

A large, bright nuclear explosion with a massive white and yellow mushroom cloud rising from a base of fire and smoke. The background is a deep red, and the entire scene is framed by a dark red border.

The Cold War

1945-1990

Origins

- 1. Broken promises
at Yalta**
- 2. Satellites in E.
Europe**
- 3. Division of
Germany**
- 4. Churchill's "Iron
Curtain" speech**



1945-1952

Truman Years

Postwar Division of Germany 1945



**Allies agreed
at Yalta
Conference to
share control
of Post war
Germany**

 *The Division of Germany. Germany was divided into four zones by the victors at the end of World War II. Berlin was in the heart of the Soviet zone, East Germany, and the city itself was divided between East and West sectors.*

UNITED NATIONS, 1945



General Assembly
(Representatives of all
member nations:
1 nation = 1 vote)

Security Council
(15 rotating members,
5 permanent: US,
Great Britain, USSR,
France, China)

Ideological Differences

Democracy

vs.

Communism

Individual

Political

State

Market

(European Common
Market)

Economic

Command
(Comecon)

Free Borders

(+ Allies =
NATO, 1949)

**Foreign
Policy**

“Iron Curtain”
(+ Satellites =
Warsaw Pact, 1955)

“Containment”

Policies

“Domination”



1947



National Security Act created:

- **Department of Defense**
- **National Security Council**
- **Central Intelligence Agency**

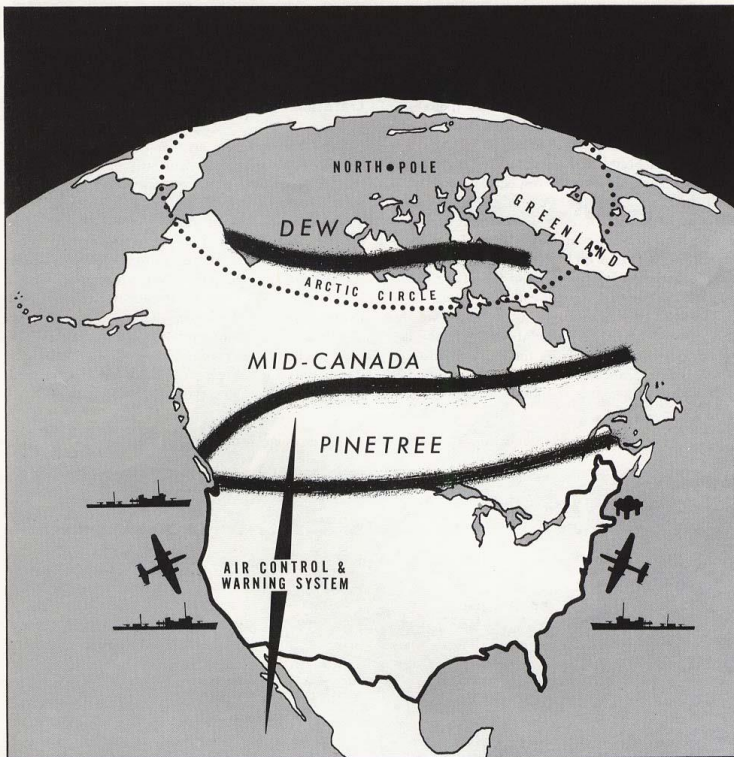
A New Foreign Policy....

Truman Doctrine

(1947): Aid European countries committed to democracy



DEW Line (1947): Early Distant Warning Line (radar missile warning)



Containment....

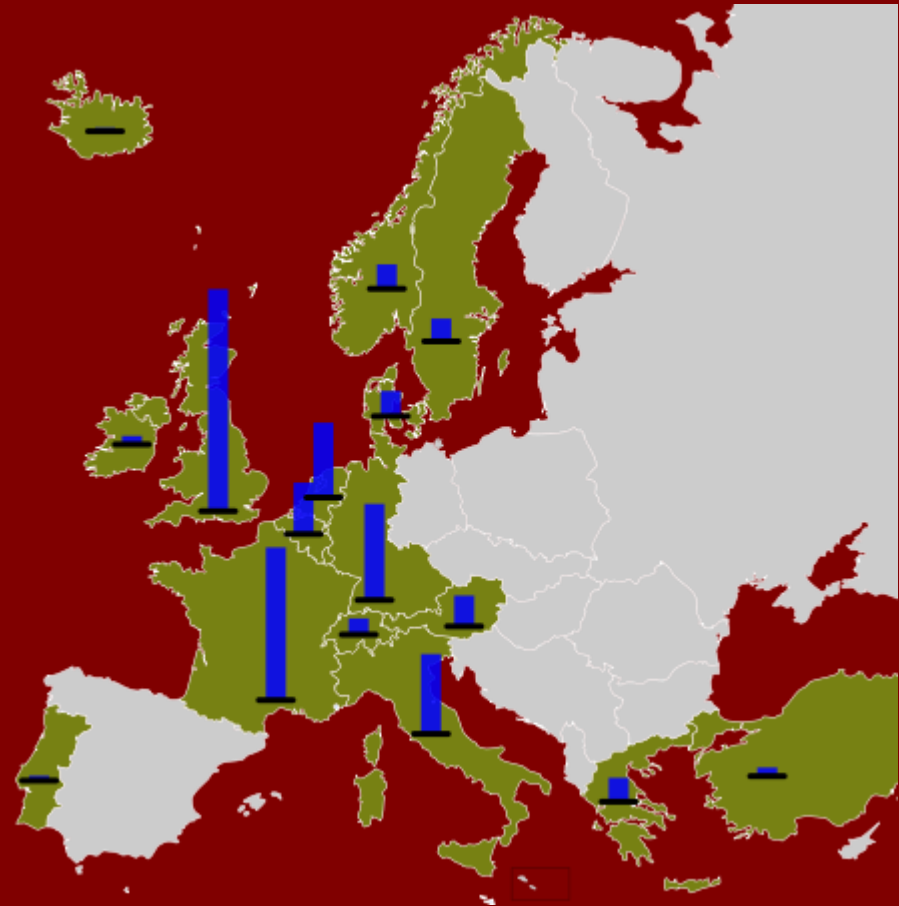
Greece and Turkey





Marshall Plan (European Economic Recovery) 1947-1951

- **George C. Marshall**
- **\$13 billion in aid to 17 countries**
- **Soviet Union + E. Bloc declined = **Comecon** (Council for Mutual Economic Assistance)**



