

# 5HD450 Chapters in History of the Cold War

## 2. Beginnings of the Cold War.



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# Different (great) expectations

“I just have a hunch that Stalin is not that kind of a man. ... and I think that if I give him everything I possibly can and ask for nothing from him in return, noblesse oblige, he won't try to annex anything and will work with me for a world of democracy and peace.”

—Franklin D. Roosevelt



“This war is not as in the past; whoever occupies a territory also imposes his own social system on it. Everyone imposes his own system as far as his army can reach. It cannot be otherwise.”

—Josif V. Stalin

# Forming the Eastern Bloc

- Some countries already invaded during World War II, annexed as Soviet Socialist Republics (eastern Poland, Baltic states, eastern Romania)
- **Central and Eastern European states liberated** by the Red Army turned into satellite states
- **Consolidation of power of the USSR over its sphere of influence**
- Establishing **communist political regimes**
- Introducing **centrally-planned economies**



# ... and the reaction of the Western world

- **Multilateral political and economic relations – United Nations (UNRRA), Brettonwoods Monetary System, later GATT, NATO**
- 1946 John F. Kennan's **Long Telegram** “while Soviet power was *impervious to the logic of reason*, it was *highly sensitive to the logic of force*”  
– beginning of new U.S. foreign policy toward the USSR
- **Repudiation of the Morgentau Plan for Germany, confirmation of U.S. military presence in Europe**
- 1946 Winston Churchill's **Iron Curtain Speech** – call for English–American alliance against Russia
- 1947 no more support of the Greek military regime from the United Kingdom – Americans?
- **1947 USSR created Cominform**
- **1948 Tito–Stalin split** – Yugoslavia expelled from Cominform

