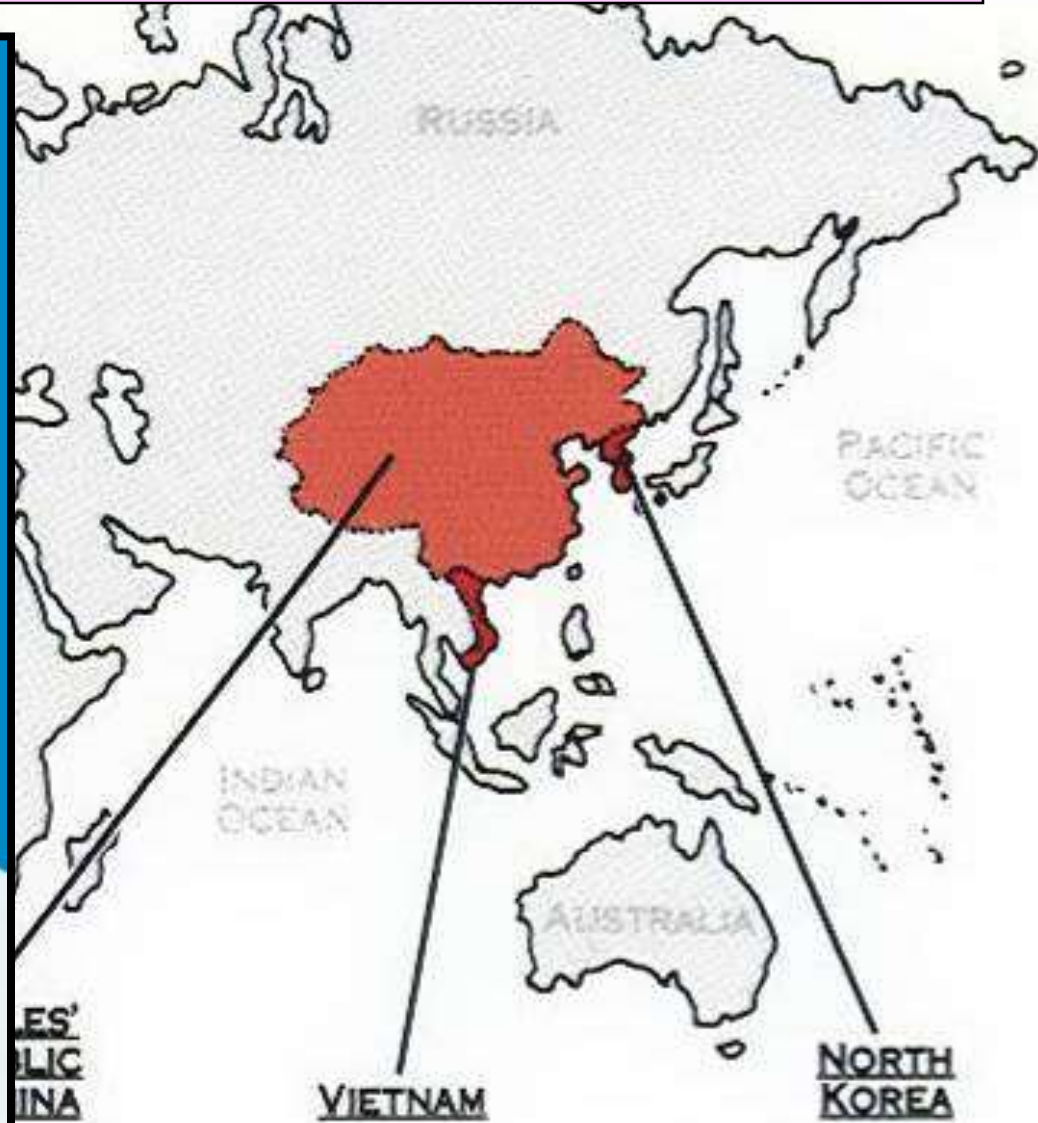
The USA successfully stopped communism from spreading into South Korea & showed that it was willing to fight to contain communism

September to October 1950  
UN troops under MacArthur land at Incheon and move north from Pusan. This two-pronged attack drives the North Koreans out of South Korea. UN troops then continue into North Korea, take Pyongyang, and advance to the Yalu River.