- June 1948 (Stalin blockades W. Berlin)-May 1949
- US-GB fly **277,000** sorties (food, coal, medical supplies, equipment)
- Gen. Lucius Clay



Berlin Airlift





Operation Vittles

2.3 million tons of
relief supplies for
2.5 million
residents



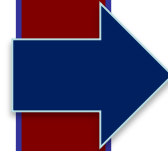
Results of Berlin Airlift

- Stabilized relations between Germany and the West
- Stalin called off blockade
- Establishment of a divided Germany
 - Federal Republic of Germany (West)
 - German Democratic Republic (East/GDR)



Shift in Policy

- **1948 U.S. established permanent peacetime draft**
- **1948 NSC-68 Report released after fall of China to Communism & beginnings of Korean War = *military containment***



- **Loss of China & N. Korea to Communism leads to questions about Truman's type of "containment" (Dem's loose favor in 1952 election)**

Alger Hiss Incident

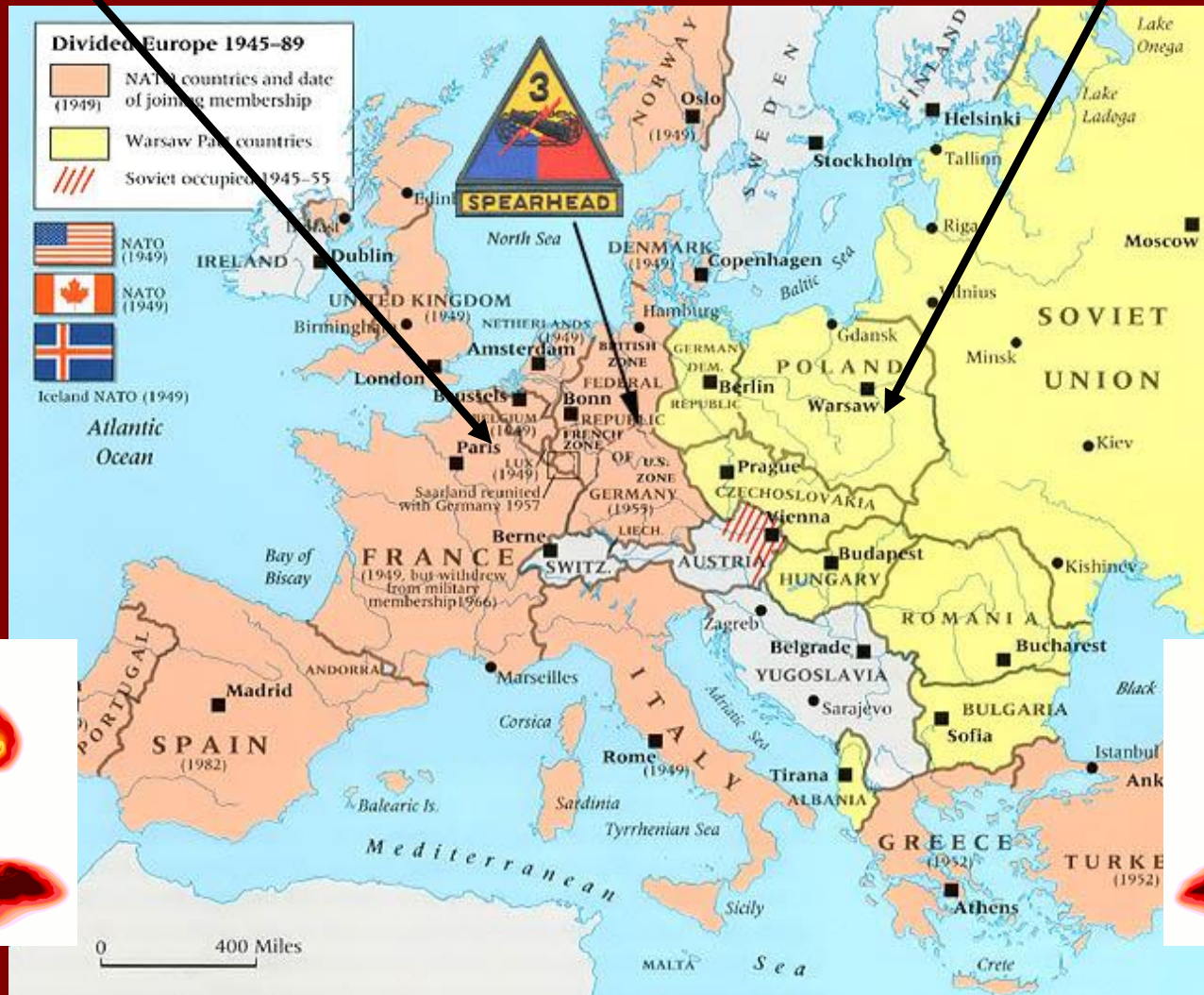
- **House on Un-American Activities (HUAC) reinstated in 1948**
- **Accused by gov't (prosecutor = Richard Nixon) of being Communist**
- **Whittaker Chambers testified against Hiss**



