

List all the reasons you can think of as to why the U.S. and Soviet Union would be enemies after WWII

End of WWII

- Things were bad for Europe.
- Germany had taken over most of Europe, and so many countries were destroyed.



End of WWII: Europe

- The Soviets will push Germany in from the East, and the U.S. and British forces will push in from the West.



End of WWII: Europe

- In April 1945, Adolf Hitler committed suicide in a bunker during the Battle for Berlin.



End of WWII: V-E Day

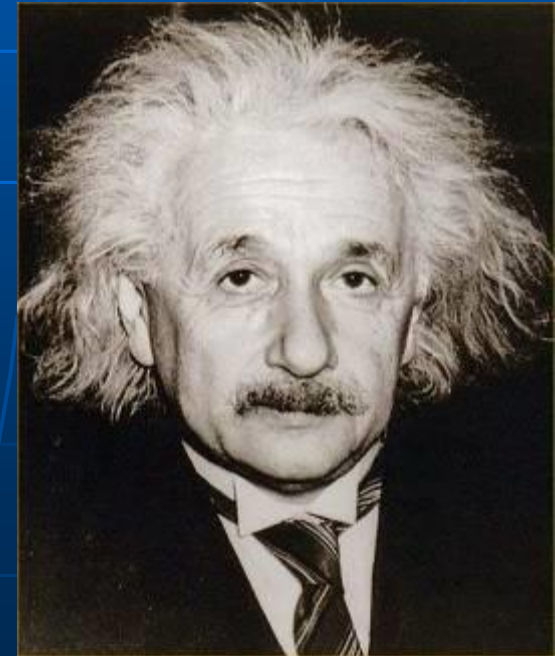
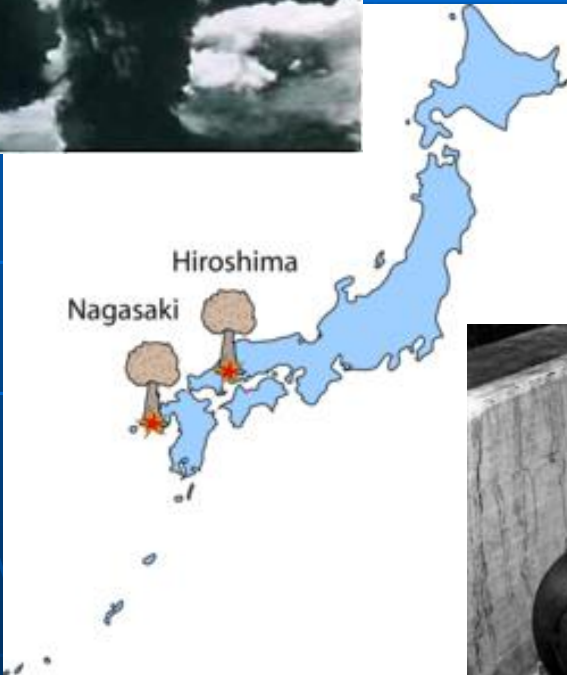
- **V-E Day (Victory in Europe day) was May 7 and 8 1945.**
- **The War in Europe was officially over.**



