

# ***ANALYSIS:*** THE "IRON CURTAIN" SPEECH



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***UNITED STATES***

*HISTORY*

**with Mr. Willis**

UNIT 7 - DAY 2

The  
COLD WAR

BEGINS





**\*\*TOP SECRET\*\***  
**POST-WAR EUROPE**  
**SOVIET INFLUENCE**

REVIEW

THE

YALTA

CONFERENCE

Feb. 1945 - FDR, Churchill, Stalin  
Meet at **Yalta** in the USSR to  
discuss **plan for war's end & peace**

### ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE MEETING

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into **4 military zones**, **occupied by Allies**

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**#3** Soviets would **declare war on Japan**

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LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT THE

**CAUSES OF THE**

**COLD WAR**



# THE COLD WAR

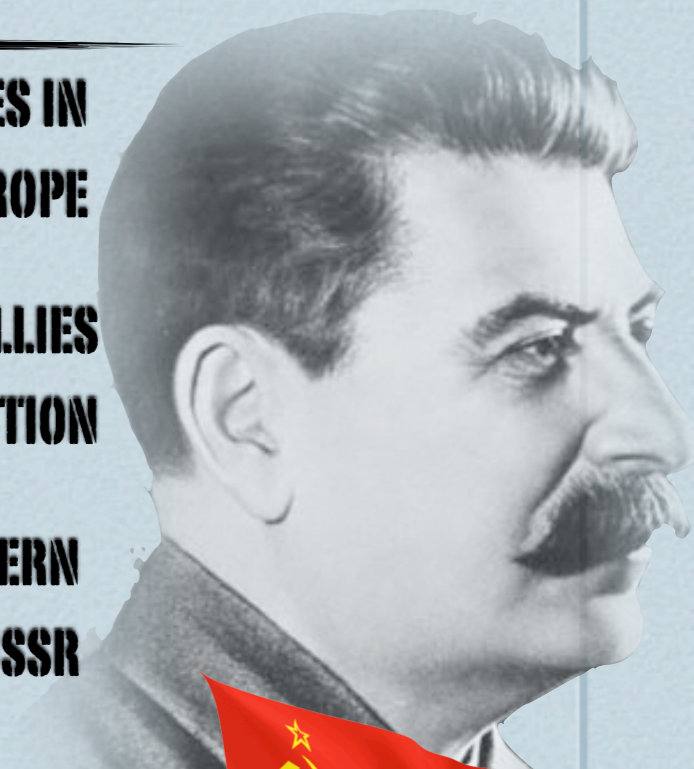
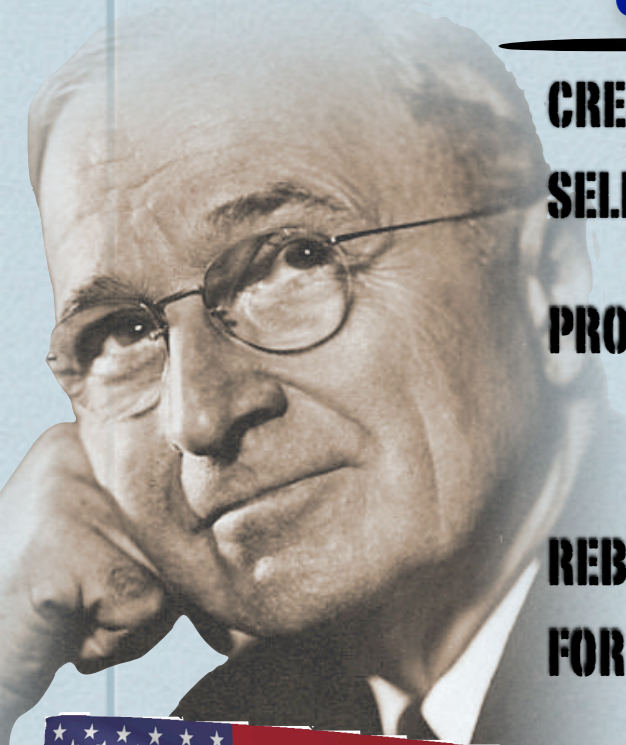
Conflict (1945 - 1991) in which the U.S. & USSR sought **IDEOLOGICAL** world dominance w/o **DIRECT CONFRONTATION**

## UNITED STATES

- CREATE A NEW WORLD ORDER OF SELF-DETERMINANT NATIONS
- PROTECT DEMOCRACIES OF EUROPE
- REBUILD EUROPEAN ECONOMIES FOR AMERICAN CAPITALISTIC GAINS
- DISTRUSTED STALIN B/C OF NON-AGGRESSION TREATY WITH HITLER

## SOVIET UNION

- INSTALL COMMUNIST REGIMES IN NEWLY LIBERATED EASTERN EUROPE
- CREATE BLOC OF COMMUNIST ALLIES IN EASTERN EUROPE AS PROTECTION
- CAPTURE RESOURCES OF EASTERN EUROPE AS TO REBUILD USSR
- HATED WEST B/C SECRET ATOMIC BOMB, DELAY IN ATTACKING HITLER