NATO (No. Atlantic Treaty Org.)-Warsaw Pact

1949

1955



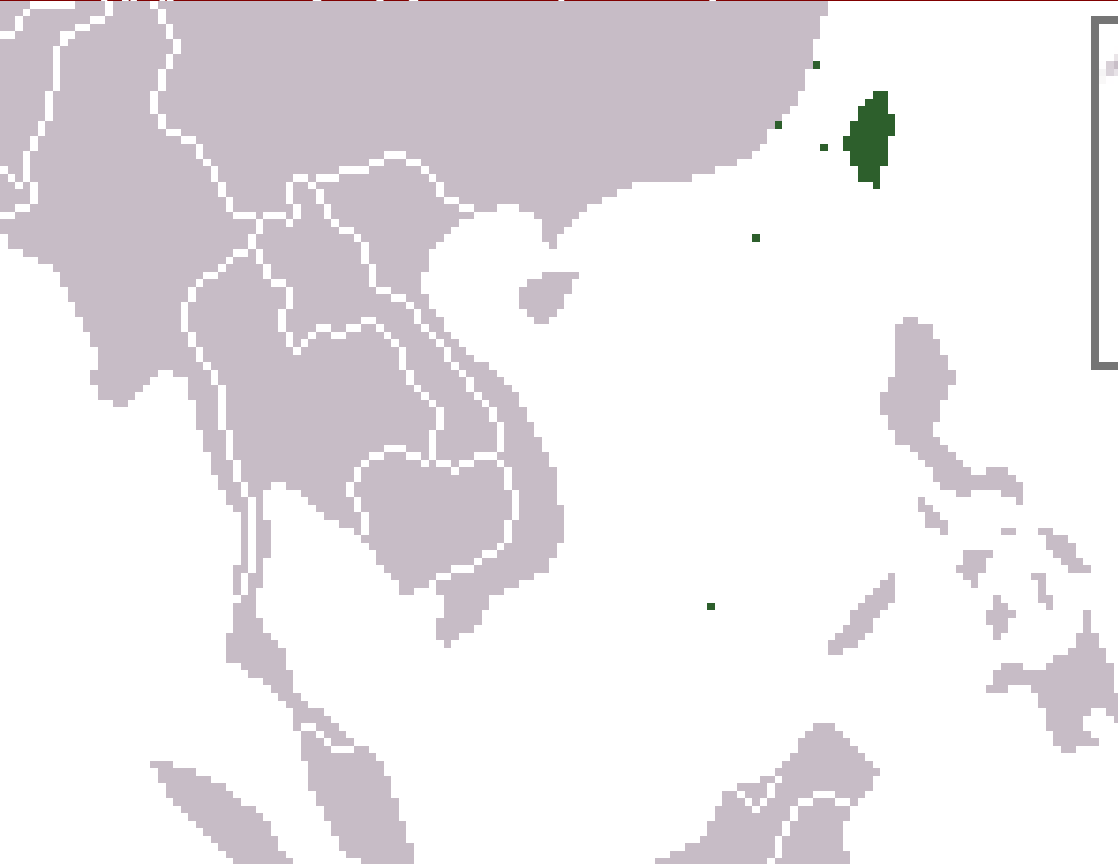
**Soviets have
the bomb.....
“Joe-1”
and we are
caught by
surprise.....**



China goes Communist 1949



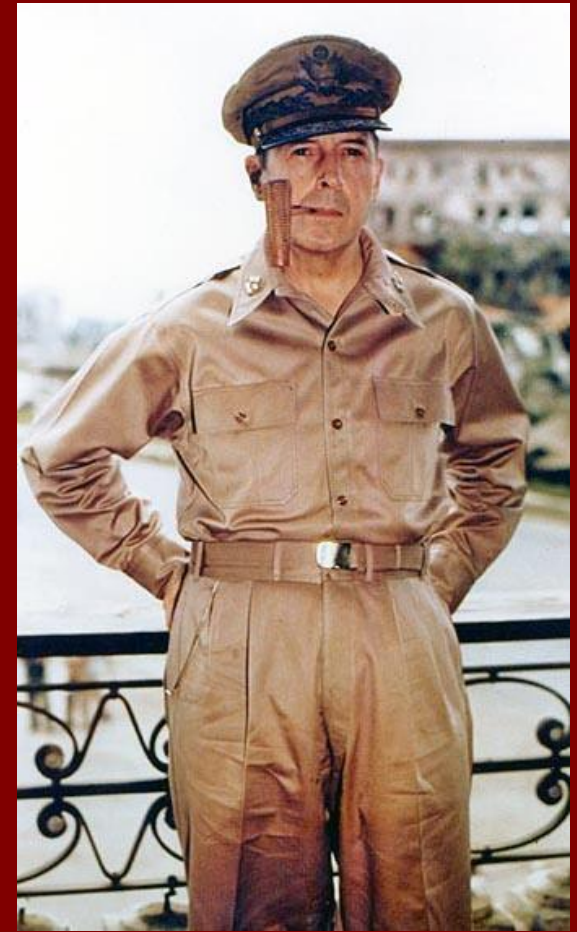
- Struggle b/w Communists
(Mao Zedong) and Nationalists



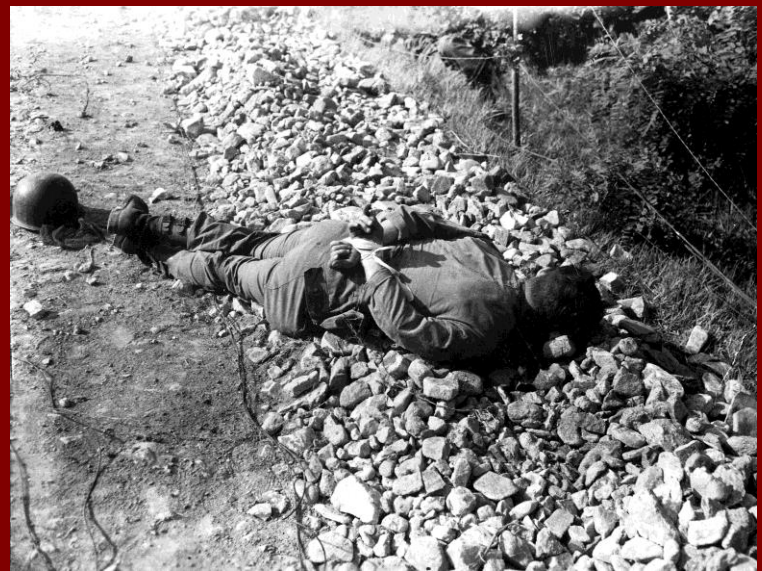
Korean War



- **On June 25, North Korean communist forces cross the 38th parallel and invade South Korea.**
- **On June 27, Truman orders U.S. forces to assist the South Koreans**
- **The U.N. Security Council condemns the invasion and est'd a 15-nation fighting force.**
- **Chinese troops enter the conflict by year's end.**
- **Cease fire eventually brings war to close by 1953**
- **Douglas MacArthur fired in dispute with Truman over the use of nukes**
- **Replaced with Gen. Matthew B. Ridgeway**



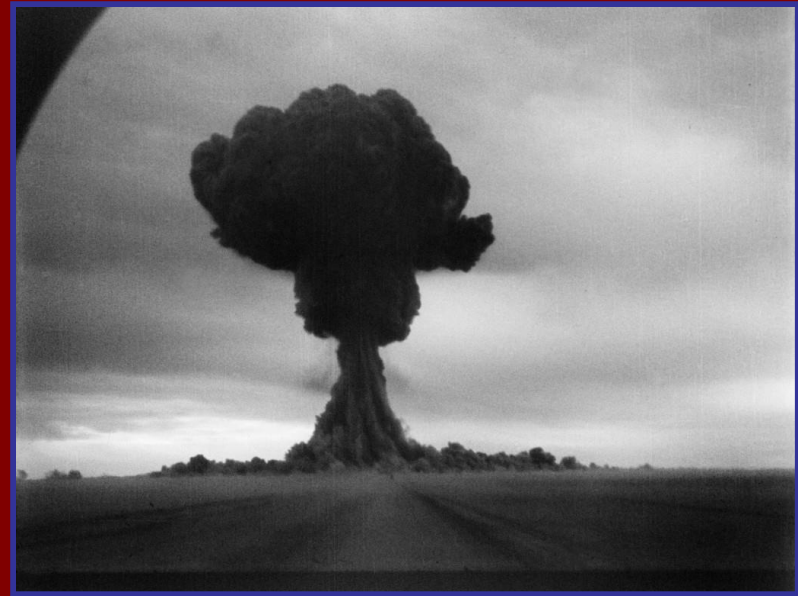
**52,000 Americans
died in 18 months of
fighting!**