End of WWII: Nuclear War



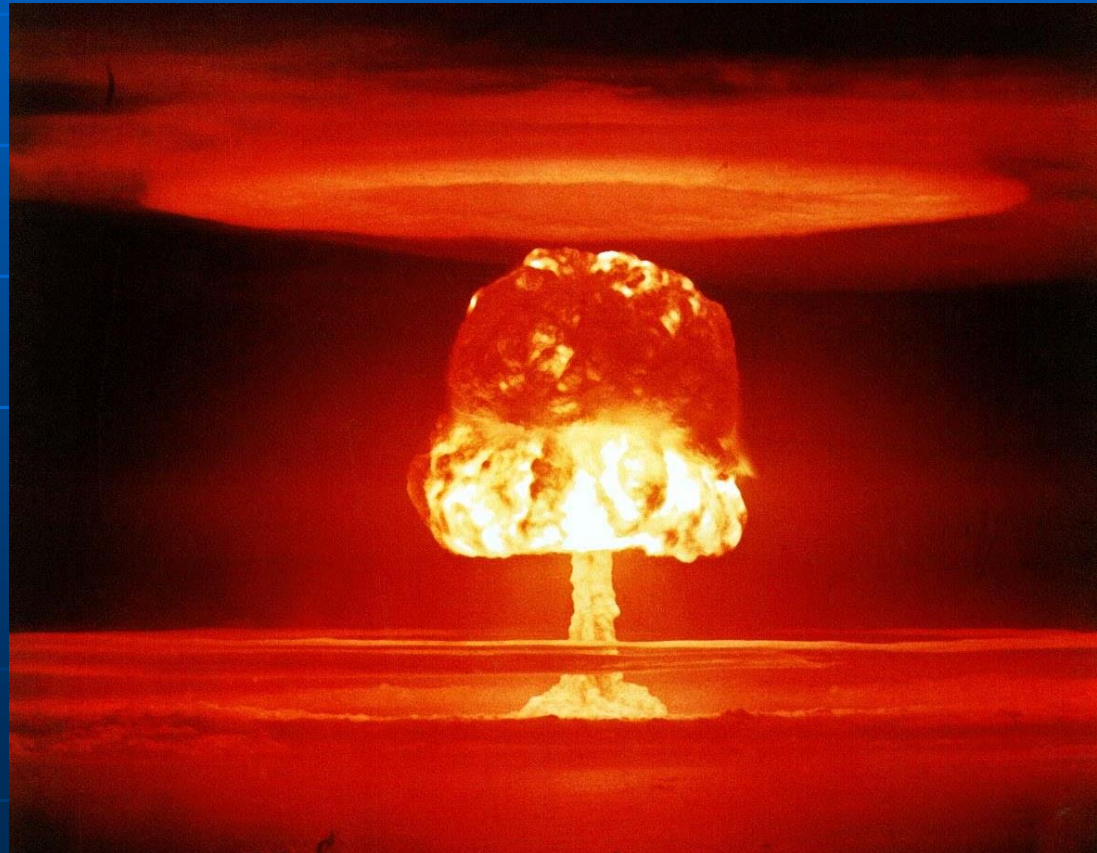
- **New technology will be used by the U.S.A. as a show of force to end the war with Japan in the Pacific.**



End of WWII: Nuclear War

- In order to bring the war to an end quickly, President Truman, decided that the use of nuclear weapons was necessary.

“We call upon the government of Japan to proclaim now the unconditional surrender of all Japanese armed forces”



End of WWII: Hiroshima

Hiroshima Model Before Bombing



Hiroshima Model After Bombing



End of WWII: Hiroshima



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The ruins of Hiroshima smolder one day after the atomic bomb called “Little Boy” was dropped on August 6, 1945.

