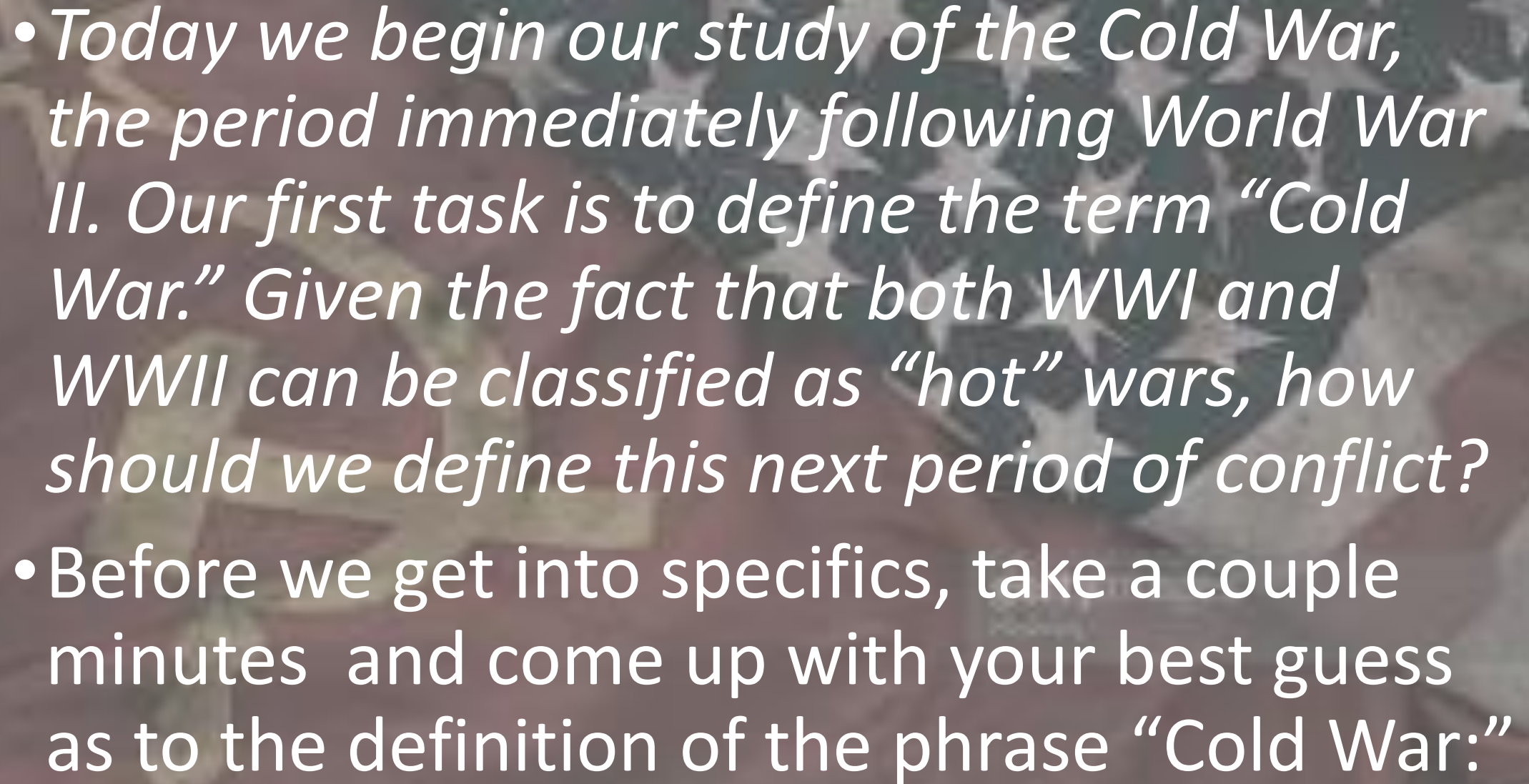


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- *Today we begin our study of the Cold War, the period immediately following World War II. Our first task is to define the term “Cold War.” Given the fact that both WWI and WWII can be classified as “hot” wars, how should we define this next period of conflict?*
  - Before we get into specifics, take a couple minutes and come up with your best guess as to the definition of the phrase “Cold War:”

