

# COLD WAR YEARS AT HOME

1945-1990

# What were the Cold War Fears of Americans?

- Communist subversion – influence in Government, important industries
- Nuclear War
- Impact of atomic testing





# The Red Scare

- Senator Joseph McCarthy – Claimed that there was a vast communist network within government.
- “McCarthyism” – the use of unproven charges to discredit someone
- Blacklisting – list of individuals whose loyalty was suspect

# FEAR OF NUCLEAR WAR



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# Nuclear States

- United States – 1945
- Russia – 1949
- Britain – 1952
- France – 1960
- China – 1964
- India – 1974
- Israel – 1979
- Pakistan – 1998
- North Korea – 2006
- South Africa -1980 (Disassembled, early 90s)

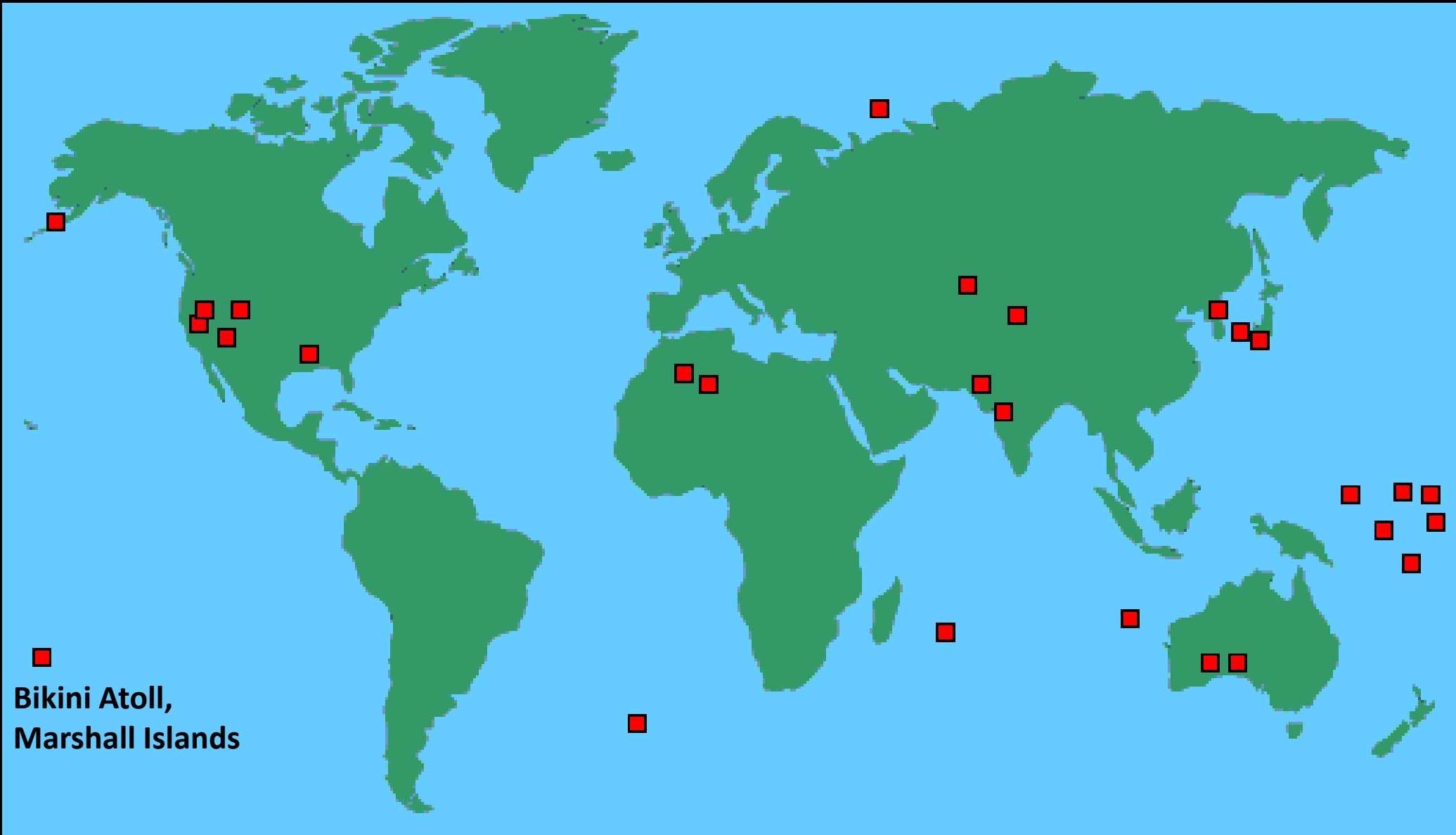




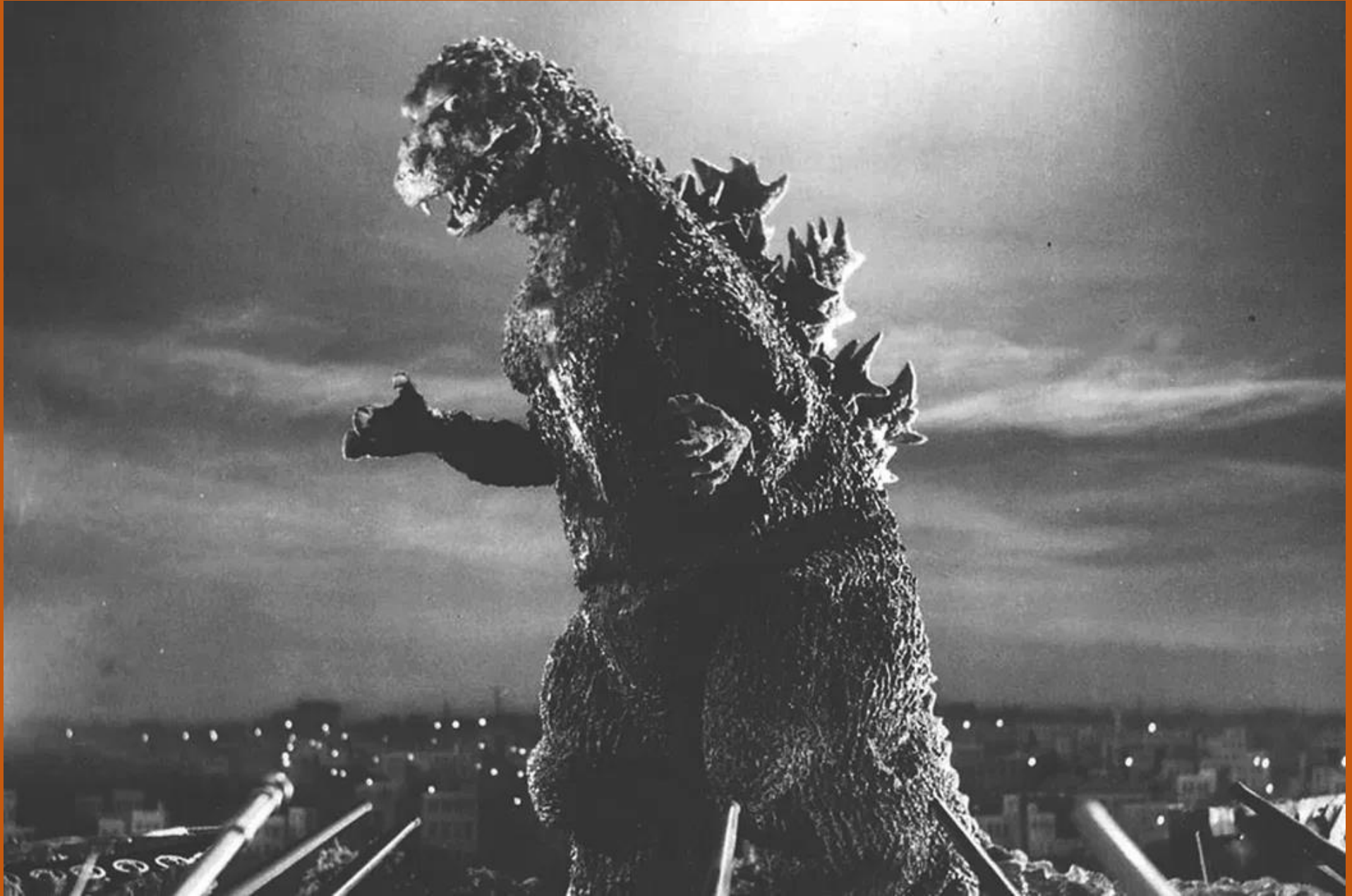


# Nuclear Test Sites

From 1945 until 1998, there have been over 2,000 nuclear tests conducted worldwide.