End of WWII: Hiroshima

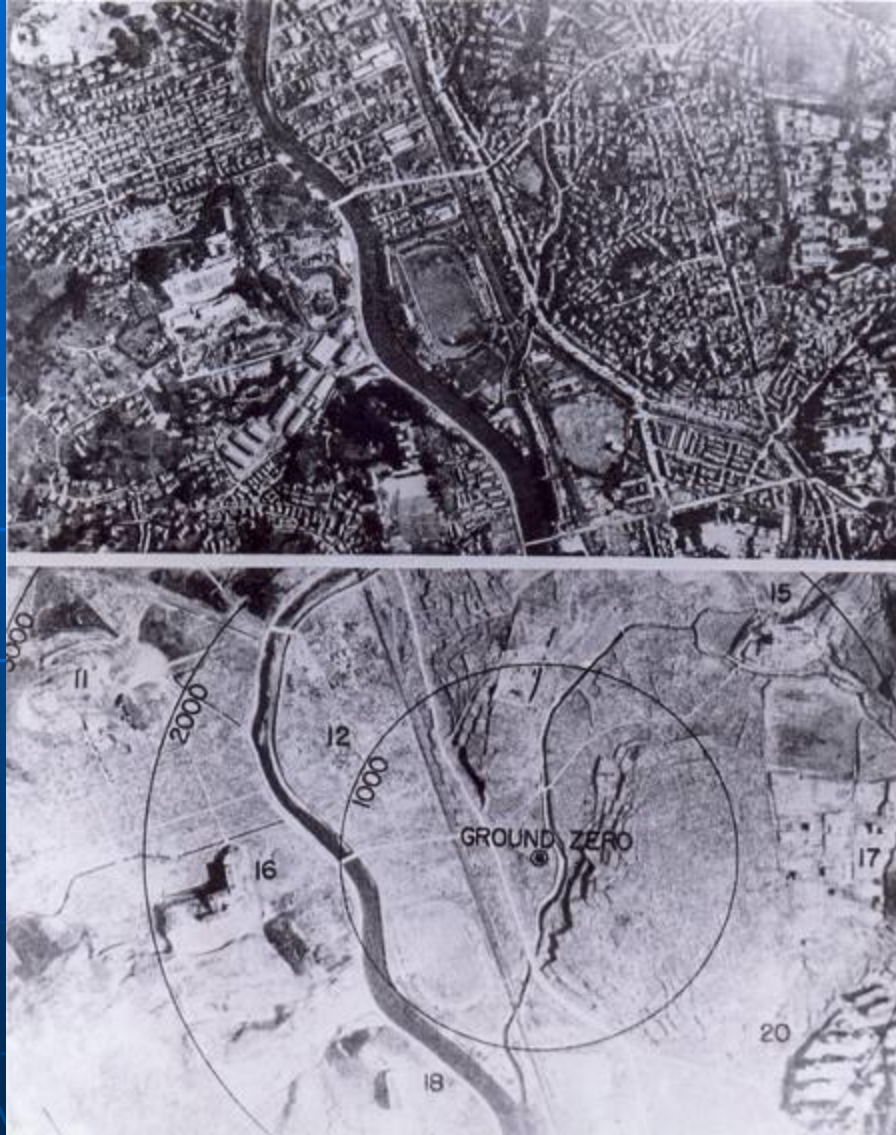


End of WWII: Nagasaki



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End of WWII: Nagasaki



End of WWII: The Rise of Superpowers

- **At the end of the war, there were two clear Superpowers: The U.S. and the Soviet Union (U.S.S.R.).**
- A superpower is a country that has the highest level of influence on world politics and has the most military power.



U.S and Soviet Union Allies?

Although the USA and Soviet Union were friends during WWII, after the war they are enemies.



Why did they hate each other?

- Ideology (communism v. Democracy)
- Distrust of one another
- Different Goals
 - U.S. wanted to spread freedom
 - Soviet Union wanted to spread Communism
- Truman doctrine
 - "support free people against communism"



End of WWII: A Divided Germany

- At the end of the war it was **difficult to decide what to do with Germany. U.S and Soviets fighting over it**



Divided Germany

- So the Allies decide to divide Germany into two parts
 - Eastern Germany = Communist controlled by Soviet Union
 - Western Germany = Democracy controlled by U.S.



End of WWII: East & West Berlin

- **Berlin was also split into East and West**



End of WWII: East & West Germany

Yellow =
Western
Germany
(Free)



Green = East
Germany
(Communist)

Cold War: Politics

- **West Germany and West Berlin = Democracy**
- **East Germany and East Berlin = Communist**

End of WWII: Beginnings of the Cold War

- After World War II the Cold War began.



