

A New Foreign Policy

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- What was the Cold War?
- Approximately when did the Cold War begin?
- What was one major cause of the Cold War?
- What were the two major nations involved in the Cold War?

Cold War (1945-1991)

A period of tension between the United States and the Soviet Union that was characterized by:

- An effort by each country to spread its influence around the world
- A nuclear arms & space race
- Proxy wars – wars in which less powerful nations fought each other under the influence of the Soviet Union and the United States



Cold War Europe

"From Stettin in the Baltic to Trieste in the Adriatic an iron curtain - has descended across the Continent.

Winston Churchill – March 5, 1946



Iron Curtain

- The political and military barrier that isolated Soviet controlled countries of Eastern Europe after World War II



A New Foreign Policy

- Global Involvement
 - Founding of United Nations
 - Cold War
 - Containment – stop the spread of Communism

The Truman Doctrine 1947 (Excerpts)

- I believe that it must be the policy of the United States to support free peoples who are resisting attempted subjugation by armed minorities or by outside pressures. I believe that we must assist free peoples to work out their own destinies in their own way. I believe that our help should be primarily through economic and financial aid which is essential to economic stability and orderly political processes.
- The seeds of totalitarian regimes are nurtured by misery and want. They spread and grow in the evil soil of poverty and strife. They reach their full growth when the hope of a people for a better life has died. We must keep that hope alive.

Containment in Europe

- **Truman Doctrine** – Military and economic aid to Greece and Turkey
- **Marshall Plan** – Economic aid to European countries to help them rebuild after World War II
- **NATO** – North Atlantic Treaty Organization
 - Collective Security Agreement (alliance) “**an attack on one is an attack on all**”
- **Berlin Airlift** – American & British planes flew supplies into Berlin for 327 days in response to the Berlin Blockade
 - **Berlin Blockade** - Soviet Union blocked the Western Allies' railway, road, and canal access to the sectors of Berlin under Western control.

The Marshall Plan

Evaluate the two photos. What significant changes have occurred in the second photo?

Two years after the war Stuttgart's inner city still reflected the destruction of urban centers during wartime bombing.

1947 1955

Marshall Plan funds helped provide for the rebuilding of cities. Photos on these two pages were taken from the same spot.





NATO

1949 - NATO



North Atlantic Treaty Organization – Western Nations join in a military alliance to defend against Communist threats.

United States, Great Britain, France, Italy, Canada, Belgium, Denmark, Iceland, Portugal, West Germany, Greece, Turkey

WARSAW

1955 – Warsaw Pact



USSR and Eastern Bloc Nations join in a military alliance to counter NATO.

Soviet Union, Poland, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Romania, East Germany, Bulgaria, Albania



