

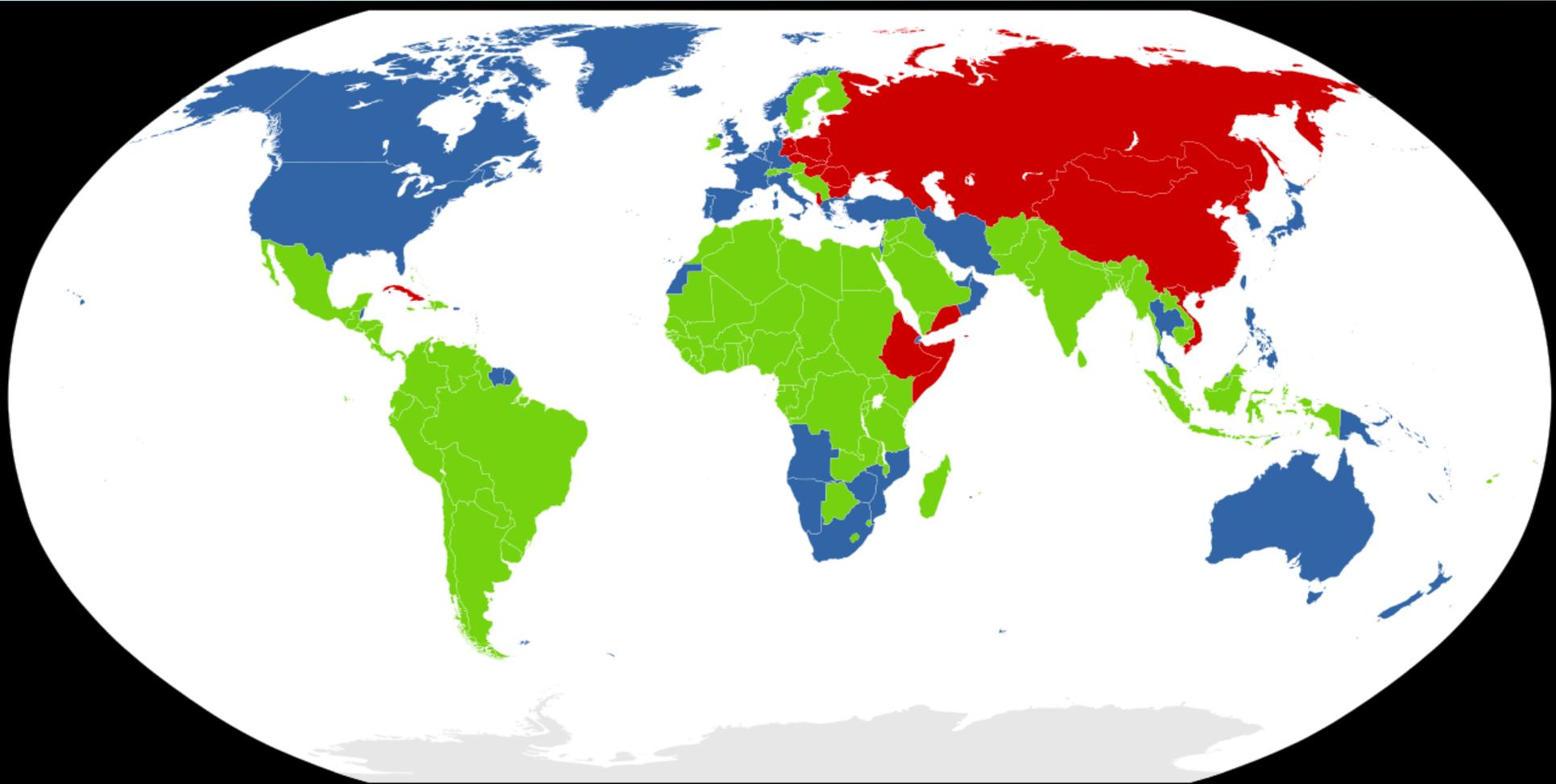
# Impact of WW2

- War Dead
- Eng/France \
- US & USSR
- A-Bomb
- “Final Solution”
- This peace like Treaty of Versailles

# The Cold War: USA VS SOVIET Union 1945-1990

- Or Capitalism vs Communism
- INTRODUCTION
- The Historical Debate
- Who was at fault?