Cold War

- **The Cold War was a political and military rivalry between the U.S. and the Soviet Union because of their different ideas. It lasted from 1945-1991**

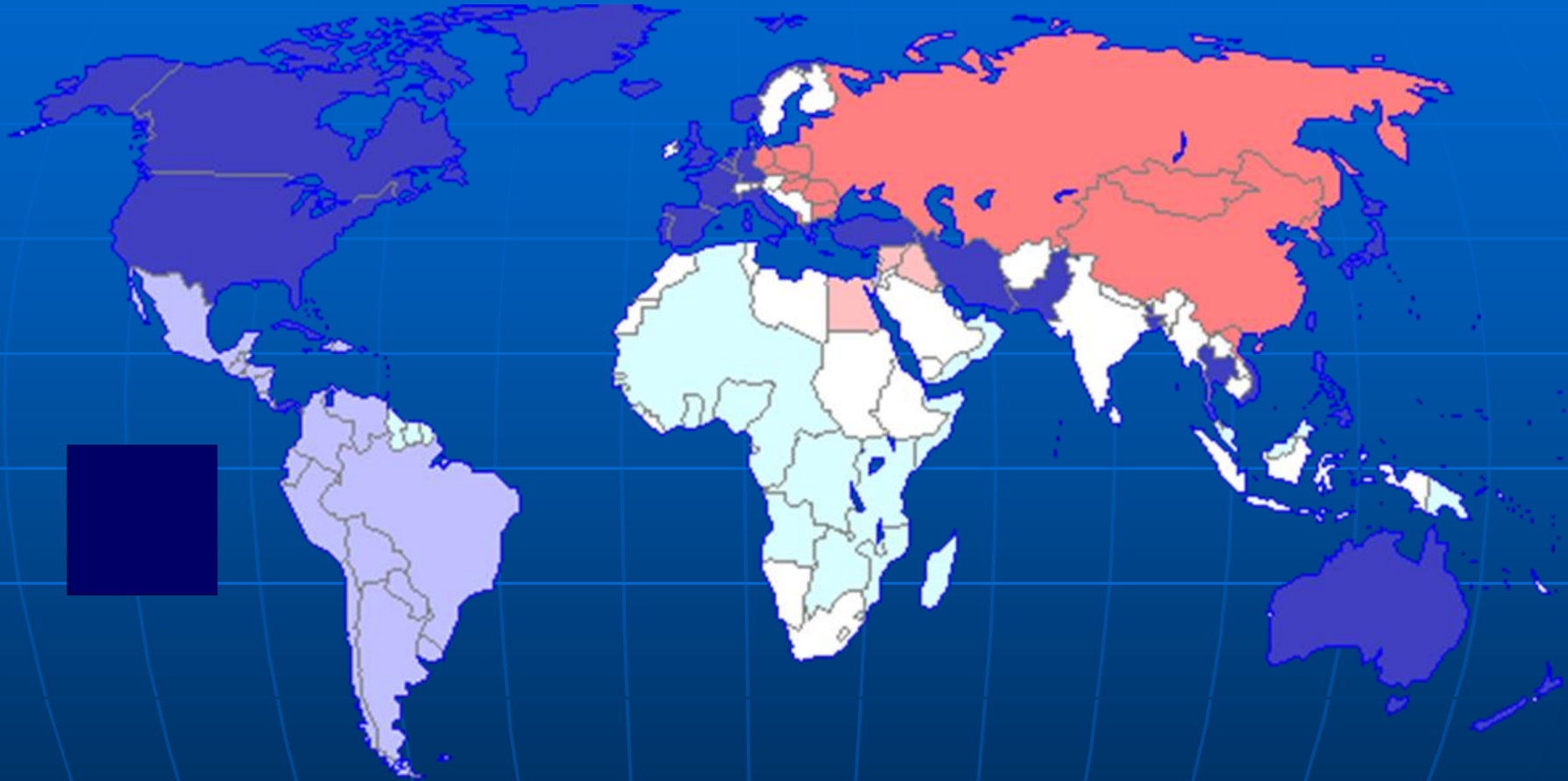


Cold War

- The rest of the world took sides
- There became a clear division between the countries supported by the U.S, and those supported by the Soviet Union.