The Arms Race

- 1945 US exploded 1st nuclear weapon
- 1949 USSR exploded 1st nuke: “Joe I”
- 1953 Julius & Ethel Rosenberg executed for giving secret of missile delivery system to USSR in 1944





1952-1960

Eisenhower Years

1953 Joseph

- Succeeded by Premier Nikita Khrushchev
- 1953-1964



1955 John Foster Dulles (US Secretary of State) announces new nuclear policies.....

- Began race to close “missile gap”
- “First Strike”
- “Massive Retaliation”
- MAD: “mutually assured destruction”
- *“Gravel wasn’t good enough, they wanted dust.”*
- Einstein: *“I do not know with what weapons WWIII will be fought, but WWIV will be fought with sticks and stone.”*

NORAD

“Deter, Detect, Defend”



- **North American Aerospace Defense Command)**
- **Cheyenne Mountain, CO (1966)**
- **DEFCON (Defense Condition)**

Defcon 1

Defcon 2

Defcon 3

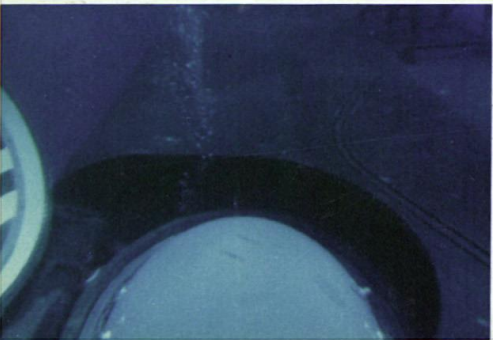
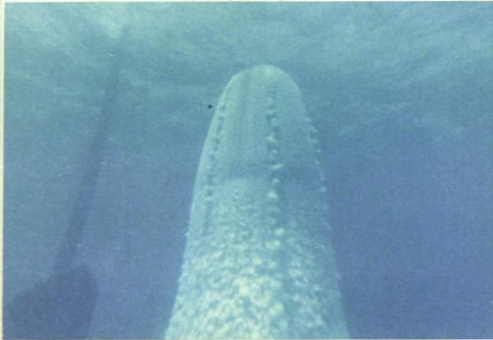
Defcon 4

Defcon 5





SUBM: Sub-launched ballistic missile



TRIDENT I FLIGHT TEST

ICBM:

**Inter-
continental**

**Ballistic
Missile**

Peacekeeper

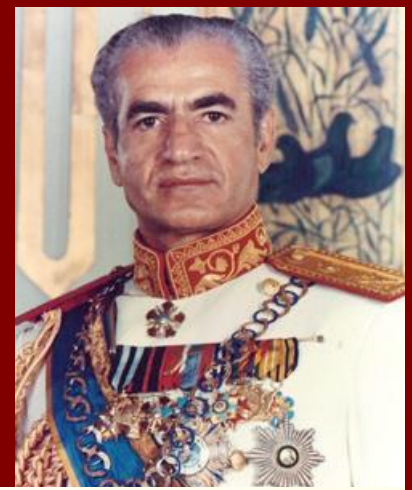


Tomahawk and Trident Missiles



Decolonization

- Shah of Iran 1953
- **CIA-backed coup deposes old regime and puts Shah in power**
- 1954 CIA-backed coup
In Guatemala



Domino Theory

- 1954 Geneva Accords divided Vietnam along 17th parallel (North run by VietMinh, South by Bao Dai with free elections in 1956)
- 1956 no elections (No. crosses parallel, So. asks for help)



Khrushchev 1956

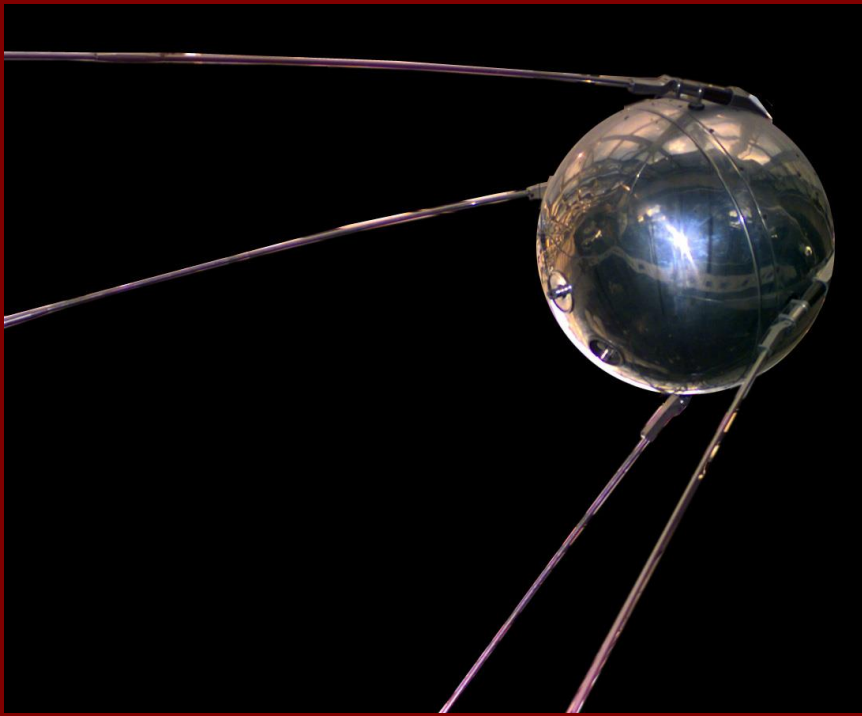
- Makes “secret speech” = Destalinization (Stalin died 1953)
- Calls for “peaceful coexistence”