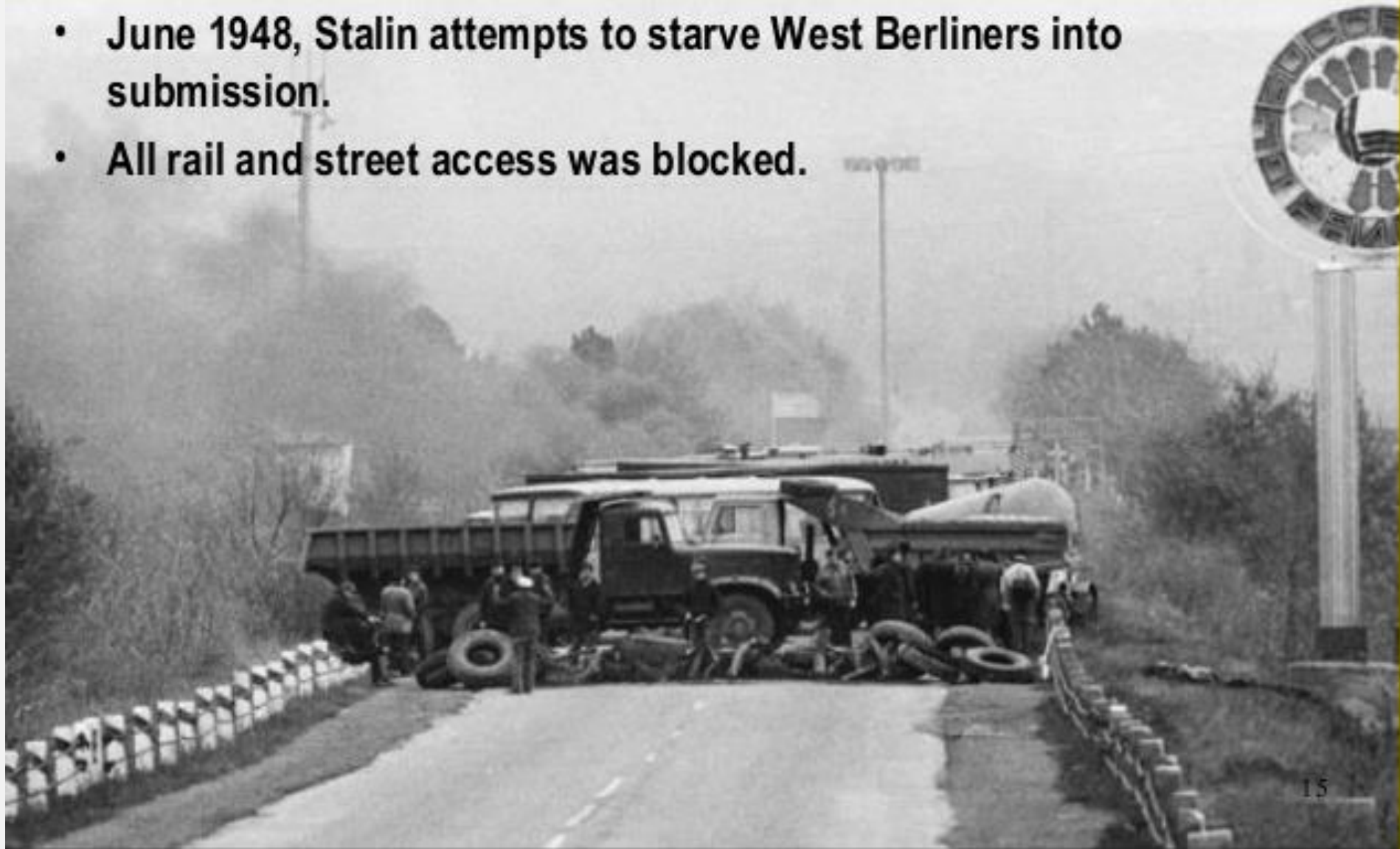




Berlin Blockade



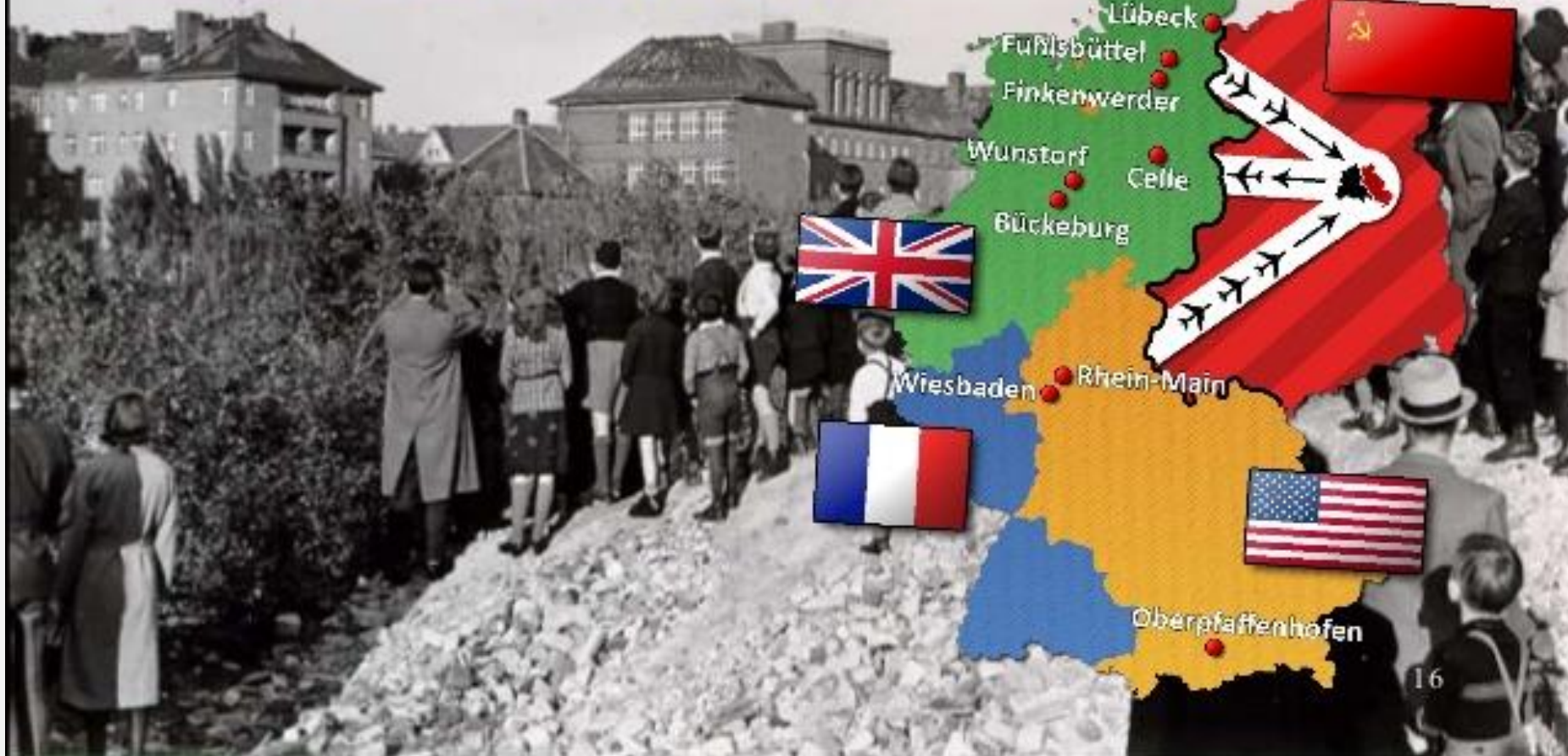
- June 1948, Stalin attempts to starve West Berliners into submission.
- All rail and street access was blocked.





Berlin Airlift

- American and British planes flew food and supplies into Berlin for 327 days.
- Stalin lifted the Blockade by May 1949.



Questions

What does the money bag represent?

Who does Uncle Sam represent?

What do you think is going to happen?

What is the point of view of the cartoonist?





A

Step on it, Doc!



Source: Justus, *Minneapolis Star*, 1947 (adapted)

Step It Up Doc

1. Refer to Source A. What is the cartoonist's view about the role of the Soviet Union in western Europe? Support your answer with **one** clue from Source A.

- Cartoonist's view about the role of the USSR:

The USSR was trouble-maker / source of chaos.

- Clue:

The eagle labeled "communism" (representing the USSR) was bringing the evil-looking child labeled "chaos" and flying to western Europe at high speed.

2. What does the vulture in source A represent?
Why is it presented this way?

The vulture represents communism and the Soviet Union. It is presented that way because vultures feed on dead & dying animals. Communists tried to appeal to societies that were dying from economic problems.

3. Refer to Source B. Would Harry Truman agree with the view of the cartoonist? Explain your answer with reference to Sources A&B and using your own knowledge.