Cold War: The World Takes Sides



NATO: Free Countries
that Ally against the
Soviets Union

Warsaw Pact: Communist
alliance against the
U.S./NATO

The Berlin Blockade

- On June 23, 1948, a message from a Soviet news agency was sent to a newspaper in Berlin. It read: *"The Soviet administration is compelled to halt all traffic to and from Berlin tomorrow at 0600 hours because of technical difficulties."*
 - These technical difficulties closed the roads and canals.
 - Berlin had only enough food and supplies to last for 6 weeks
- **WHY WOULD STALIN DO THIS?**
 - The goal was to get the allies to surrender Berlin
 - **WHY WOULD THE U.S. NOT SURRENDER?**

What was the Berlin Blockade?

- The Berlin Blockade was when the Soviet Union blocked off supplies from Western Germany to Western Berlin.

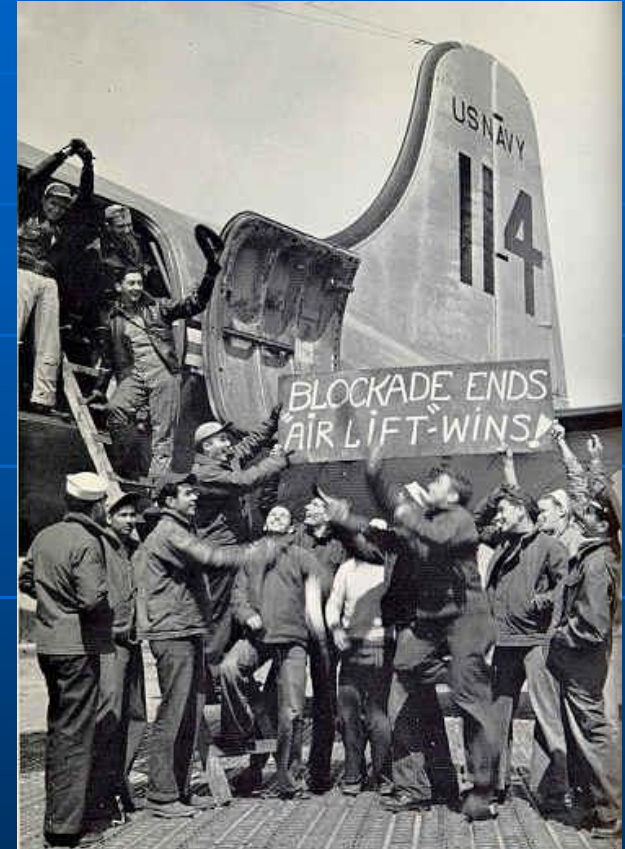


The Berlin Airlift

- British and American forces organized a 24 hour-a-day airlift into the city providing food, supplies and other goods
- Britain also stationed B-29 planes with atomic bomb capability within short distance of Berlin to ward off ideas of shooting down British and American airlift planes
- On May 12, 1949, the blockade was lifted

Berlin Airlift

- The major problem of the other three countries was during the winter, since they needed an enormous amount of coal.
- The Berlin Blockade was ineffective, and also it contributed to the conflict in between the US and the USSR.





"YUP SONNY, AN THEM THAR LAST TWO I GOT FOR THE AIRLIFT BACK IN 1948-!!"