Note there is a 3<sup>rd</sup> Power

# A-Bomb and Existential Threat

- Faulkner's speech –Nobel 1950
- “Our tragedy today is a general and universal fear
- so long sustained by now that we can even bear it.
- There are no longer problems of the spirit.
- There is only the question: when will I be blown up?”

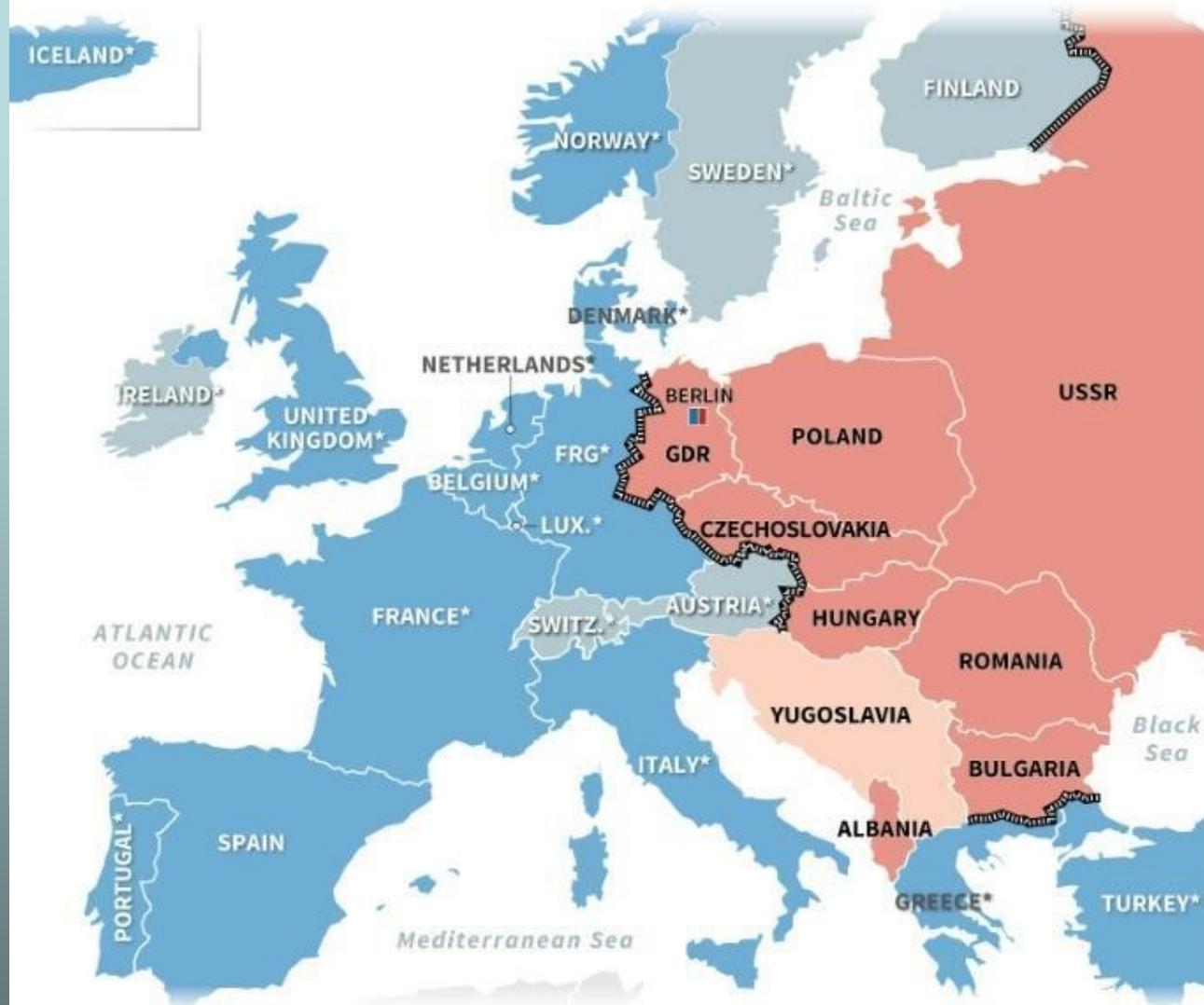
# Cold War Origins-FDR

- Second Front Controversy 1943 no
- Tehran Conference
- Poland
- Yalta
- Stalin wants a Buffer between Him and Germany



