

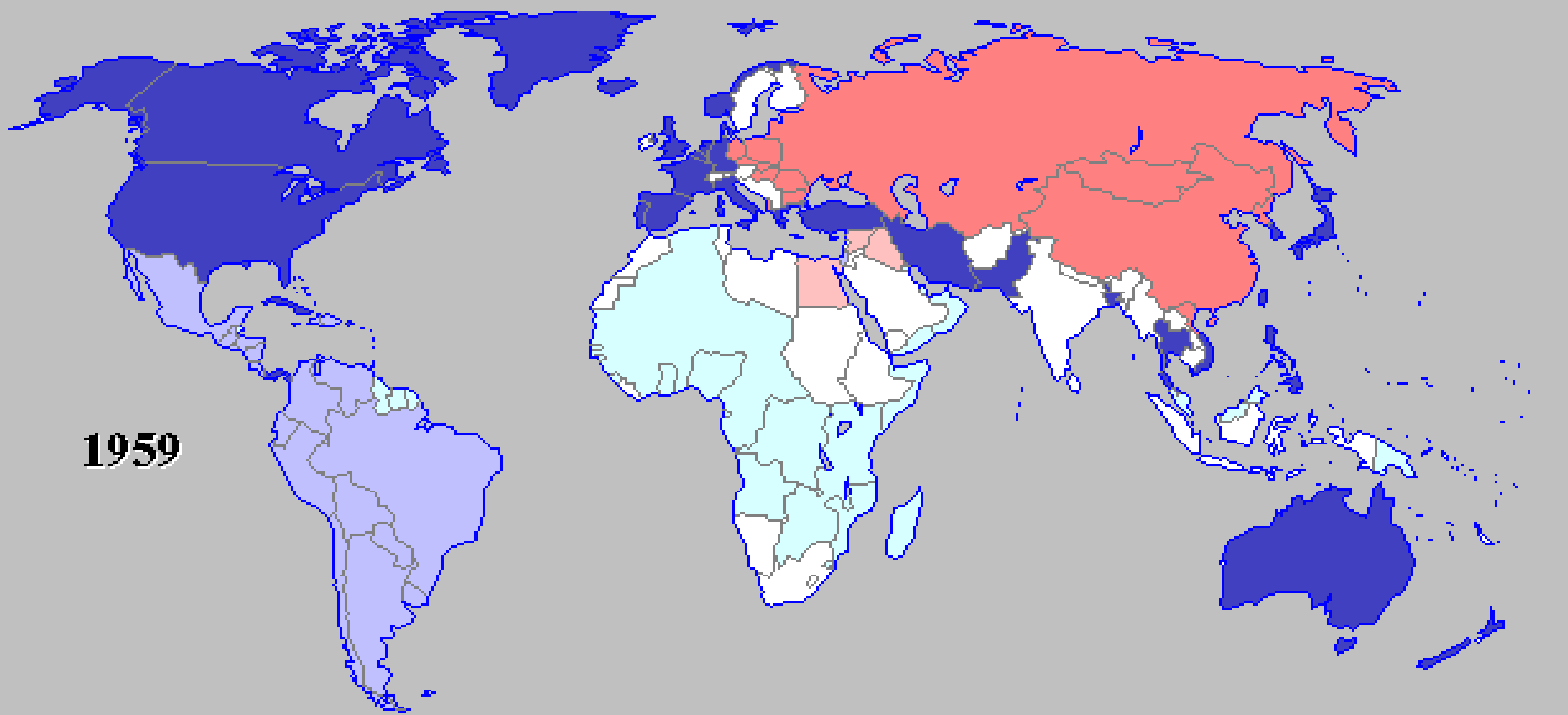
UN not effective – coms v. non-coms





US adopts **containment** – foreign policy to keep communism from spreading

First used by **George Kennan** (ambassador to USSR)

*us vs. them mentality*

1959



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|  USA and allies     |  Soviet Union and Allies |
|  American influence |  Soviet influence        |
|  Allied colonies    |  |

*"In these circumstances it is clear that the main element of any United States policy toward the Soviet Union must be that of long-term, patient but firm and vigilant **containment** of Russian expansive tendencies."*