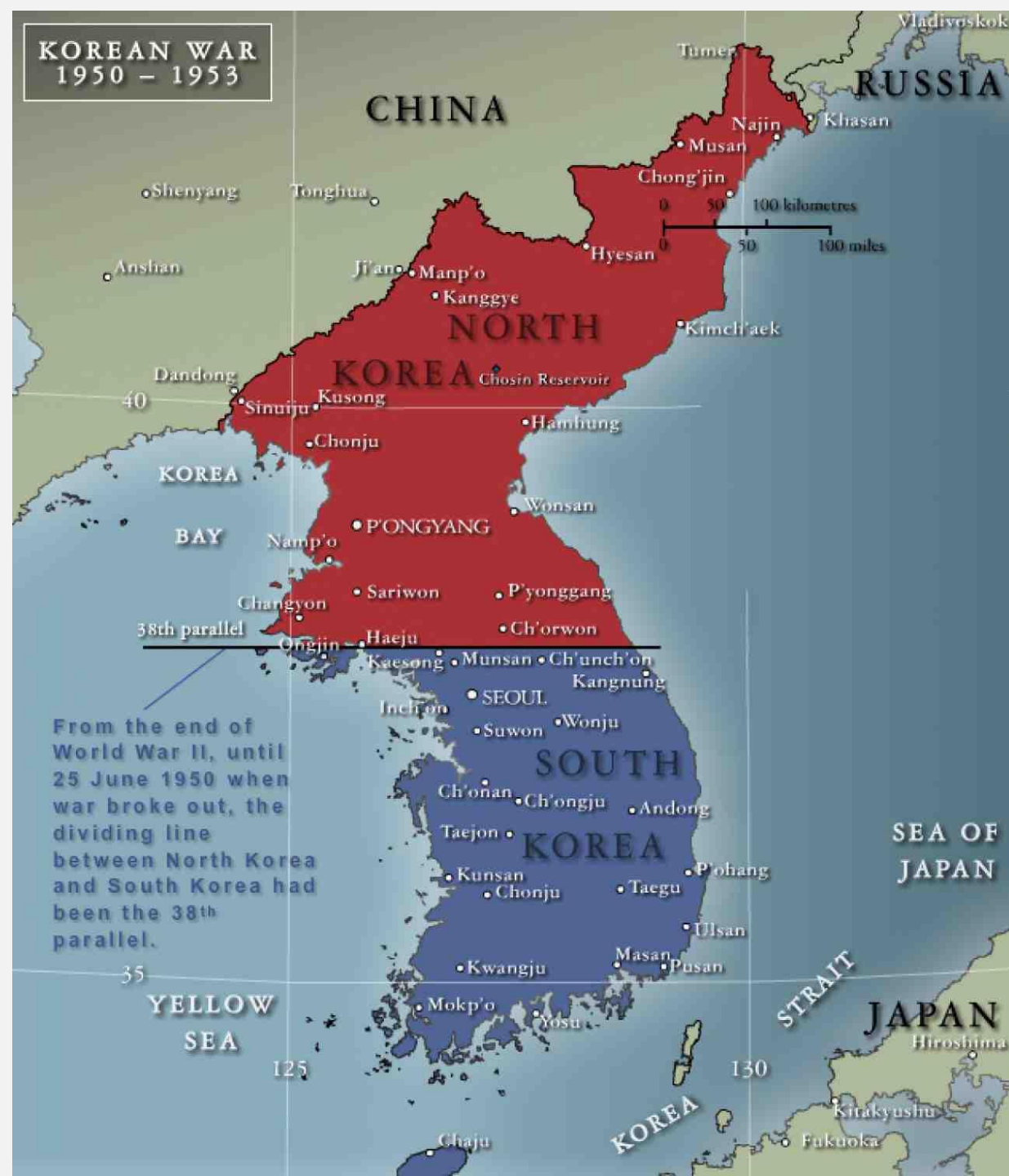
- Harry Truman's view: AGREE with the cartoonist's view
- Harry Truman mentioned that there were people in Europe “who are resisting attempted subjugation by armed minorities or by outside pressures” (Source B). This corresponds to the possible threat of “chaos” being brought by the eagle to western Europe (Source A).
- Harry Truman pointed out that the US policy was to “assist free peoples to work out their own destinies” and to provide “economic and financial aid” (Source B). This corresponds to the doctor (representing the US Congress) rushing to western Europe to forestall “chaos” (Source A).

To Russia, with love...





**KOREAN WAR
1950 - 1953**



From the end of World War II, until 25 June 1950 when war broke out, the dividing line between North Korea and South Korea had been the 38th parallel.

Korea

- 1945 – divided at the 38th Parallel
 - North – occupied by Russian troops
 - South – occupied by American troops
- 1950 - North Invaded South
- U.S. went through U.N. to stop aggression
- Truman-MacArthur Split
- 1953 - Cease Fire – 38th Parallel – DMZ to this day

MacArthur

- All out war to win complete victory over Communism in Asia
 - Carry the war to Communist China (Manchuria)

Truman

- Containment – fight only limited war

- 1951 – Truman fires General Douglas MacArthur for insubordination

Domino Theory

What is the idea of a domino theory?

US



Communism

The domino theory was a 20th Century foreign policy theory that speculated if one land in a region came under the influence of Communists, then more would follow in a domino effect.