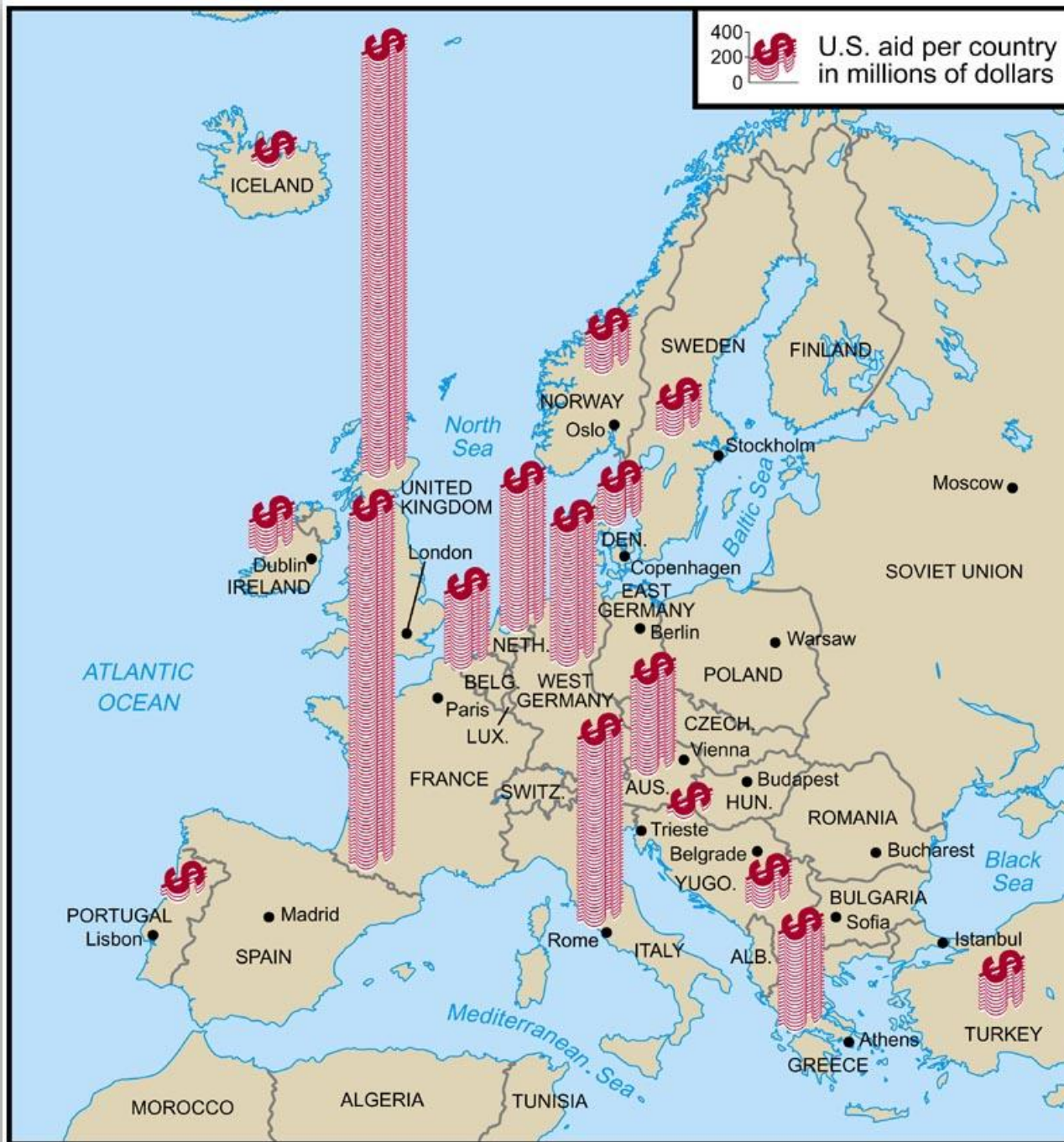


# Containing communism



- Greek Civil War + Long Telegram
  - **pro-active U.S. foreign policy of containment**
- **1947 Truman Doctrine** – contest between free people and totalitarian regimes
- **1947 Marshall Plan** announced, began 1948
  - Political and economic aspects
  - Economic assistance for all European states
  - Aim – rebuild democratic and economic systems, prevent communism from spreading
  - Special conditions
  - Eastern Bloc not interested?
- **1947 U.S. Department of Defense, Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), National Security Council (NSC)** created
- **1947 General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT, WTO now)**
- **1949 North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)**
- **1949 West Germany** established