– George Kennan, 1947

# Major containment events:

Truman Doctrine

Marshall Plan

Berlin Airlift

1947 – Great Britain stopped sending aid to  
Turkey and Greece

**Domino Theory** – belief that if one country  
falls to communism it will spread to others

developed **Truman Doctrine** – plan to send  
money

Congress approved \$400 million

*“Like apples in a barrel infected by one rotten one, the corruption of Greece would infect Iran and all to the east.”* –  
undersecretary of state, Dean Acheson

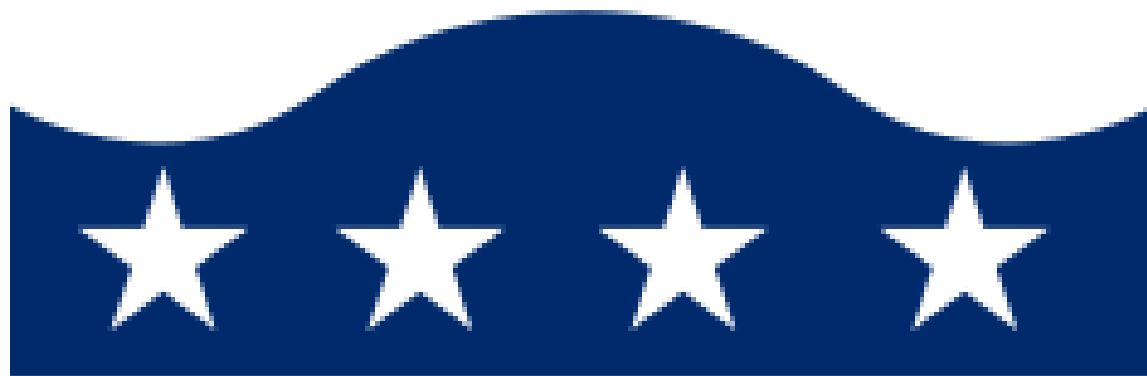
*“I believe that it must be the policy of the US to support free peoples who are resisting attempted subjugation [conquering] by armed minorities or by outside pressures.”* – President Truman

**George C. Marshall** – secretary of state

1947 – wanted to help the “economies and spirits” of Western Europe

**Marshall Plan** - Congress approved, \$13 billion sent to Europe

*How does this help US?*



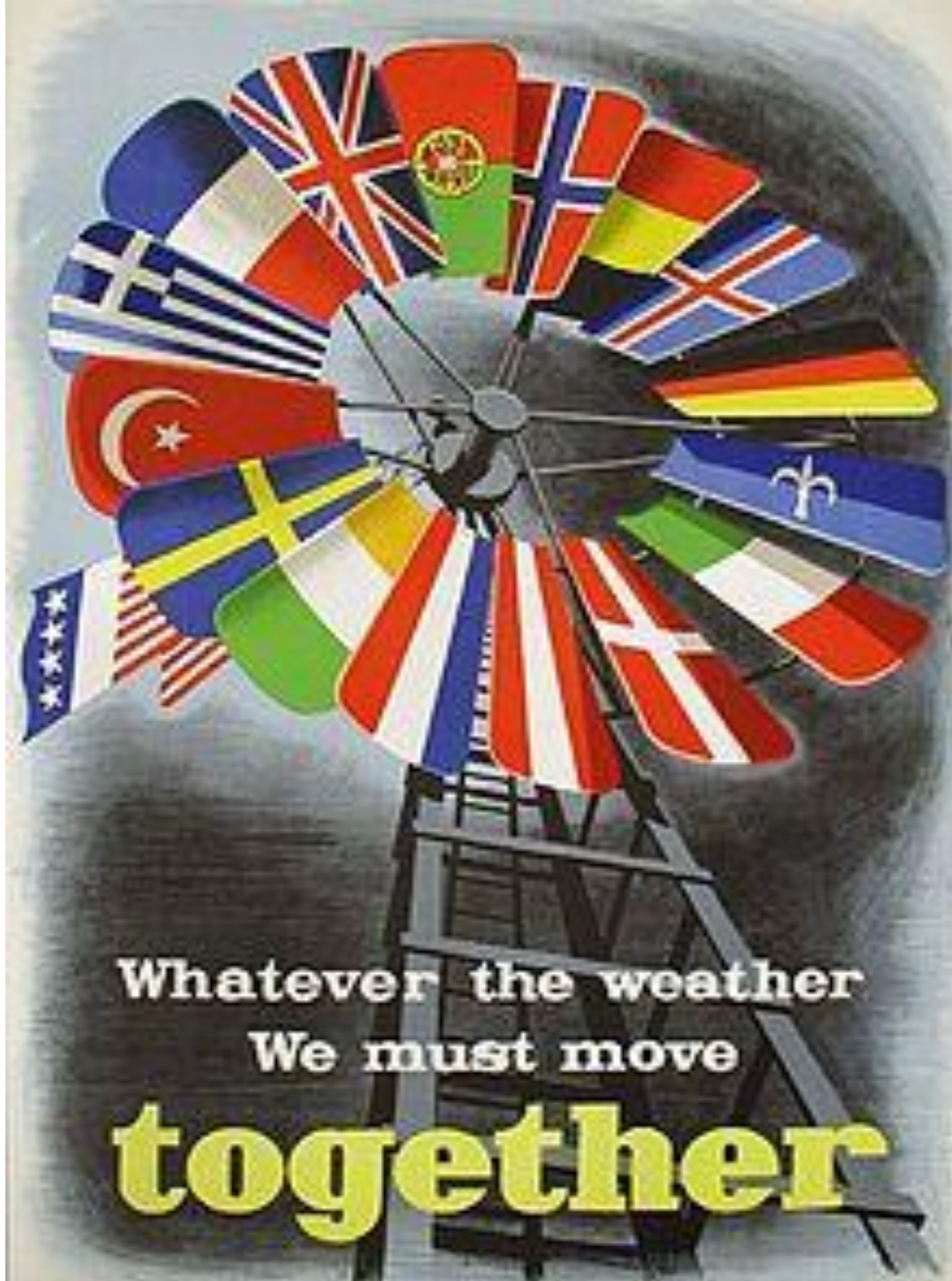
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**SUPPLIED BY THE**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