Khrushchev 1956

- Makes “secret speech” = Destalinization (Stalin died 1953)
- Calls for “peaceful coexistence” but brutally suppresses Hungarian Revolt





**Russians
launch
Sputnik
(1957)**

**U.S. funds
NASA
(1958)**



Cuba falls to Communism

1959

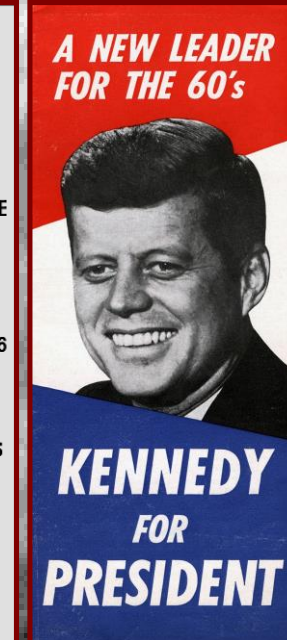
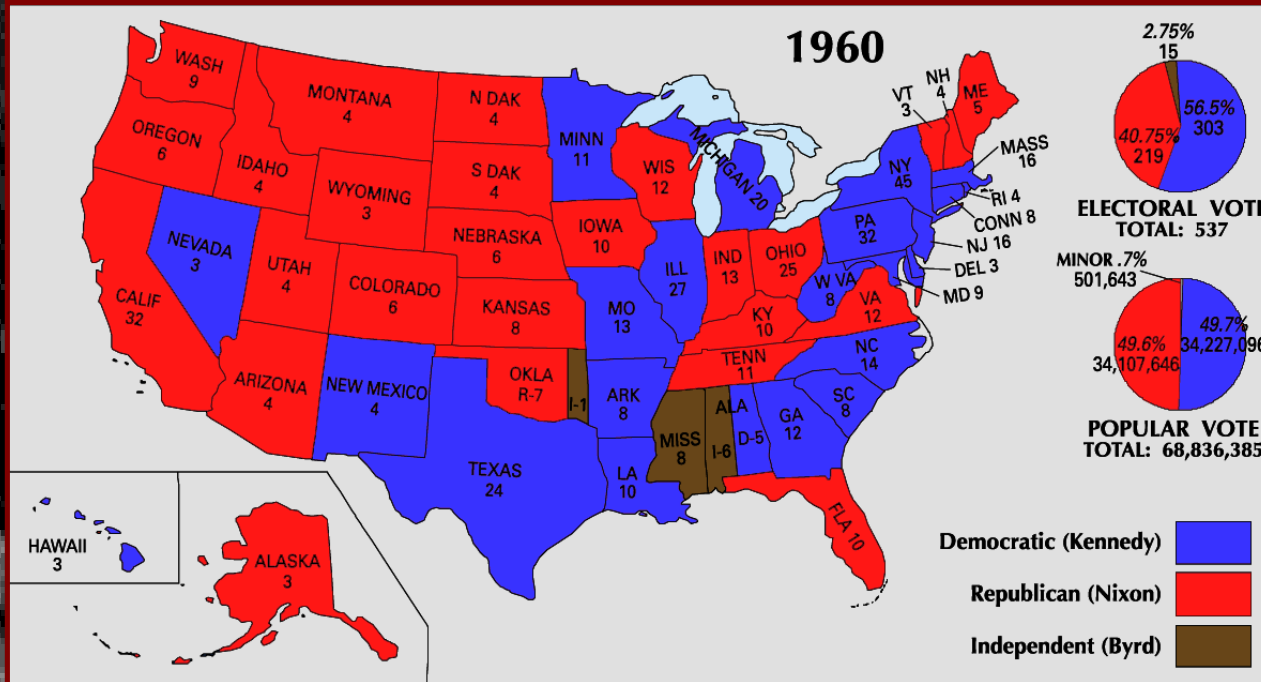
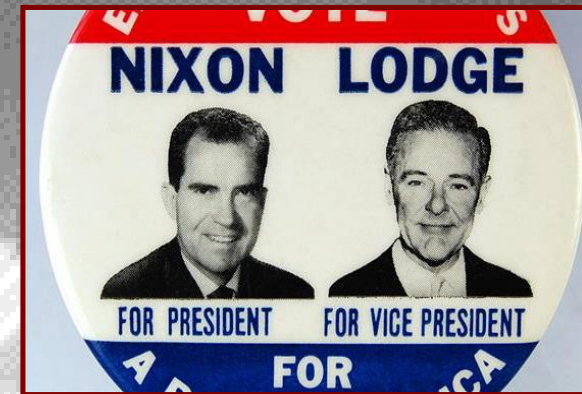
- **January 1, 1959 leftist forces under Fidel Castro overthrow Fulgencio Batista**
- **Castro nationalizes sugar industry and signs trade agreements with the Soviet Union.**
- **1960, Castro seizes U.S. assets on the island.**





The 1960's *Co-existence & Confrontation*

1960 Election



**“Ask not
what your
country
can do for
you, but
what you
can do for
your
country..”**

JFK's Domestic Policy

- The **'New Frontier'**.
- Symbolized the vigor of youth in America.
- The Kennedy's brought style and elegance to the White House.
- JFK wanted to use the power of the federal government to solve the nation's problems.
- JFK would support Medicare, Civil Rights, Education, and the Peace Corps.

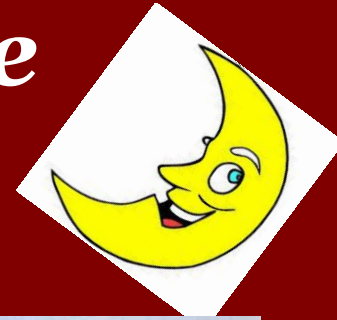
JFK



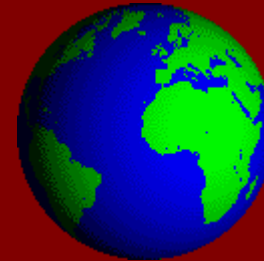
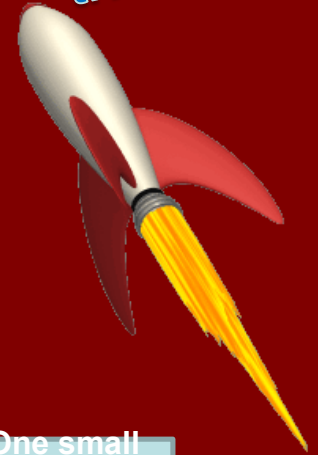
We stand today on the edge of a new frontier - the frontier of the 1960's - a frontier of unknown opportunities and perils - a frontier of unfulfilled hopes and threats.