NOW, LET'S ANALYZE HOW THE

**COLD WAR**

**ESCALATED**



# THE DIVISION OF GERMANY

# GERMANY & EUROPE

# DIVIDED

AFTER WWII, GERMANY WAS **SPLIT UP**  
AND **OCCUPIED** AS PRESCRIBED AT **YALTA**

2 DIFFERENT NATIONS, 4 MILITARIZED ZONES

**WEST GERMANY** - 3 ZONES (US, UK, FRANCE)

**EAST GERMANY** - 1 LARGER ZONE (USSR)

**CITY OF BERLIN** - SPLIT INTO 4 MILITARY ZONES

THE SOVIETS **OCCUPIED** THE **EASTERN**  
**EUROPEAN NATIONS** TAKEN FROM HITLER

THE CONTINENT WAS DIVIDED B/W  
**DEMOCRATIC WESTERN EUROPE** &  
**COMMUNIST EASTERN EUROPE**





# THE FALL OF EASTERN EUROPE

# STALIN'S **SATELLITE** NATIONS

BY EARLY 1946, STALIN HAD INSTALLED **COMMUNIST GOVS. IN EASTERN EUROPE**

*IN SOVIET-OCCUPIED CZECHOSLOVAKIA, POLAND, HUNGARY, ROMANIA, AND YUGOSLAVIA*

STALIN **OUTLAWED** DEMOCRATIC PARTIES SO COMMUNISTS WERE **ASSURED ELECTION**




*THIS WAS A VIOLATION OF YALTA AGREEMENT AND SO BY DEFINITION THEY WERE NOT "FREE ELECTIONS"*

THESE SOVIET **SATELLITE NATIONS** FORMED A **COMMUNIST BLOC** AGAINST THE WEST

*STALIN INTENDED TO USE THESE NATIONS AS ECONOMIC COLONIES AND MILITARY/POLITICAL ALLIES VS. THE WEST*



# Rivalry in Europe, 1949

-  Communist countries
-  Non-Communist countries
-  Iron curtain

**"THE 'IRON CURTAIN' ACROSS EUROPE"**



# THE TRUMAN DOCTRINE



AS USSR HOSTILITY GROWS, **TRUMAN**  
DECIDES TO STOP **"BABYING THE SOVIETS"**

US ADOPTS THE POLICY OF **CONTAINMENT**

THIS POLICY STATES THE US WOULD RESIST SOVIET  
ATTEMPTS TO EXPAND ITS POWER AND SPREAD  
COMMUNISM TO OTHER FREE COUNTRIES

MARCH 1947 - TRUMAN ISSUES THE  
**TRUMAN DOCTRINE**

TRUMAN PROMISED ECONOMIC AND MILITARY AID TO  
COUNTRIES THREATENED BY COMMUNISM (THREAT)  
OVER THE NEXT 3 YEARS, THE US SENT OVER \$400M  
TO GREECE & TURKEY, KEEPING THEM DEMOCRATIC



The Truman Doctrine will  
dictate American foreign  
policy for the next 60  
years and even **TODAY!**