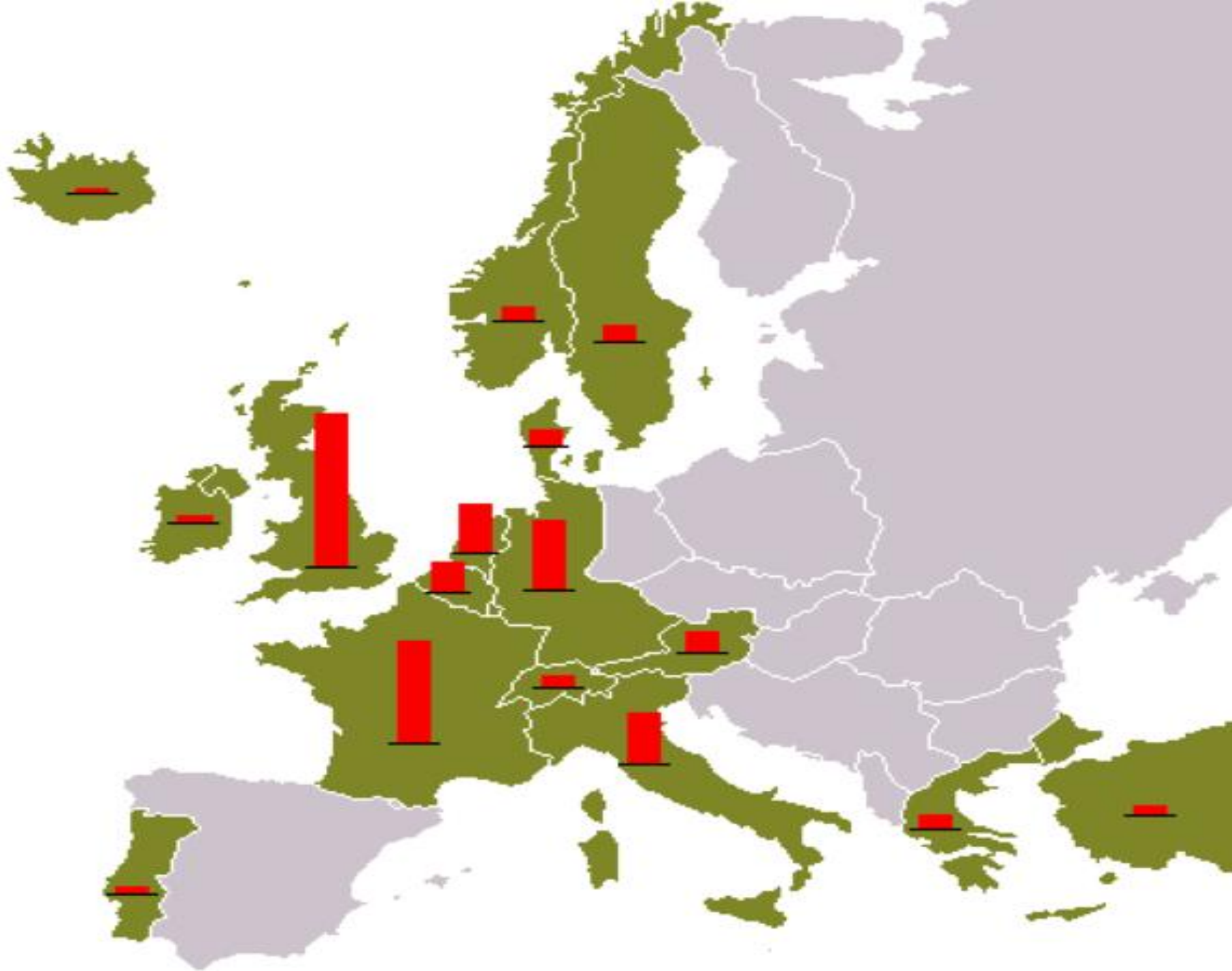






Whatever the weather  
We must move

**together**

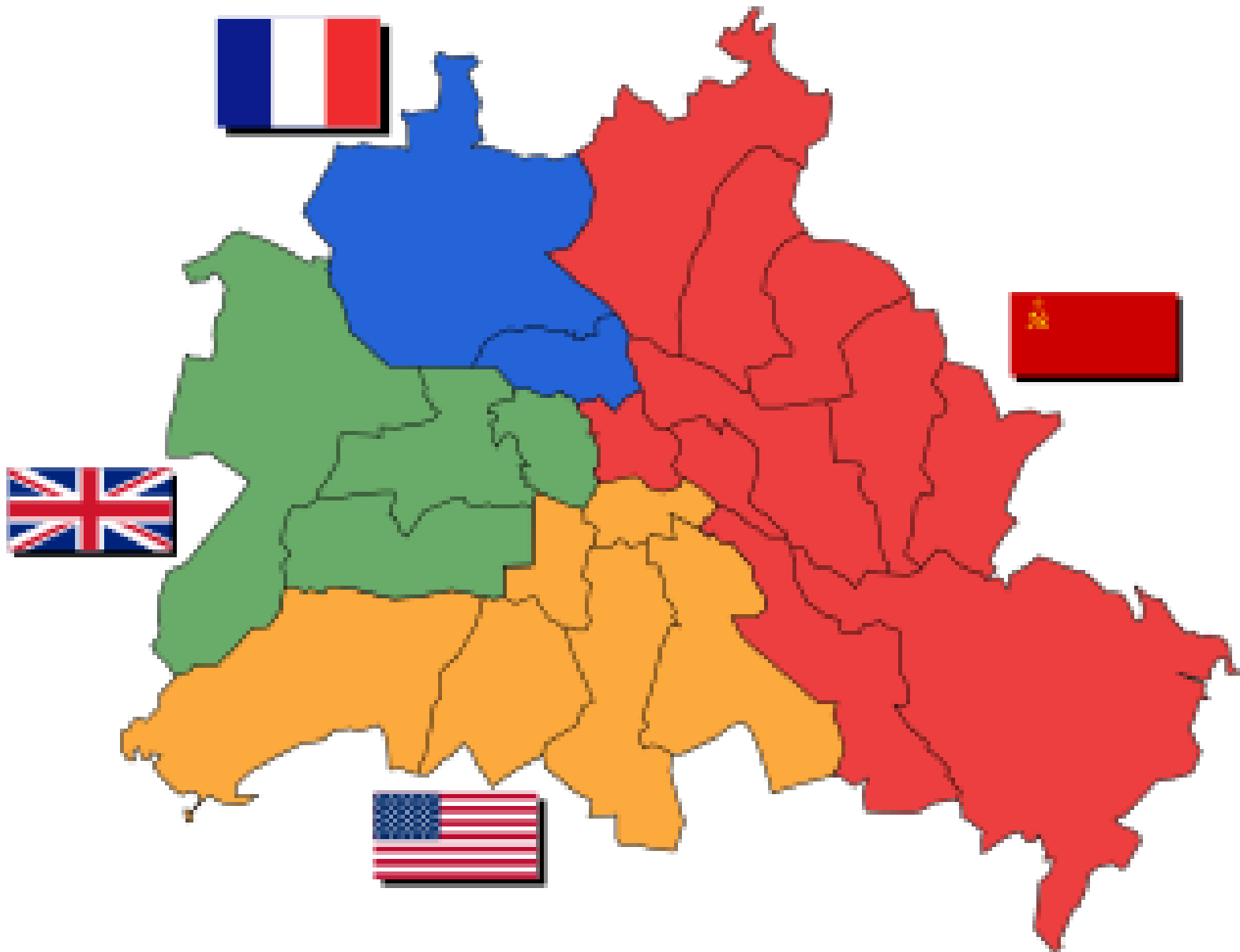


# *Berlin Airlift*

Germany divided between Allies

Berlin located in Soviet zone