BRITISH AND
AMERICAN FOOD
FOR STARVING HOLLAND

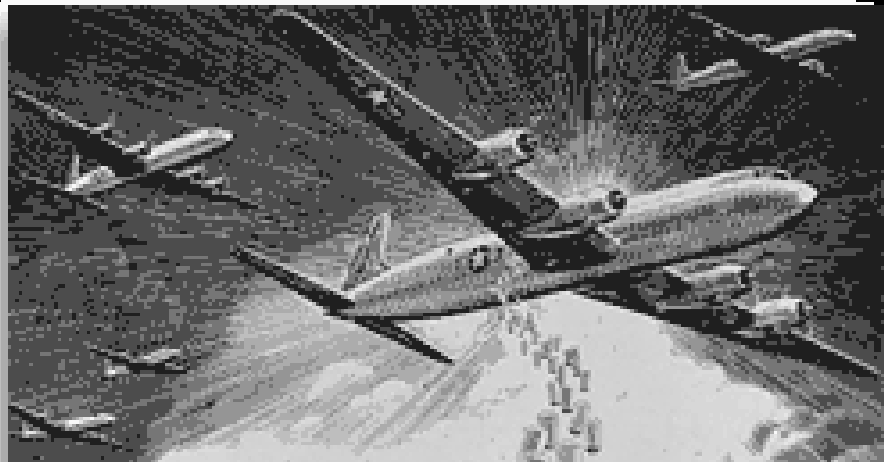
Voedselbombardement

Schiphol -



Thank
you,
America!

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MILK...new weapon of Democracy!



Supplied by air transport alone, 2½ million Berliners sample a new way of life

• In today's diplomatic battle for Berlin, hope for democracy is being kept alive for millions in Western Europe by the U. S. Air Force.

Flying Douglas aircraft almost exclusively, Yankee crews have poured over half a million tons of supplies into Berlin since last June. This impressive feat has remained the best one achieved in air transport. It has shown why cargo planes in sufficient numbers must be considered essential to any modern military defense program.

Speedy and dependable are larger, faster types of aircraft designed exclusively for air transport. And to meet this need, Douglas is now building the giant Douglas DC-6A. Able to fly 30,000 lb. loads at 200 mph, the DC-6A will make available to the military services a cargo transport of rugged dependability, capable of supplying vital needs in any kind of national emergency.