# 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

# 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.*



# Key

-  Warsaw Pact
-  NATO
-  Non-aligned Nations



# 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







# Japan

- U.S. occupation
- Japanese Constitution
- U.S. – Japan Security Agreement

# Foreign Policy Options

- Other than containment, what other ways could the U.S. have dealt with the potential spread of communism? (Do nothing, roll back - try to end it where it already exists).
- Which of these would require the longest and most extensive commitment and investment? Why?
- Why was the U.S. concerned about other countries becoming communist? Should the U.S. have been concerned?
- Which of these three approaches do you think the U.S. should have followed? Why?



## 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?







# Berlin Blockade

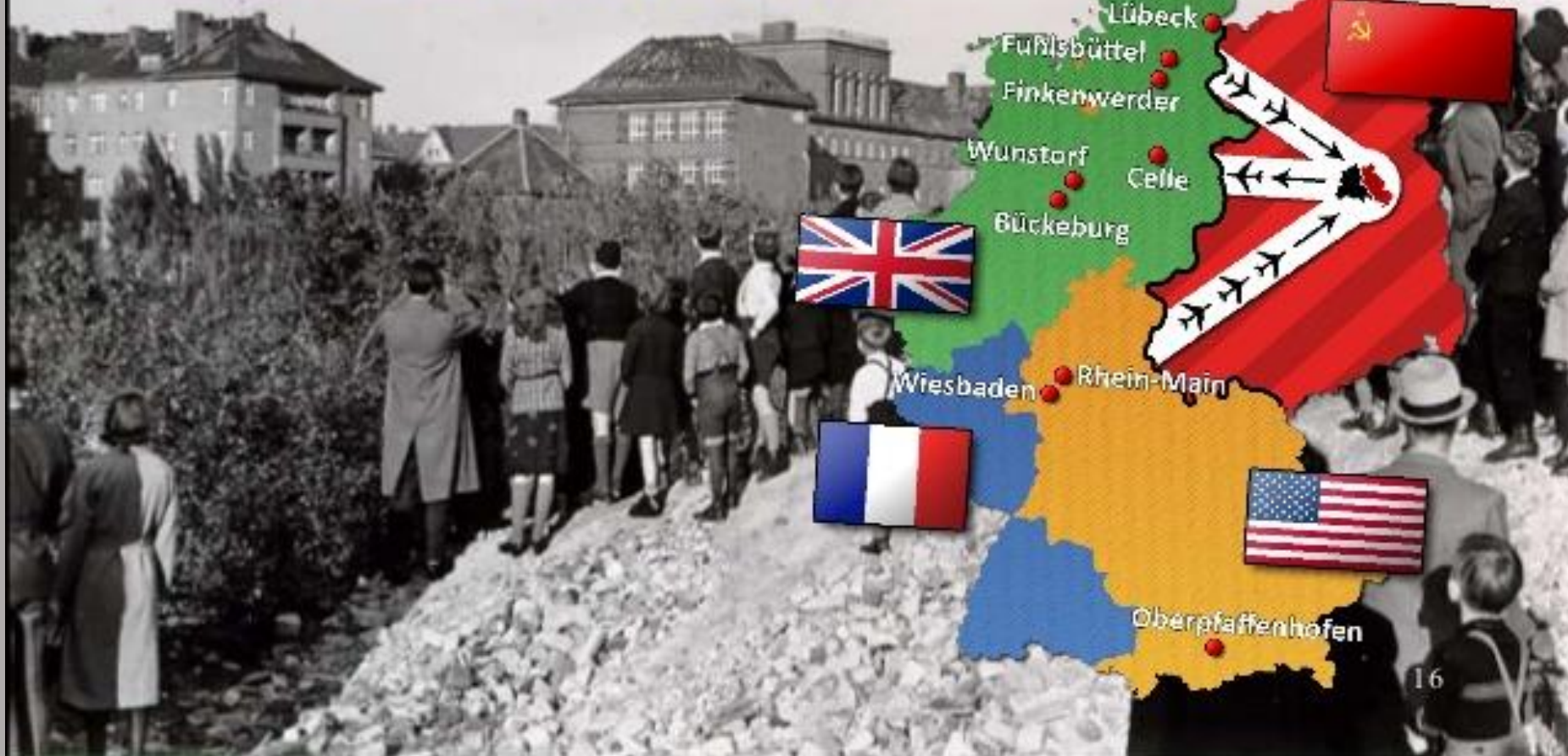


- June 1948, Stalin attempts to starve West Berliners into submission.
- All rail and street access was blocked.



# Berlin Airlift

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





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Step on it, Doc!



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

# Soviet Union vs United States

## COMMAND ECONOMY

Government decides:

- What is produced
- How it is produced
- Who gets what is produced

If it was up to the government to decide what is to be produced – what will be produced?

How will it be produced?

## MARKET ECONOMY

Who decides what will be produced?

Supply and demand

Supply – what people are willing and able to produce

Demand – what people are willing and able to buy

# Cold War

## **AMERICAN BELIEFS**

- Free enterprise
- Private property
- Freedom of religion and expression
- Elected governments