New currency introduced in West – hurt economy in East

Soviets block West Berlin – June 1948  
Wanted other Allies to abandon city

US and RAF begin **Berlin Airlift** – flew supplies in to West Berlin

# Berlin Blockade and Airlift - YouTube



Tension high – China became communist,  
USSR tested atomic weapon (1949)

defense alliances formed

**NATO** – North Atlantic Treaty Organization  
Western European nations, US, Canada

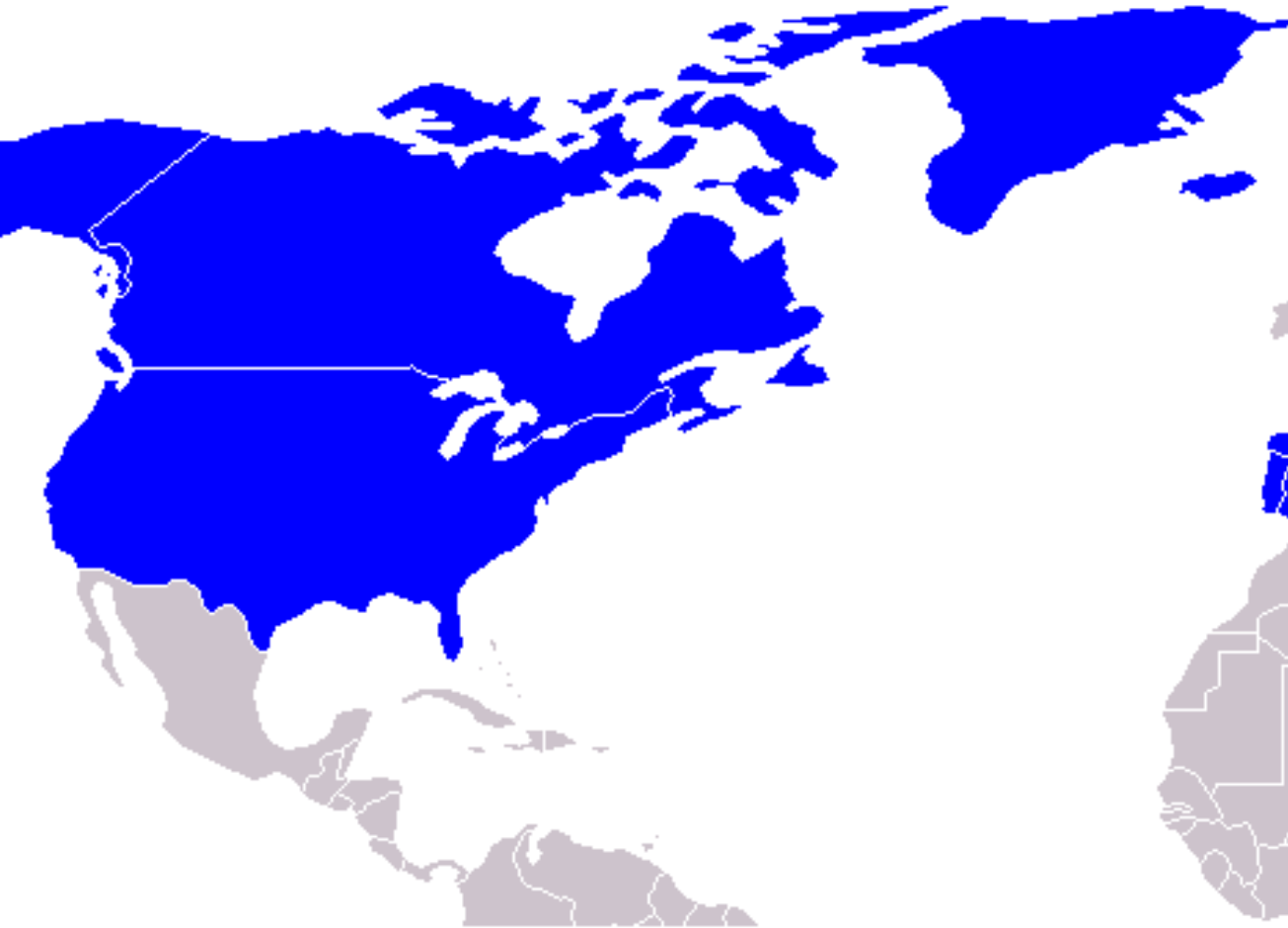
*“An attack on one is an attack on all”*