# The Iron Curtain

The militarised border that divided Europe from 1952 to 1989



## COMMUNIST BLOC

- Warsaw Pact country
- Socialist but non-aligned

## WESTERN BLOC

- Military pact with US, including NATO
- \* Marshall Plan beneficiary, OEEC member

-  Iron Curtain: concrete, trenches, barbed wire, alarms, watchtowers
-  Berlin: occupied by 4 powers  
Wall built in 1961
- Militarily non-aligned

Sources: AFP, "Histoire du XXe siècle" by S. Bernstein and P. Milza

# Truman 1945-1953

- On his first full day, Truman told reporters: "Boys, if you ever pray, pray for me now. I don't know if you fellas ever had a load of hay fall on you, but when they told me what happened yesterday, I felt like the moon, the stars, and all the planets had fallen on me



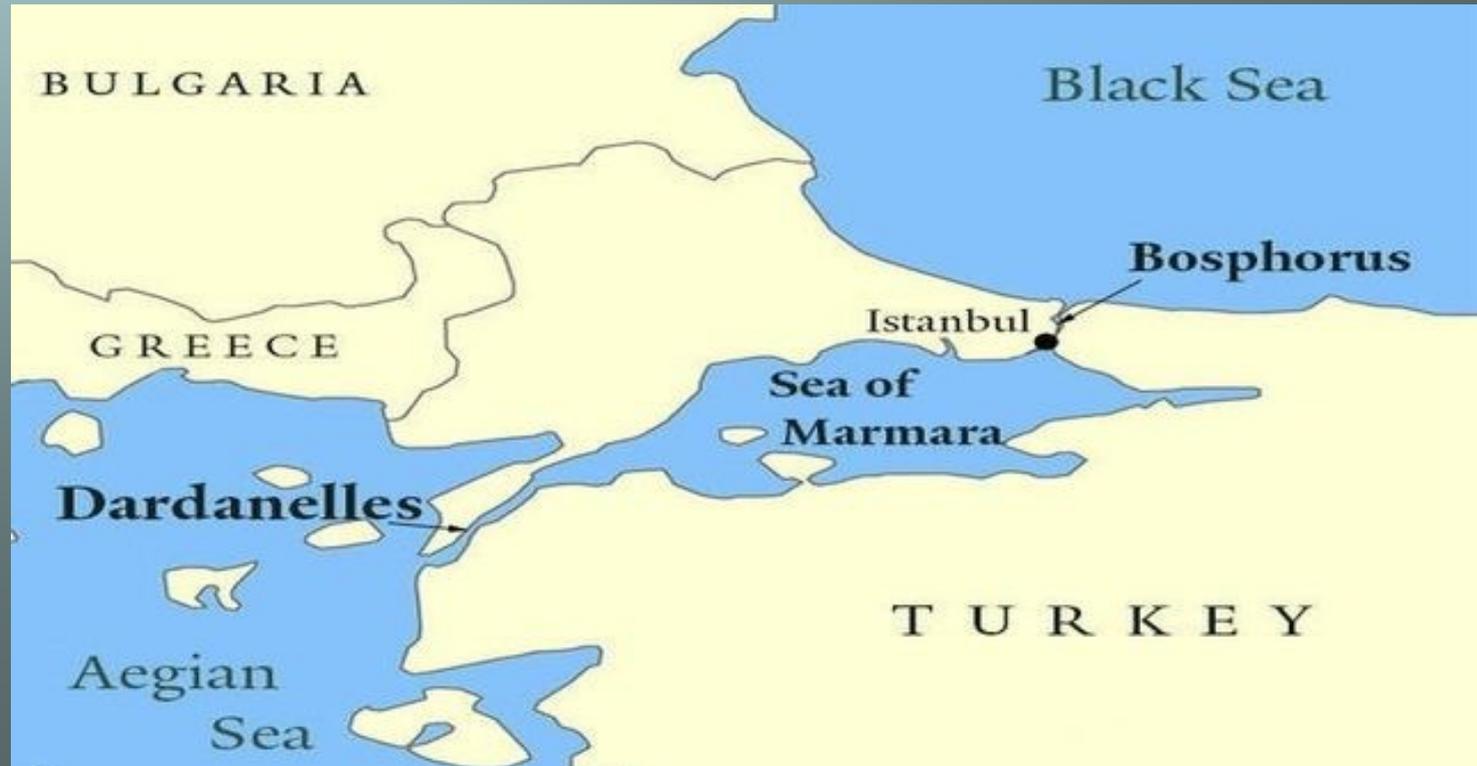
# Truman

- Truman and Molotov
- Lend-Lease
- Potsdam, 1945
- Stalin's Speech, 1946
  
- Britain announces it is broke



# Britain no longer world's policeman

- Greece and Turkey Crisis
- Bosphorus & Dardanelles



# Truman, cont.

- Greece and Turkey crises, 1947
- Gorge Kennan
- Stationed in Moscow
- The Long Telegram and Containment
  
- 1<sup>st</sup> Director Policy Planning, 1947-49

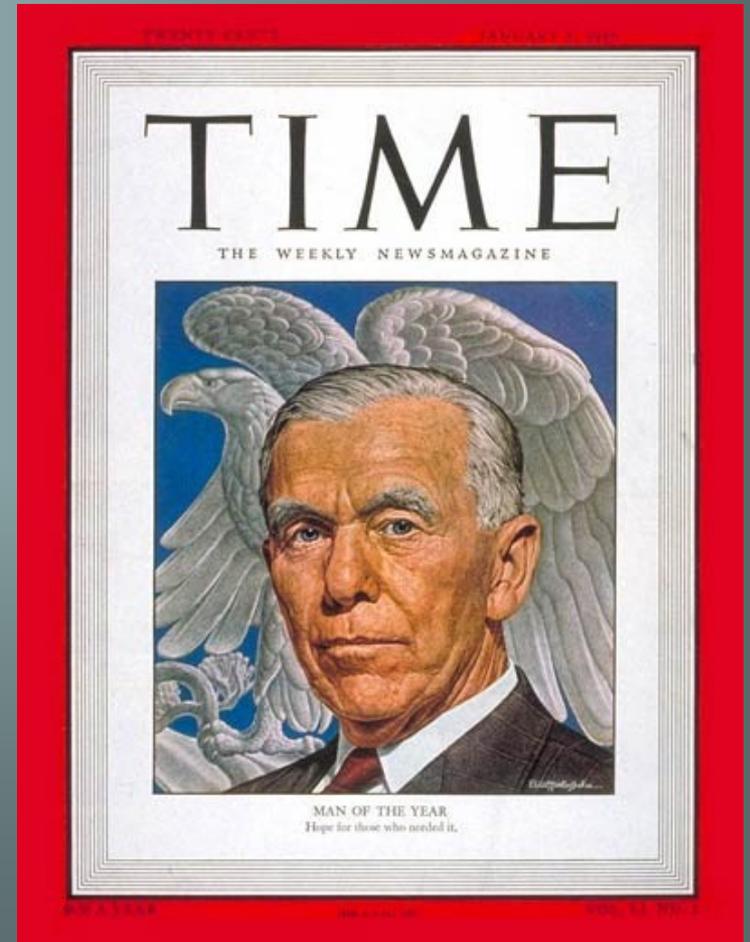


# Truman, cont.

- The Truman Doctrine, 1947
- “Truman established that the United States would provide political, military and economic assistance to all democratic nations under threat from external or internal authoritarian forces.”