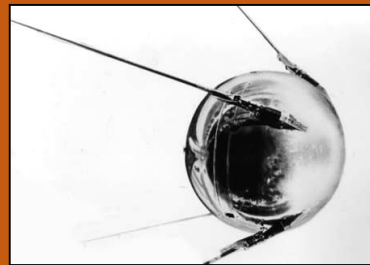


# Dwight D. Eisenhower 1953-1961



# Progress Through Science

1957 → Russians launch  
**SPUTNIK I**



1958 → **National Defense  
Education Act** - funding  
to improve American schools (**Science  
& Technology**)

- **WHY IS THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT OFTEN CALLED AMERICA'S SECOND RECONSTRUCTION?**
- **What were the goals of the Civil Rights Movement?**

- **Civil Rights** - the rights of citizens to political and social freedom and equality.

# The Civil Rights Movement (1954-1968)

## “America’s Second Reconstruction”

Some historians have called the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s and 60s “America’s Second Reconstruction.” Why?

- Discuss the extent to which the reforms such as the 14th and 15th amendments were effective in protecting the rights of African-Americans.





# Jim Crow South 1890-1964

- Segregation
  - Plessy v. Ferguson
- Voting Restrictions
  - Poll taxes, literacy tests, grandfather clause
- Violence
  - Ku Klux Klan
  - Lynchings

# Goals of the Civil Rights Movement



End Segregation  
in Schools

End Discrimination/  
Segregation in Public  
Accommodations

Voting Rights  
And representation

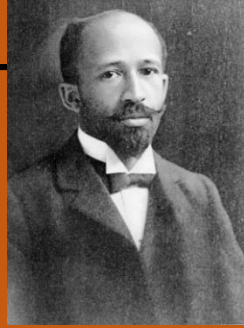
Economic  
Opportunity

# Segregation in Schools

- Brown v. Bd. Of Ed
  - 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment Case (Equal Protection Clause)
  - Even if “tangible factors” are equal, Segregation in schools is inherently unequal – stamps blacks with a “badge of inferiority”



**Early Civil Rights Organizations – NAACP**



# Origins

**Support from the Supreme Court**

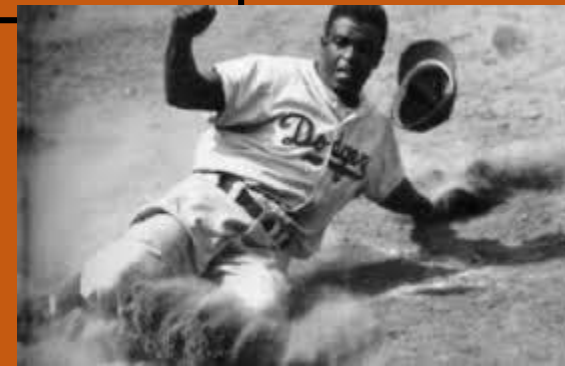
- Brown v. BOE
- Empowered activists



**The Cold War – Inconsistency of Jim Crow and democratic ideals**

**World War II Experience**  
-Fighting for Democracy against Nazi Racism  
-Many recognized the hypocrisy

**Institutional Reforms – early desegregation**  
-Major League Baseball – 1947  
-Military – 1948



# Three Approaches

## **Birmingham**

### **Ministers**

Negotiate don't demonstrate

Use the courts - lawsuits

## **MLK**

Non-Violent Direct Action

- Boycotts, Marches, Civil Disobedience

-Will create a crisis and force Negotiation

## **Black Nationalism**

-Stokely Carmichael (SNCC) – Black Power  
-Malcom X – Nation of Islam  
-Black Panthers

-Separatism  
-Develop pride in one's culture and history  
-Self-defense against violence

# Integrating Public Accommodations – Non-violent direct action







# De-segregation Efforts - Little Rock

- [Eyes on the Prize pt 2/14 - YouTube](#)





- De-segregation Efforts
- **Little Rock Nine**
  - Arkansas Governor Faubus called the State National Guard to prevent 9 Black students from entering Central High School
  - President Eisenhower used federal troops to enforce court de-segregation order

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# Successes Of Civil Rights Movement

1. **End to segregation in schools (Brown v. BOE) – 1954**
2. **Civil Rights Act of 1964**
  - Prohibits Discrimination in Public accommodations (restaurants, theaters, public transportation etc.)
  - [President Johnson signs 1964 Civil Rights Bill – YouTube](#)
3. **24<sup>th</sup> Amendment (1964) – Ends poll taxes**
4. **Voting Rights Act of 1965 – Ends literacy tests**