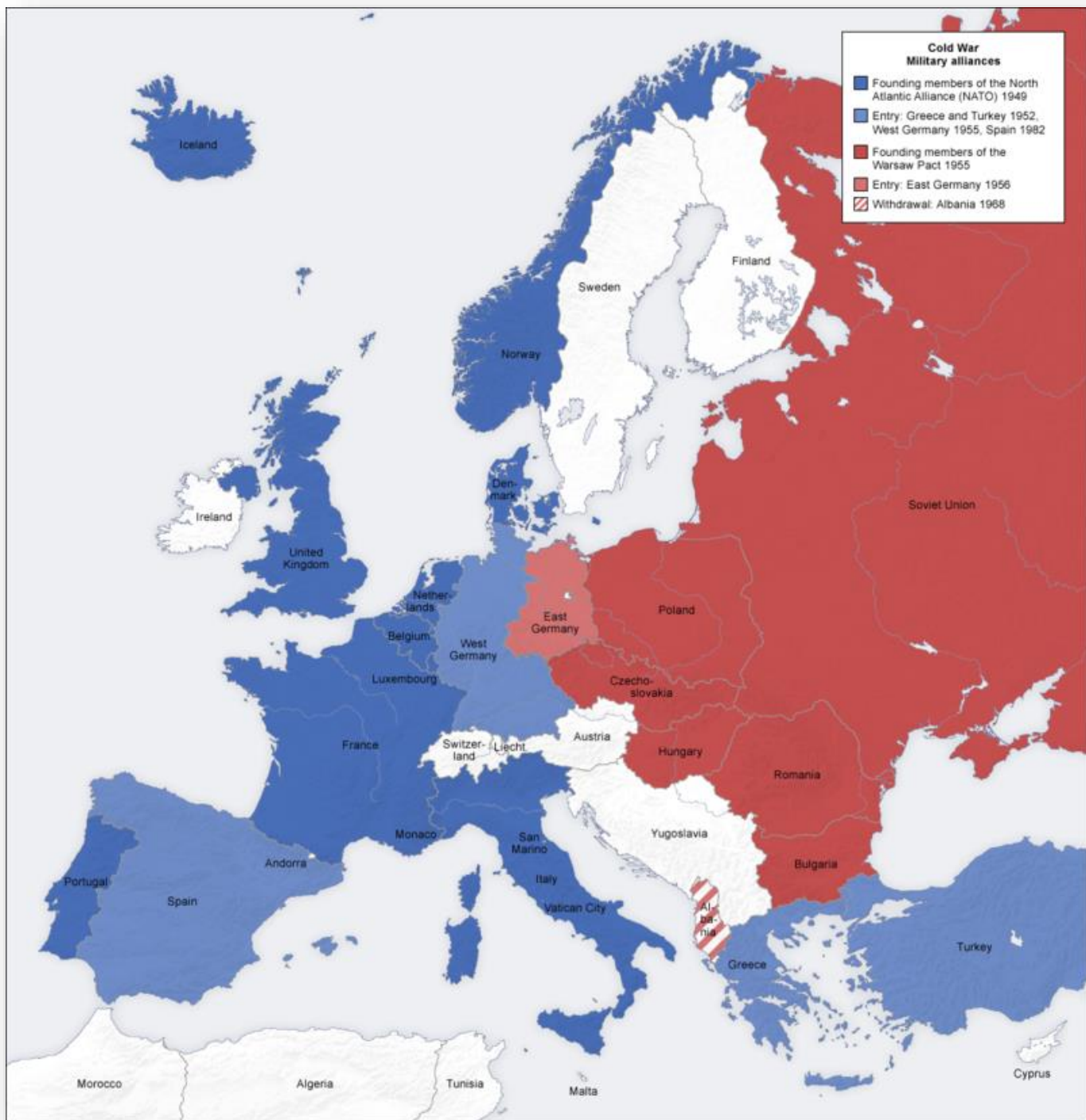


**MARSHALL PLAN Aid to Europe, 1948-1952**

# USSR tightening the control

- **1947 Molotov Plan**
- **1949 Council for Mutual Economic Assistance (Comecon)**
- **1948–1949 Berlin Blockade and airlift**
- **1949 end of U.S. atomic monopoly**
- **1955 Warsaw Pact**
- **1949 Mao Zedong's Communists won Chinese Civil War**
- **Expansion of U.S. containment to Asia, Africa, Latin America**
  - U.S. "Pactomania"
  - against restoring colonial empires of European countries
  - establishing U.S. long-term military bases (ANZUS, SEATO)









# Readings & videos

- Documentaries

BBC The Cold War – Iron Curtain, Marshall Plan

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yzcZBFImLoA&index=2&list=PL3H6z037pboGWTxs3xGP7HRGrQ5dOQdGc>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g0I6UVPkGWM&list=PL3H6z037pboGWTxs3xGP7HRGrQ5dOQdGc&index=3>

- The Cold War - From War to Cold, Containment

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

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7vdXLkWUjrU>

- Cold War History Videos

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wVqziNV7dGY>
- <http://www.history.com/topics/cold-war/cold-war-history/videos>
- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/worldwars/coldwar/>

- Specialized Resources / Collections / Cold War Files

- <https://www.wilsoncenter.org/program/cold-war-international-history-project>
- <http://digitalarchive.wilsoncenter.org/collections>
- [http://news.bbc.co.uk/onthisday/hi/themes/world\\_politics/cold\\_war/default.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/onthisday/hi/themes/world_politics/cold_war/default.stm)
- <https://web.archive.org/web/20080411004848/http://www.coldwarfiles.org/index.cfm?thisunit=0&fuseaction=events.list>
- <http://www.avclub.com/special/cold-war/timeline>



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