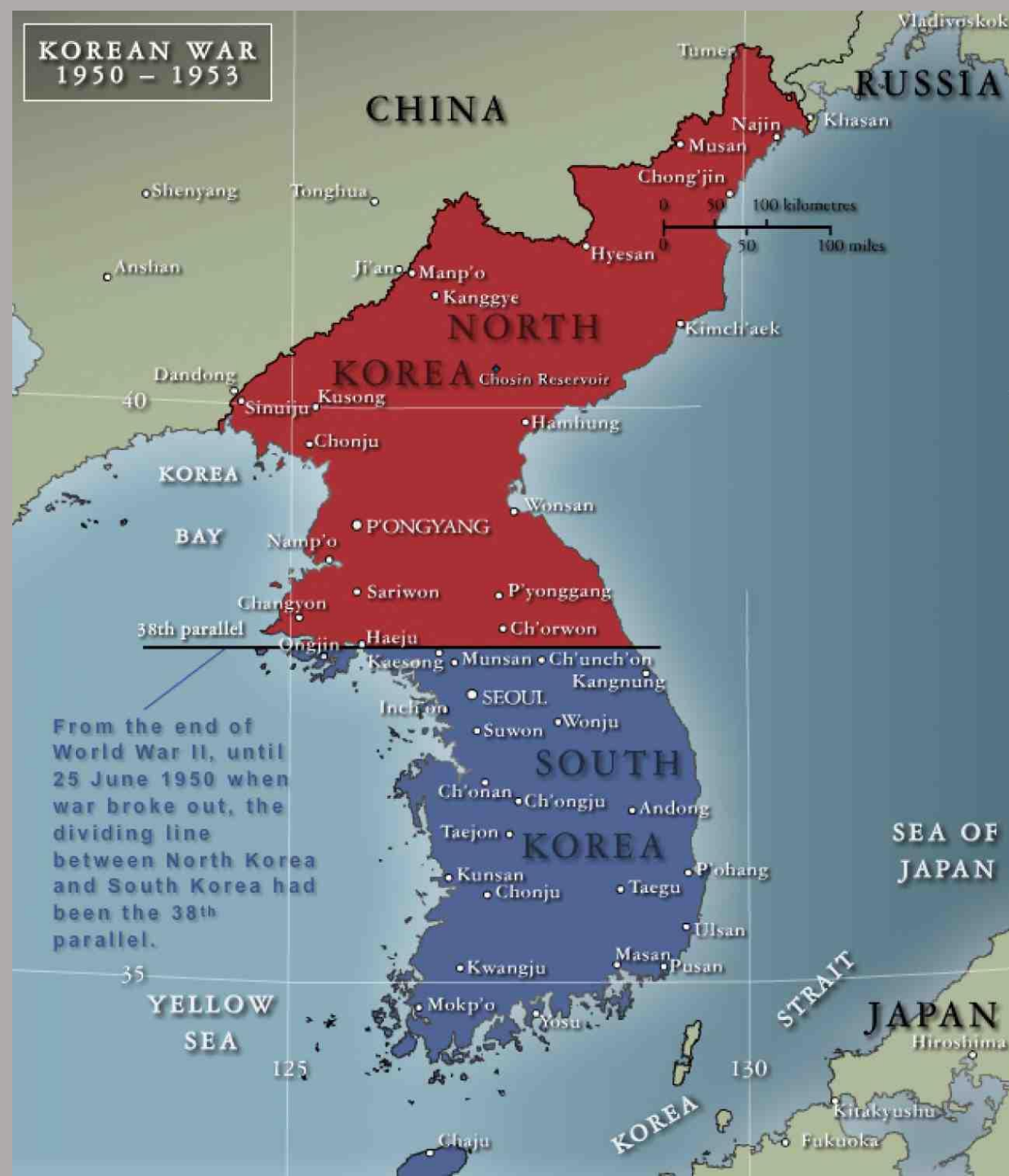
## **COMMUNIST BELIEFS**

- Government ownership of the means of production
- Collectivized farming
- Central planning
- Dictatorship of the Communist party





**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 38<sup>th</sup> parallel.



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|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1) Andorra                | 10) Liechtenstein                    |
| 2) Aruba                  | 11) Macedonia                        |
| 3) Bahrain                | 12) Montenegro                       |
| 4) Bosnia and Herzegovina | 13) Palestine                        |
| 5) Brunei                 | 14) Rwanda                           |
| 6) Israel                 | 15) Saint Vincent and the Grenadines |
| 7) Kosovo                 | 16) San Marino                       |
| 8) Lebanon                | 17) Singapore                        |
| 9) Luxembourg             | 18) Slovenia                         |
|                           | 19) Vatican City                     |

# Korea

- Japanese Colony 1910-1945
- Following World War II: Divided at the #38<sup>th</sup> Parallel
- North – Russia established a Communist Government under the rule of Kim Il-Sung (1948-1994), Kim Jong-Il (1994-2011), Kim Jong-un (2011-present)
- South – UN/American supported non-communist government led by Syngman Rhee

# Korean War (1950-1953)

- 1945 – divided at the 38<sup>th</sup> 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 – 38<sup>th</sup> 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

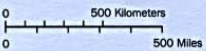