# George Marshall

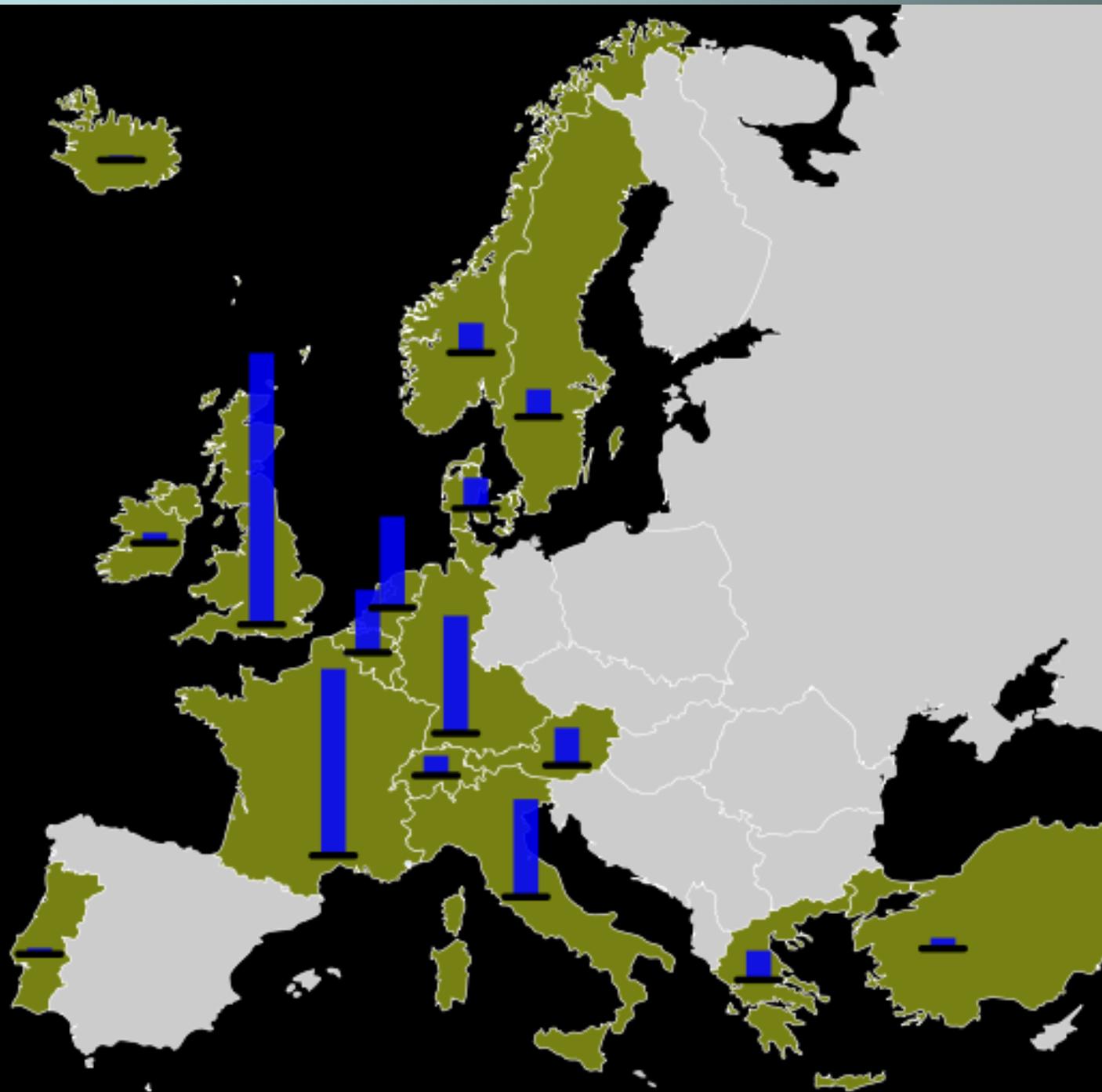


1948

# Truman, cont.

- The Marshall Plan, 1948-51
- “Rebuild war-torn regions, remove trade barriers, modernize industry, improve European prosperity, and prevent the spread of communism.”
- 13 Billion = 115 B. today