Kennedy and the Space Race

- In reaction to Sputnik, JFK announced America would put a man on the moon.
- In 1962, **John Glenn** became the first American to orbit the earth.
- In 1969, **Neil Armstrong** and **Buzz Aldrin** would walk on the moon.



"We will put a man on the moon"



"One small step for man, one giant leap for mankind"

"That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind."



JFK, the Space Race, & Technology



- Space exploration = advances in technology that have improved the quality of our lives.
- Satellites = improved TV and radio signals and communications with cellular telephones.
- Satellites = communicate faster, predict the weather and locate places with GPS (Global Positioning Satellite).



U 2 Spy Plane Incident



- May 1, 1960 Francis Gary Powers shot down over Soviet Union

- Eisenhower has to admit U.S. was spying on the Soviets

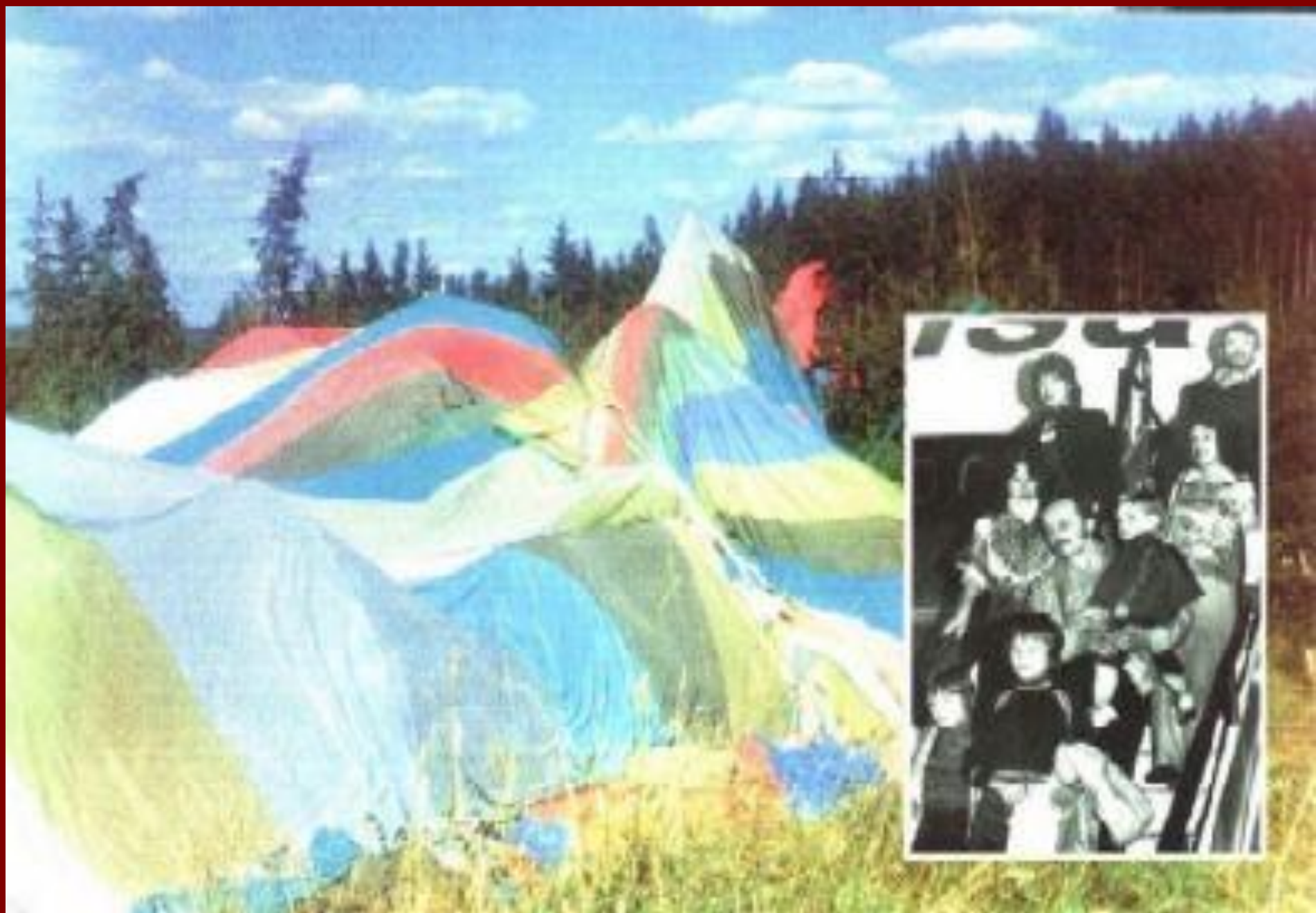


Berlin Wall

- August of 1961
Soviets built 102
mile wall around
West Berlin to
stop refugees
from Eastern Bloc
from leaving Iron
Curtain
- 1200 people died
trying to cross







JFK at the Berlin Wall

*Ich bin ein Berliner
kann Romanus sein
Lust 3 hat Berlin kommen*



*All free men,
wherever they may
live, are citizens of
Berlin, and,
therefore, as a free
man, I take pride in
the words "Ich bin
ein Berliner."*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BZDXN3IVncA>



*“soft” on
Communism*



Cuban Missile Crisis

“13 Days in October”

- **USSR places missiles in Cuba after Bay of Pigs (can't afford ICBM's...need shorter range)**
- **42 MRBM's (300-1200 miles)**
- **24 IRBM's (1200-3500 miles)**
- **24 SAM's (air defense)**
- **Sur-Sur (Frogs) 25 miles**
- **22,000 Soviet soldiers + technicians**



Crisis....



- **Discovered on routine U2 spy mission**
- **10/23: Kennedy addresses public (Defcon 3)**
- **10/25: Fail to contact Soviets at UN (Defcon 2)**
- **10/27: Kennedy gives deadline of 6 pm on 10/28 or First Strike**
- **10/28 at 5:30 pm, Khrushchev pulls missiles out of Cuba**

30 minutes from Nuclear War!

“Eyeball to eyeball and Krushchev blinked!”

American aircraft “escorting” Russian ships from Cuba....