# Vietnam War (1954-1975)



# Southeast Asia



Scale 1:32,000,000 at 5°N  
Mercator Projection



Boundary representation is not necessarily authoritative.  
Names in Vietnam are shown without diacritical marks.



# Origins of Conflict



## 1954 – Geneva Accords

- Vietnam gains independence from France, divided at 17<sup>th</sup> Parallel. (communist North, non-communist south)
- Elections to be held to unite country in 1956.

## Origins Continued

1956 –

- South Vietnam, with U.S. backing, blocks elections
- **Viet Cong (S.V. communists)**, with North Vietnamese support seeks to overthrow South Vietnamese Gov't
- U.S. sends “advisors” to support repressive South Vietnamese “President”

Ngo Dinh Diem



# U.S. Involvement

2000 advisors (Eisenhower)

**1960**

**1963**

16000 advisors (Kennedy)

## President Johnson escalates U.S. Involvement

- Gulf of Tonkin Resolution. - gave President a “blank check” to increase number of U.S. troops in Vietnam
- Why?



# Reasons for U.S. Escalation?



# Reasons for U.S. Involvement

- Domino Theory – fall of one country to communism will cause others to fall



# Election of 1968

- LBJ decided not to seek re-election because of divisions within Democratic party over Vietnam
- Republican Richard Nixon becomes

# Fall of Saigon

**1973** -U.S. withdraws from Vietnam

**1974** – North Vietnam Invades South Vietnam

**April 1975** – Saigon Falls, Vietnam united under communist government





# 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.

Woman – “United Nations” on dress

Tombstone – “League of Nations – Died of Lack of Exercise facing wanton aggression”