# Truman, cont.

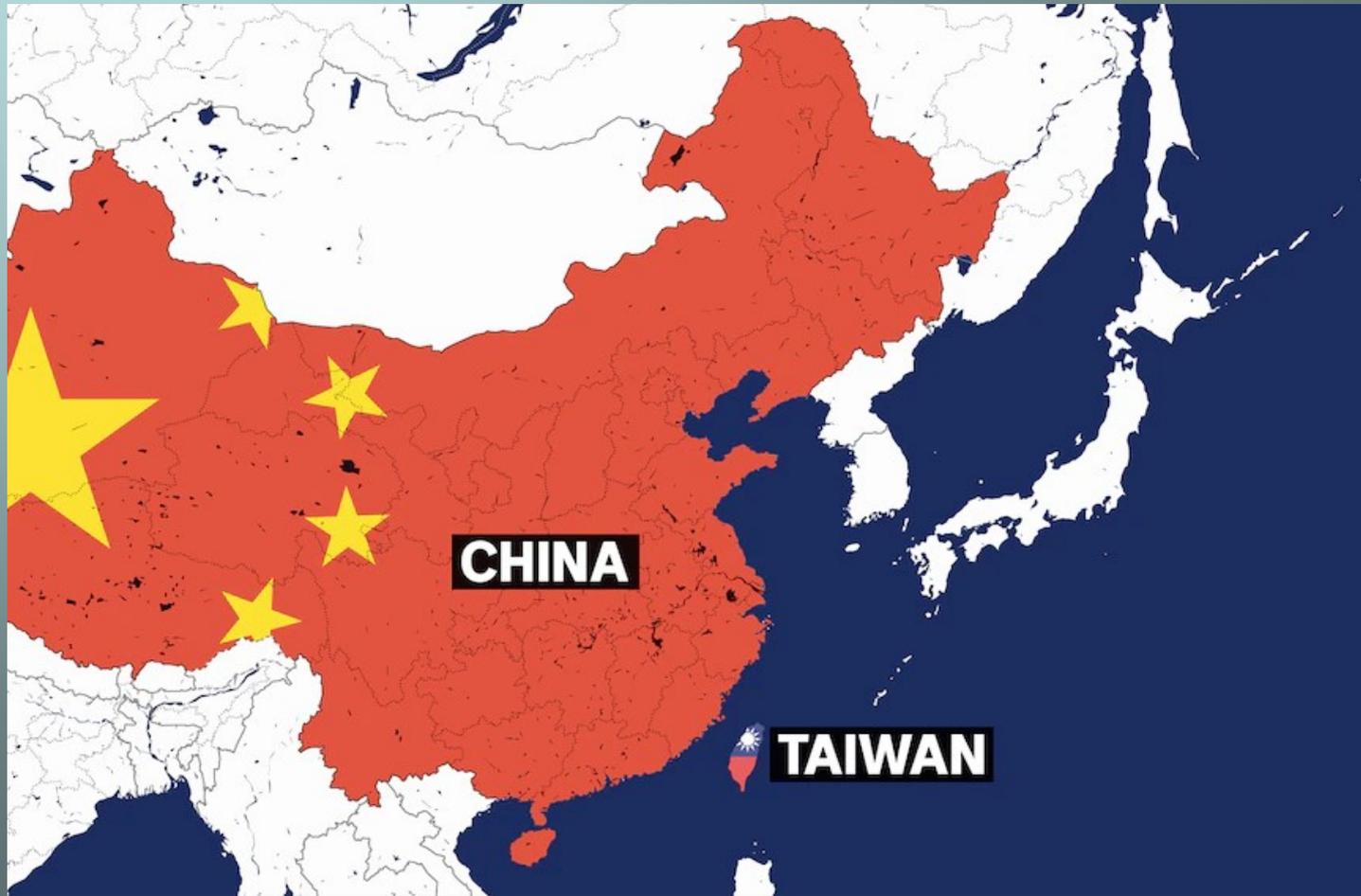
- The Iron Curtain
- Berlin Blockade in response to Marshall Plan
- Russians A-Bomb 1949