Vietnam War



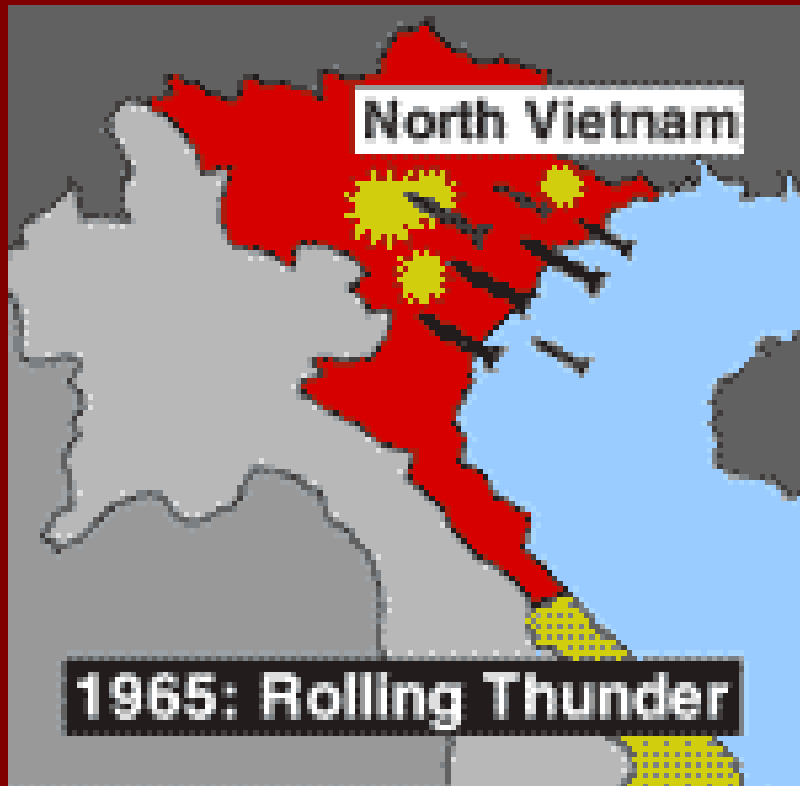
Gulf of Tonkin 1964

- North Vietnamese patrol boats fired on the USS Mattox in the Gulf of Tonkin on August 2.
- August 7, U.S. Congress approves the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution, granting President Johnson authority to send U.S. troops to South Vietnam.



Pres. Lyndon Johnson: “U.S. will take *all necessary measures*”....

Operation Rolling Thunder 1965



Bombing of Hanoi-Haiphong area





TET Offensive 1968

- Viet Cong + North Vietnamese Army strike multiple points over South Vietnam
- January 30, Vietnamese New Year: TET
- Saigon, guerrillas battle Marines at the U.S. Embassy
- In March, Johnson orders halt to U.S. bombing of NV (Operation Linebacker I and II) and offers peace talks