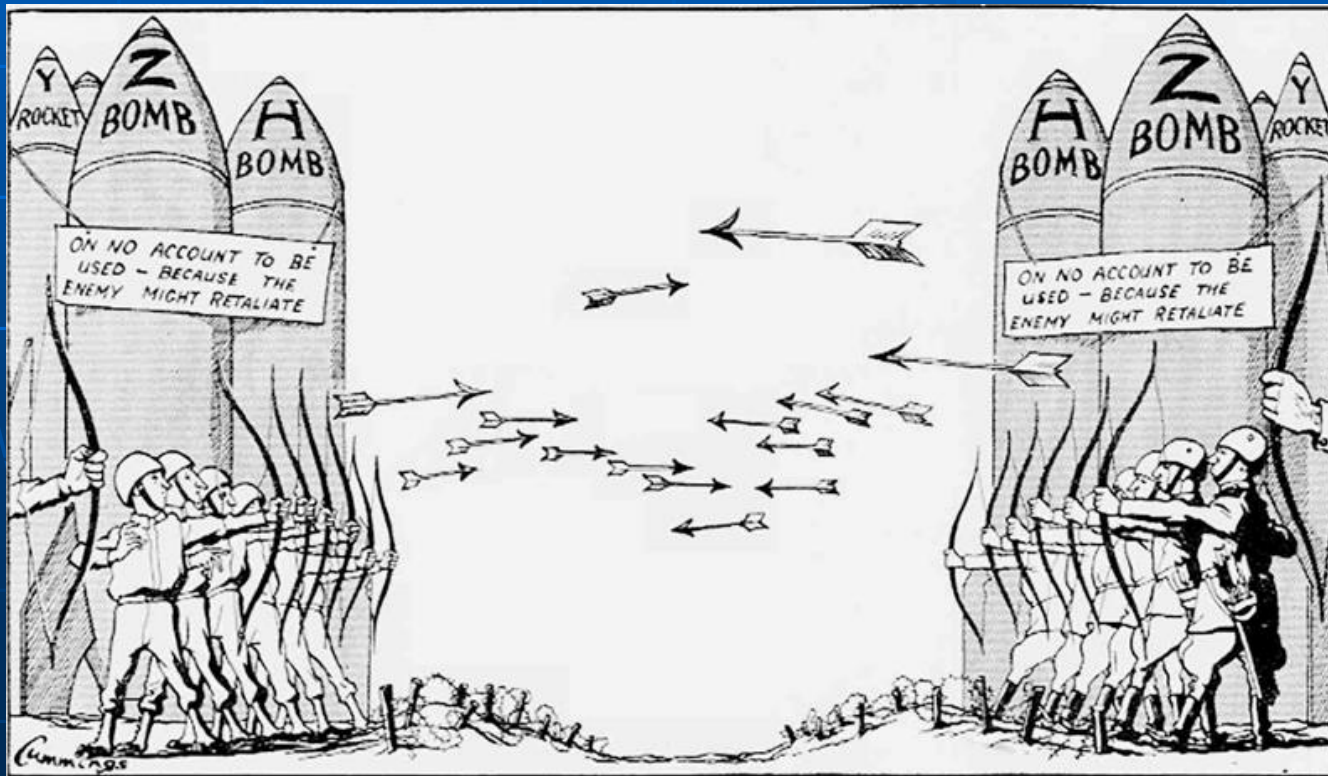


► SERVING HUMANITY AROUND THE WORLD

DOUGLAS AIRCRAFT COMPANY, INC.

Douglas Aircraft: pioneer bearing the Berlin Airlift

- In the 1950s the Soviets also developed an atomic bomb.
- Now the two world superpowers both had nuclear weapons.
- MAD Theory – Mutually Assured Destruction



The Space Race

- The Space race is race between the U.S. and Soviet Union to develop the best rocket and missile technology.
- Why?
 - To have the best Tech.
 - Look the strongest



Cold War: Politics

- Communism = an system where the government makes all the decisions about business, and people have very little freedom
- Capitalism = economic system in which individuals have freedom to chose what to do with business and money
- Democracy = a form of government in which the people control the government by voting.

Cold War: “Proxy Wars”

- During the Cold War the U.S.A. and the U.S.S.R. never fought each other, there were several “almost” events between the two.
- The two nations avoided fighting directly and encouraged other nations to fight each other instead such as
 - Korean War
 - Vietnam War

The Berlin Problem

- People passed from East to West Berlin daily for work and pleasure
- Some left the east never to return
- 4 million citizens fled from East Germany



Cold War: The Berlin Wall

- In 1961 the Soviets built the Berlin wall to divide East Berlin from West Berlin.
- Anyone who tried to cross the wall would be shot.