# Truman cont.

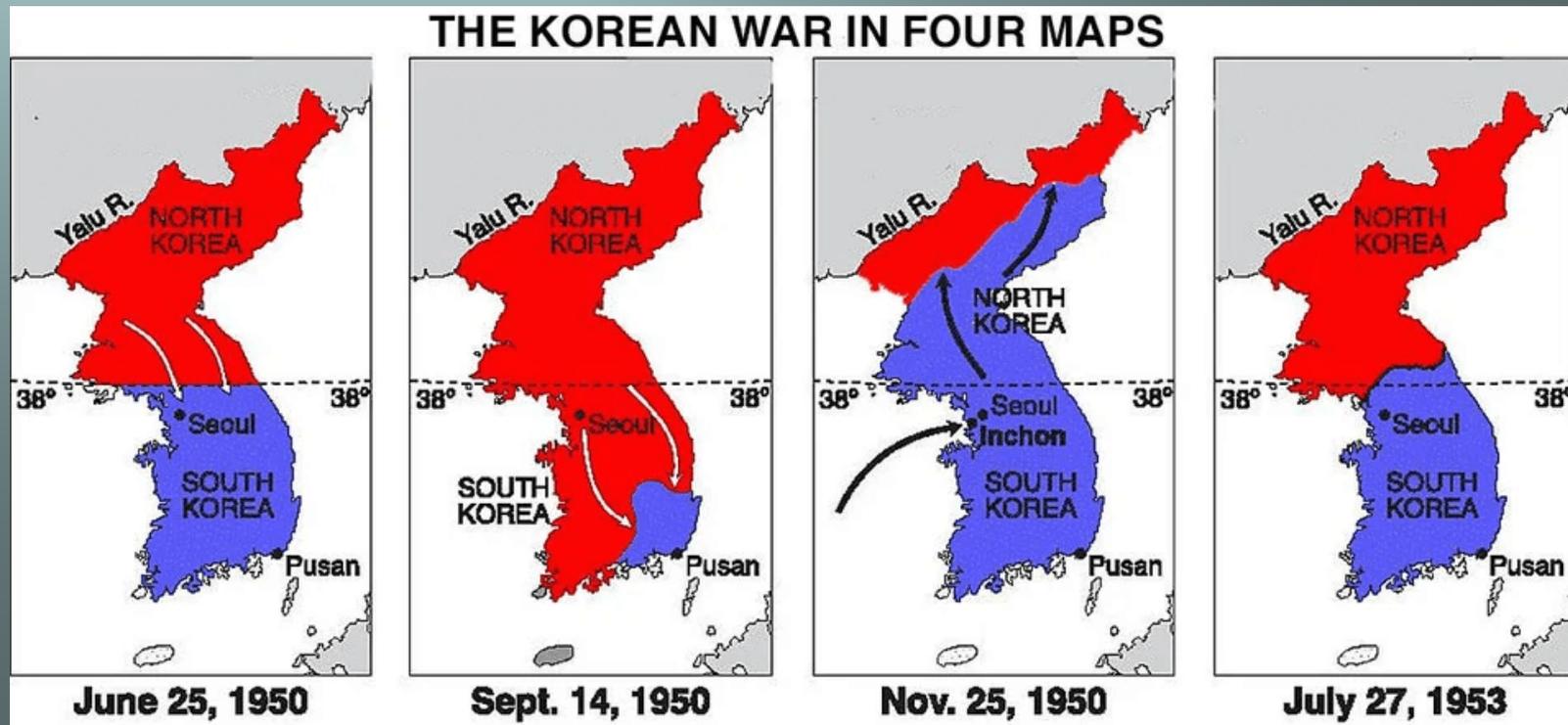
- NATO
- NSC & CIA

# China 1949



# 1949

- North Korea invades=
- Korean War
- 1950-53



# Eisenhower 1953-1961

- NSC-68
- 66 p. super secret doc. Presented to Truman
- It was one of the most important American policy statements of the Cold War
- advocated a large expansion in the military budget of the United States, the development of a hydrogen bomb, and increased military aid to allies of the United States
- I.e. Rejected détente
- Truman not convinced until June 1950, North Korean forces crossed the 38th parallel north. With the Korean War begun, NSC 68 took on new importance.
- 
- Ike –nsc-68 would bankrupt us, wants a healthy economy.
- More reliance on nukes
- Goes to Korea 1952 threatens ???
- War ends 1953

# Eisenhower & Korea



# Eisenhower & Khrushchev

- Spectacular space advances (but hides real weaknesses)



Sputnik 1957

# Eisenhower

- Hungarian crisis '56s
- Suez Crisis
- Nasr nationalizes canal
- UK, Israel & France>
- IKE puts his foot down-
- “even-handedness”



# Gary Powers



# Berlin Wall, 1961



# Kennedy 1961-63

- Cuba 1962
- Soviet nukes 90 miles from Florida
- Kennedy challenges Khrushchev
- Détente
- 1963-agree to not test in atmosphere

# Vietnam 1945-75

- North V.= Buddhist
- South V.= Catholic
- 1945 Ho Chi Minh announces independence from Japan and France quoting Jefferson