Ho Chi Minh Trail

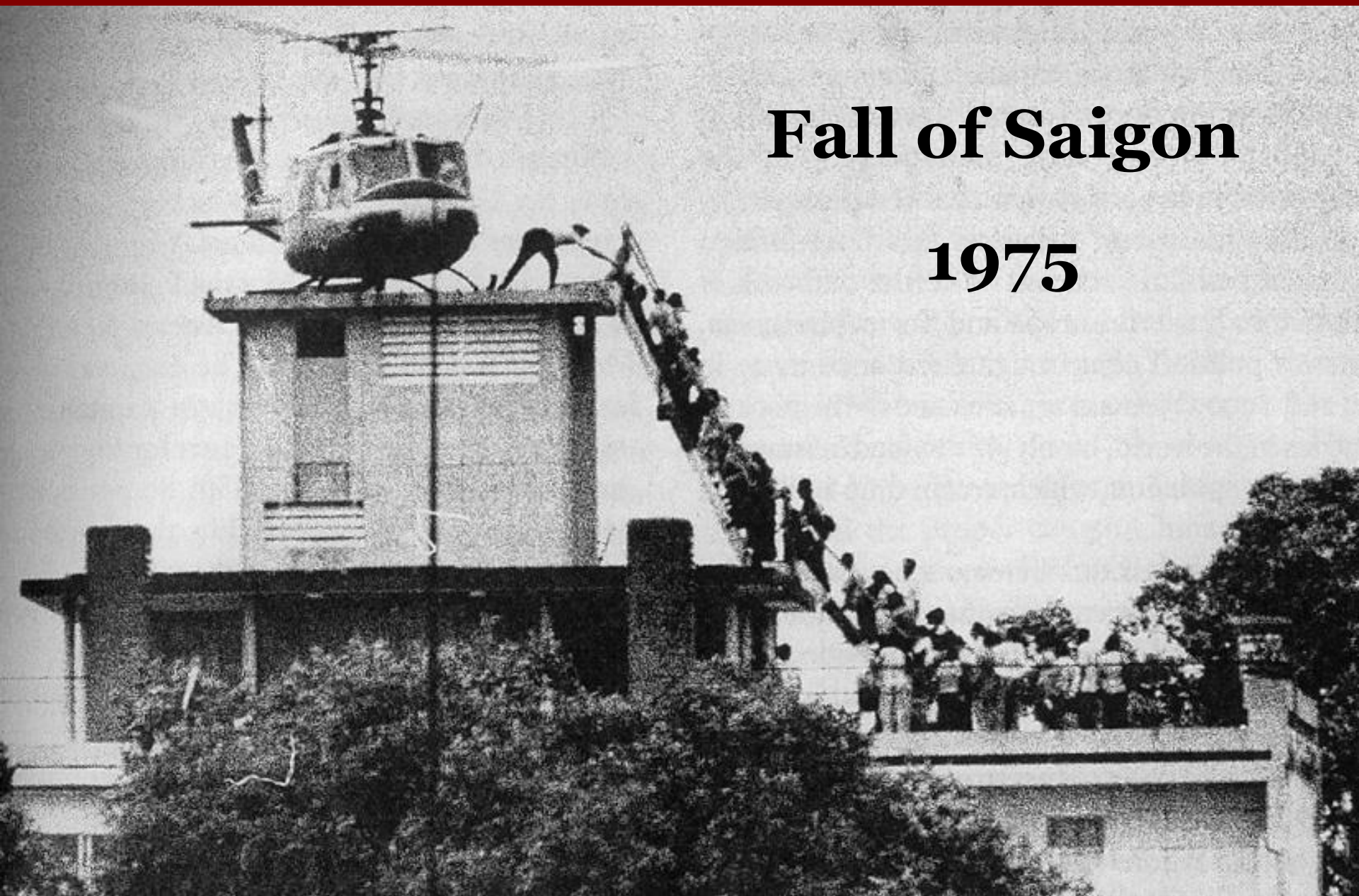


END THE WAR NOW



Fall of Saigon

1975



Remembering Vietnam

**58,000 Americans
dead**

**3 million+
Vietnamese dead**



Cambodia: *The Killing Fields*

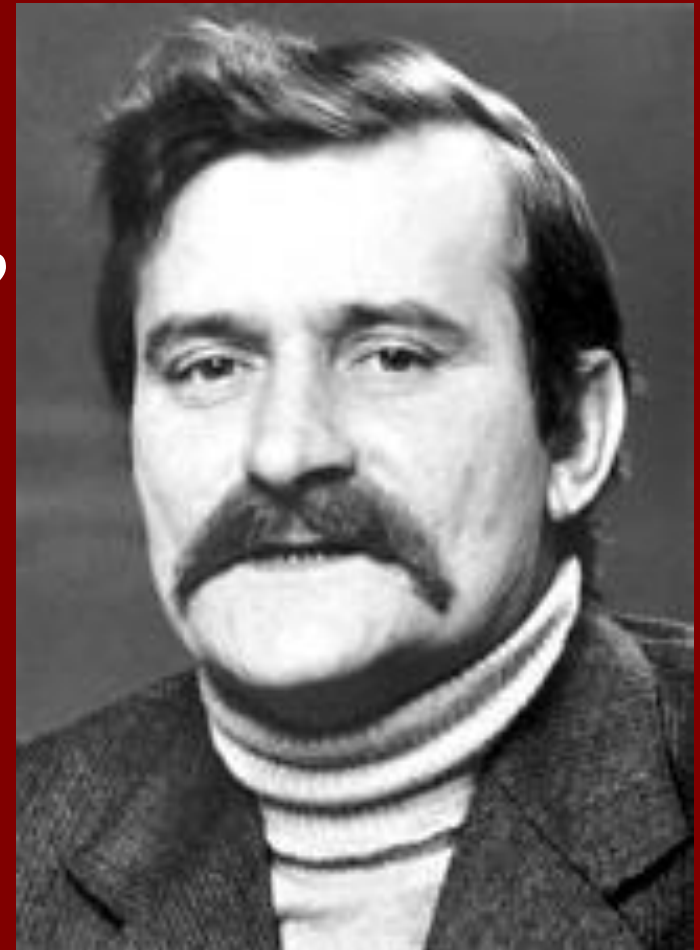
- 1975-1979 Khmer Rouge controlled Cambodia
- Led by Pol Pot
- 3 million died as educated, urban population forced into countryside to work in fields
- 1979 Vietnamese overthrew Pol Pot = became Democratic Kampuchea





Downfall of the Soviet Union

- **1980** Lech Walesa leads strike at shipyard in Gdansk, Poland = “Solidarity”
- Communist gov’t. gave in, recognized right to form union



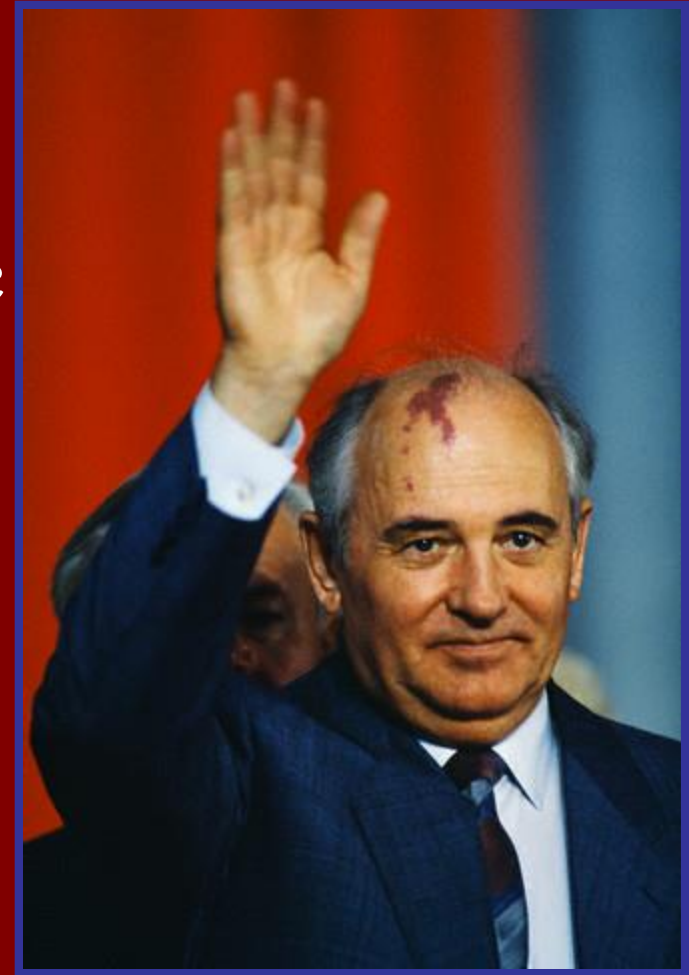
Star Wars

- **1983 Reagan announces Strategic Defense Initiative**
- **Forces USSR to try to outspend US**



1985 Mikail Gorbachev

- Period of reform in USSR:
 - *Perestroika* (*restructuring*) economic reform...relaxed command economy)
 - *Glastnost* (*openness*) allowed more speech, assembly, released some political prisoners)



INF

- *Intermediate Range Nuclear Forces Treaty*
- **Signed by Reagan and Gorbachev Dec. 1987**
- **Mandated removal of more than 2,600 MRBM's from Europe, & eliminated the entire class of Soviet SS-20 and U.S. Cruise and Pershing II missiles.**



Fall of the Berlin Wall

- **1989** Gorbachev announces end of **Breshnev Doctrine** (pledged to use force to keep Iron Curtain intact)
- **Hungary** opened border with Austria (path to escape)
- Soviets withdraw funds for **East Berlin** border police
- Massive demonstrations in **East Berlin and Eastern Europe**



**Peter
Fechter**

Todesopfer
an der Berliner Mauer
1.11. August 1961
bei Alter von 18 Jahren

Geht
an die Berlin Wall
1 August 1961
at the age of 18 years



Portrait of a man, likely a victim of the Berlin Wall, mounted on a memorial cross.



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German Reunification

- 1990 U.S., U.S.S.R., France, Great Britain and E/W Germany agree to end Allied occupation
- On October 3, East and West Germany united as the Federal Republic of Germany.