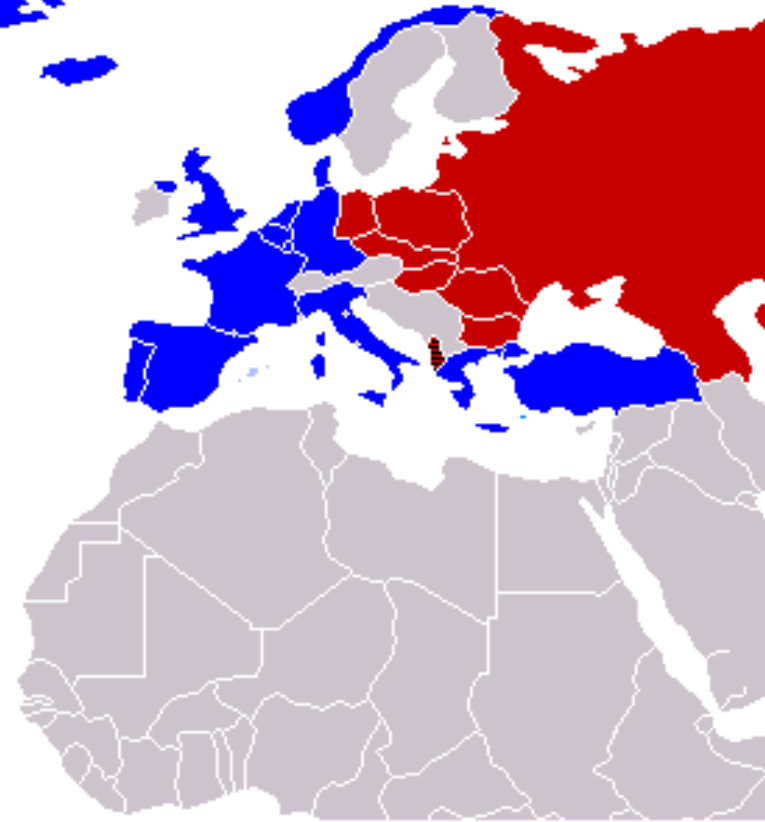
1955 – Warsaw Pact formed  
USSR and allies

*Are military alliances a good idea?  
Programs for peace, or programs for war?*

NATO



Warsaw Pact



*“From now on, no one will misread our motives or underestimate our determination to stand in defense of our freedom...The greatest obstacle that stands in the way of complete recovery [[from WW2]] is the pervading and paralyzing sense of insecurity. The treaty is a powerful antidote to this poison...With this protection afforded by the Atlantic Pact, western Europe can breathe easier again.”*

**-Senator Tom Connally**

*“This whole program in my opinion is not a peace program; it is a war program... We are committing ourselves to a policy of war, not a policy of peace. We are building up armaments.*

*We are undertaking to arm half the world against the other half. We are inevitably starting an armament race....The general history of armaments races in the world is that they have led to war...not peace.”*

**-Senator Robert Taft**