**THE TRUMAN DOCTRINE WAS A SUCCESSFUL STRATEGY, BUT MORE WAS NEEDED TO BE DONE**

**The us wanted to keep COMMUNISM FROM SPREADING WEST**



**The us wanted to PREVENT war and was LOOKING FOR ALTERNATIVES**



**WHICH LEADS TO...**



# THE MARSHALL PLAN

1947 - DEVASTATED BY WAR, **POVERTY & HUNGER** PLAGUED **WESTERN EUROPE**

*W/ AGRICULTURE & INDUSTRY IN RUINS, POORER NATIONS WERE SUSCEPTIBLE TO COMMUNIST AIMS*

1947 - **SEC. OF STATE GEORGE MARSHALL** PROPOSES THE **MARSHALL PLAN**

*HIS PLAN WOULD PROVIDE ECONOMIC AID AND SUPPLIES TO ALL EUROPEAN NATIONS WHO NEEDED IT*

THE PLAN WAS **SUCCESSFUL** IN HELPING **REBUILD WESTERN EUROPE** AFTER WWII

*IT BOOSTED US PRESTIGE IN EUROPE AND HELPED TARNISH COMMUNIST APPEAL TO EUROPEAN VOTERS*





# THE BERLIN AIRLIFT

# BERLIN **BLOCKADED**

**JUNE 1948 - STALIN CLOSES ALL GROUND ACCESS INTO DEMOCRATIC WEST BERLIN**

*STALIN IS FURIOUS AT THE IDEA OF A WESTERN GOV. & ECONOMY SITTING IN COMMUNIST EAST GERMANY*

*STALIN HOPED TO STARVE W. BERLIN INTO SUBMISSION*

**THE US & UK BROKE THE SOVIET BLOCKADE W/ THE BERLIN AIRLIFT**

*327 DAYS, 277K FLIGHTS, 2.3 MILLION TONS OF SUPPLIES WERE DROPPED INTO WEST BERLIN BY AIR*

**1949 - TO PROTECT AGAINST FUTURE SOVIET AGGRESSION, THE WEST FORMS NATO**

*NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION IS A*

*DEFENSIVE ALLIANCE OF 12 NATIONS WHO PLEDGED*

*MILITARY SUPPORT IN THE CASE OF SOVIET ATTACK*

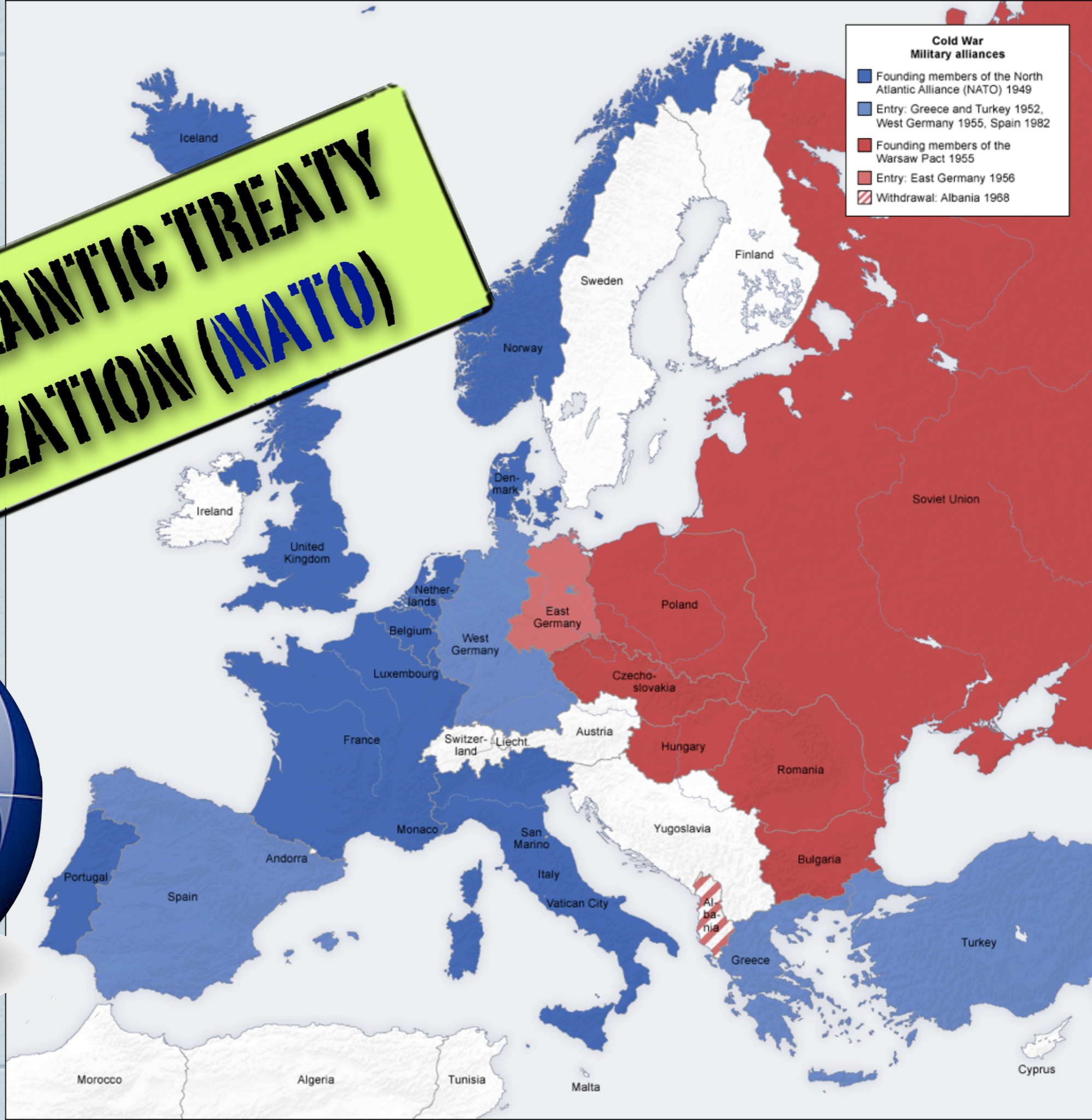


# NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION (NATO)



**Cold War Military alliances**

- Founding members of the North Atlantic Alliance (NATO) 1949
- Entry: Greece and Turkey 1952, West Germany 1955, Spain 1982
- Founding members of the Warsaw Pact 1955
- Entry: East Germany 1956
- ▨ Withdrawal: Albania 1968



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