# Johnson 1963-69

- 1968-Non proliferation Treaty

# Nixon 1969-74

SALT I w/ Russia  
Froze # of nucs

- 1972 Nixon visits China

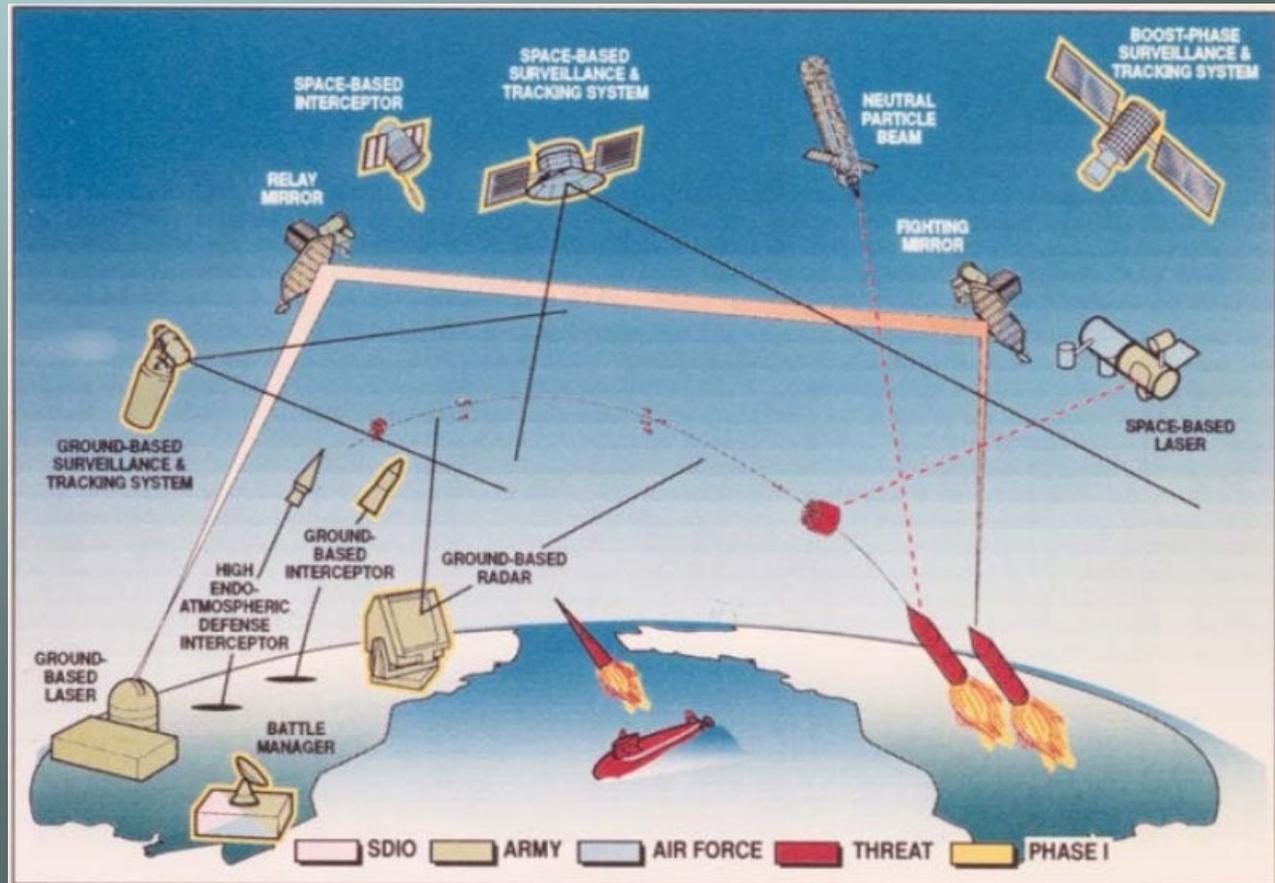
# Reagan 1981-89

- Afghanistan,
- Wears out Russia
- **Gorbachev**
- *Glasnost*
- *Perestroika*
- Sinatra Policy



# Reagan

- SDI “Star Wars” 1983
- Poker game?



# Gorbachev

- Last leader of the Soviet Union
- Withdrew from Afghanistan
- Negotiated arms treaties w/ Reagan



# End of Cold War 1989

- Communist gov. in Czech collapses
- East Germans stream through Czech.
- East Ger. Collapses
- Romania too



# 1990

- Lithuania
- East German elections
- Hungary
- Lech Wałęsa elected pres. Poland
- Tear down Berlin Wall



# Cost

- USSR bankrupt
- USA 1993 greatest debtor nation ever