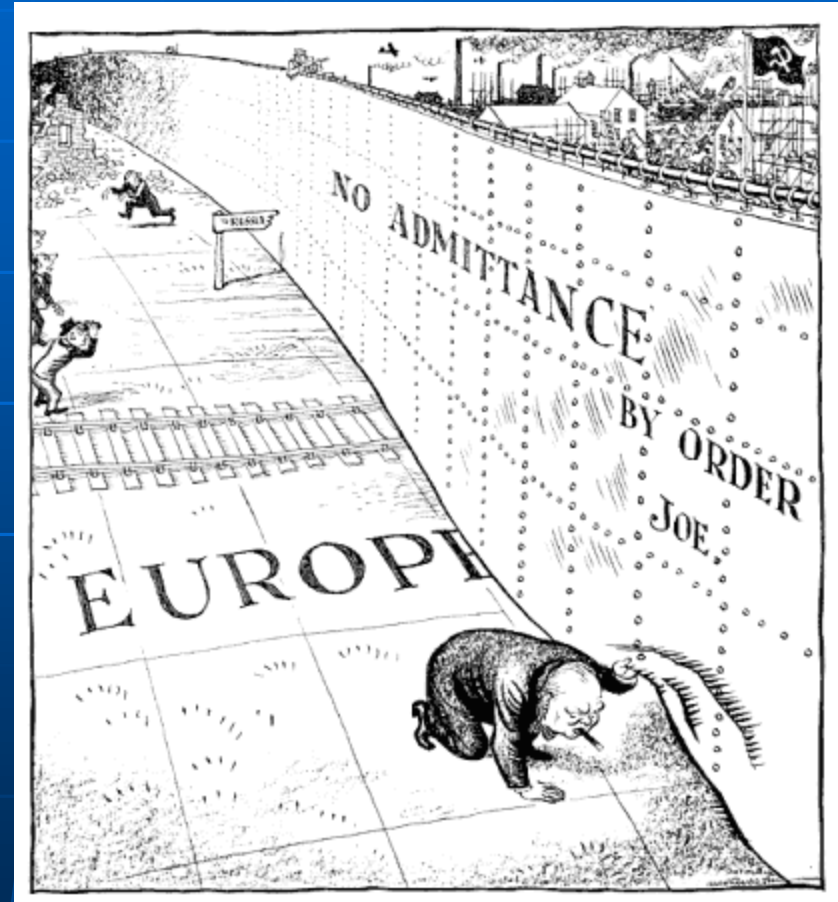


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- The Berlin Wall became the symbol for the “Iron Curtain.”
- The “Iron Curtain” is the term for the imaginary border between the communist nations and the free world.



Cold War: And the Wall Comes Tumbling Down

- President Ronald Reagan and U.S.S.R. Premier began to have communications in the 1980s.
- This relationship sped up the fall of communism and the end of the Cold War

Cold War: And the Wall Comes Tumbling Down

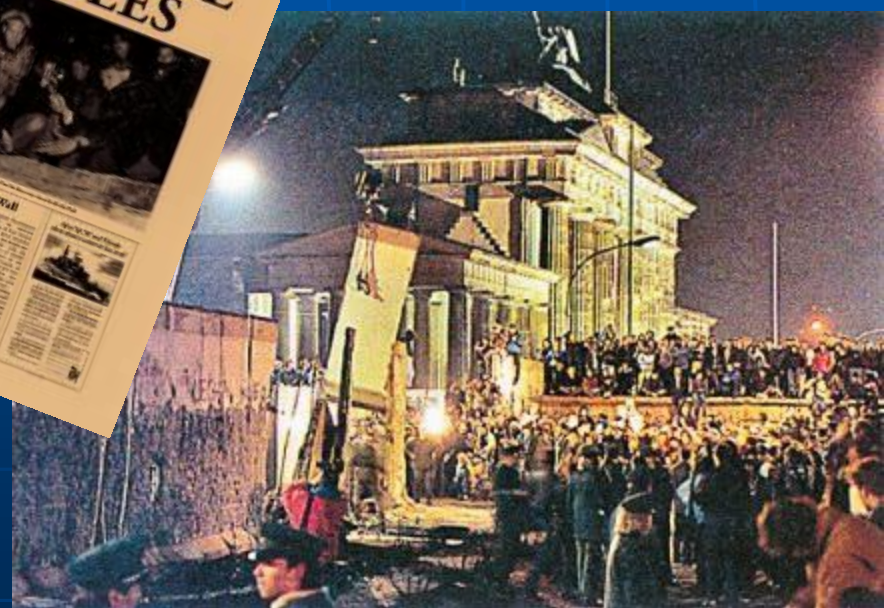


Cold War: And the Wall Comes Tumbling Down

- Communism was falling apart
- The fall of the Berlin Wall in August of 1989 became the symbol of the fall of communism in Europe and the end of the Cold War.



Cold War: And the Wall Comes Tumbling Down



Cold War: And the Wall Comes Tumbling Down

- **The fall of the Berlin Wall was the start of the unification of Germany.**
- **In the modern world Germany is one nation and has a free democracy.**

Why did the Soviets lose?

- Economic Problems
- Nationalism (Groups wanted independence)
- “Glasnost” – The Soviet Union began to give people a little more freedom
- Strength of the West (U.S./ Democracy)

THE COLD WAR

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VS



- *Competition for world dominance and global power.*
- Fought on political and economic fronts rather than on military battlefields
- *Defined America's foreign policy from 1946 to 1989.*
- It affected how Americans viewed the world and themselves.
- *Constant state of military preparedness and arms race*
- *US policy: Support nations threatened by Communism*
- War of Ideas----Democracy vs Communism