After 3 years of fighting, a ceasefire was agreed to in 1953, the fighting stopped, & the 38° was restored as the boundary between North & South Korea



The USA stopped the spread of Communism into South Korea, but in 1954, Communist Ho Chi Minh began a war to gain independence for Vietnam



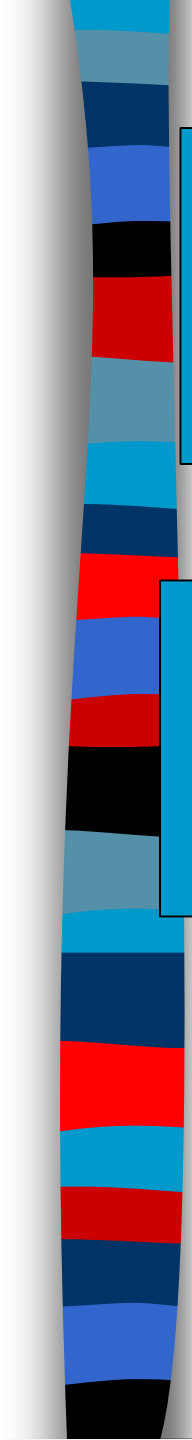
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But over the next 40 years, the Cold War intensified as communism spread to Asia, Africa, and Latin America



The Cold War intensified as new nuclear weapons were introduced; espionage (spying) increased; & wars broke out in Korea, Vietnam, & Afghanistan





**What is the UN? Why were resolutions difficult to pass during the Cold War?**

**Why did the Soviet Union need a “buffer zone” from western European nations?**

**What was a satellite nation?**

**What was the Iron Curtain?**

**What was the Truman Doctrine and where was it put to use first?**

**What was the Marshall Plan and NATO? How did each help contain communism?**

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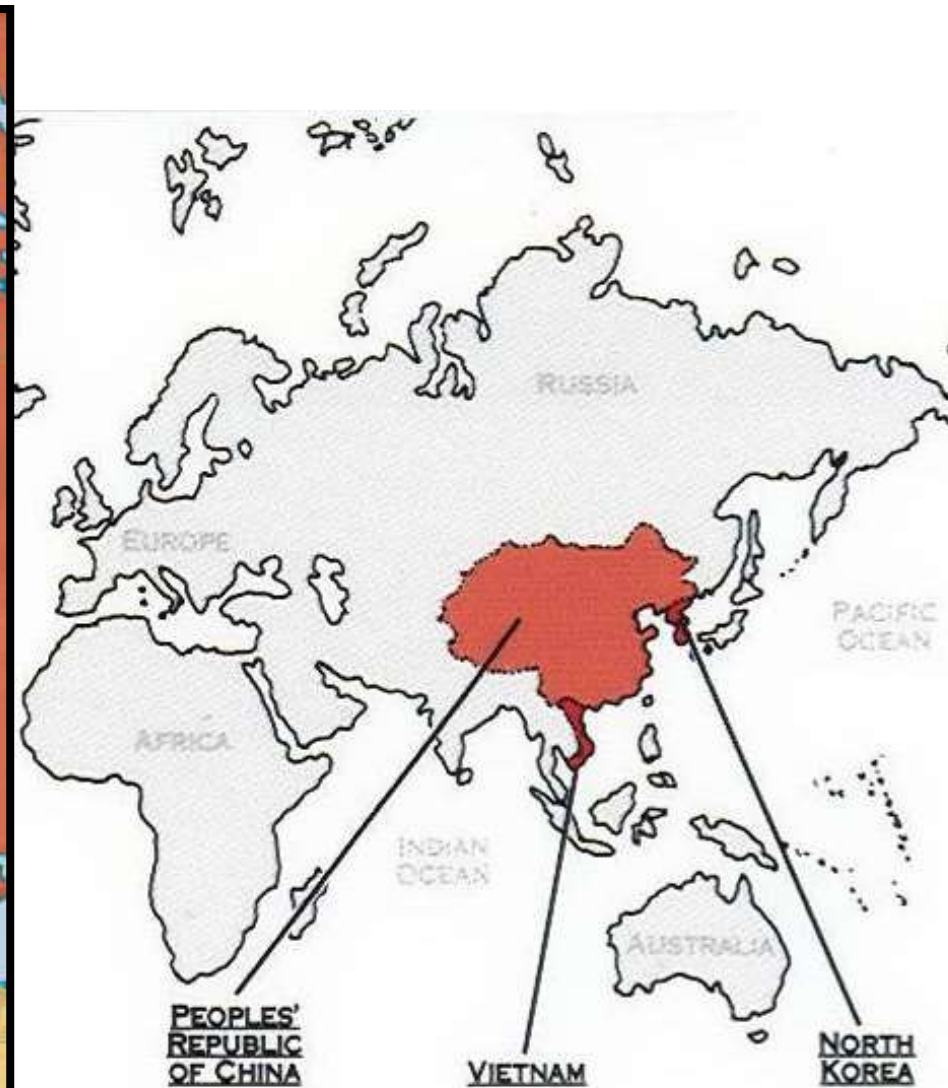
**What was the result of the Korean War?**

**What was the Iron Curtain?**

**What were two ways in which Harry Truman was successful in the US containment policy?**



# Closure Activity: Mapping the Cold War



# Crash Course 37

