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THE COLD WAR ERA (1945 - 1991) – LESSON 1

Objective: To examine the causes of the Cold War.

Do Now: Use the map provided to match the country with the capital city.

Warsaw, Poland

Budapest, Hungary

Berlin, Germany

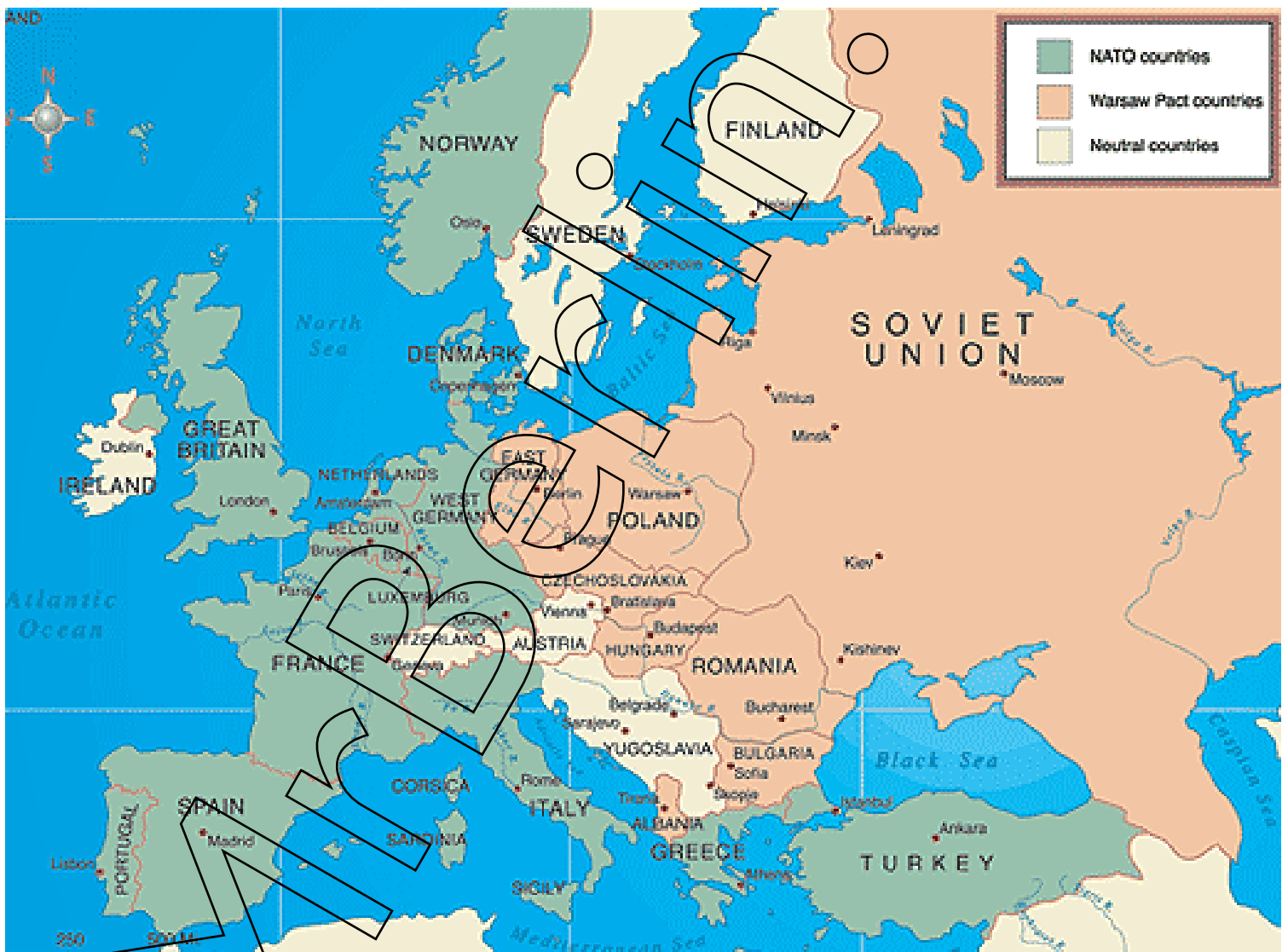
Belgrade, Yugoslavia

Prague, Czechoslovakia

Bucharest, Romania

Vienna, Austria

Sofia, Bulgaria



The Cold War: Roots of the Conflict



*Peep under the Iron curtain
March 6, 1946*

Soviet Expansion:

- The Soviet Union occupied most of Eastern Europe by the end of World War II.
- In 1946, Winston Churchill correctly warned that the Soviets were creating an “iron curtain” in Eastern Europe.
- By 1948, every Eastern European country was under communist control.

American Response:

- *Truman Doctrine* – statement of President Truman that promised military and economic support to nations threatened by communism.
- In 1947, the U.S. gave \$400 million to Greece and Turkey in order to help them put down communist revolts.

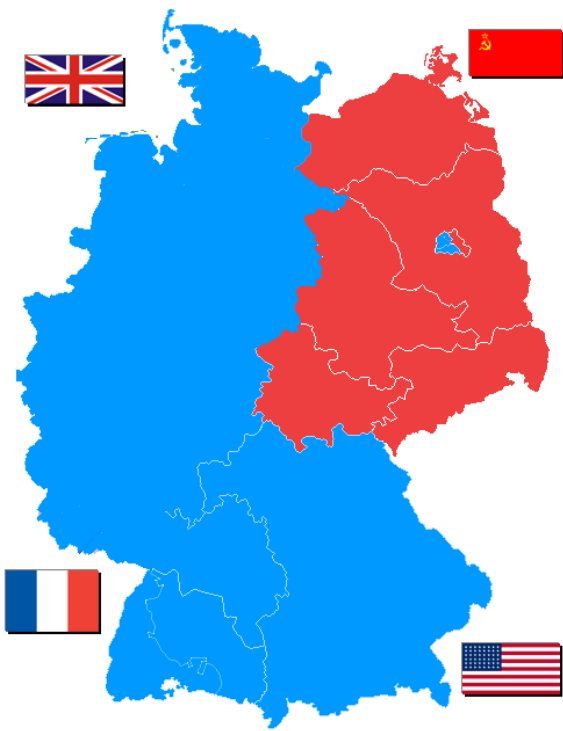
Aid for Europe:

- Secretary of State George Marshall toured Western Europe and witnessed widespread homelessness and famine.
- Marshall, fearing that communist revolts could occur in such an atmosphere, proposed that the U.S. help to rebuild the European economy in what became known as the *Marshall Plan*.
- * The U.S. gave over \$12 billion in aid to European countries between 1948 and 1952, helping to improve their economies and lessen the chance of communist revolutions.



Children in a London suburb, waiting outside the wreckage of what was their home. September 1940.

Focus on Berlin



· After World War II, Germany was divided into four zones, occupied by French, British, American, and Soviet troops.

Soviet blockade:

· In June of 1948, the French, British and American zones were joined into the nation of West Germany after the Soviets refused to end their occupation of Germany.

· In response, the Soviets cut off West Berlin from the rest of the world with a **blockade**.

A huge airlift:

· President Truman decided to avoid the blockade by flying in food and other supplies to the needy people of West Berlin.

· At times, over 5,000 tons of supplies arrived daily.

Germany remains divided:

· In May of 1949, Joseph Stalin of the Soviet Union ended the blockade.

· The Soviet zone of Germany, including East Berlin, became known as the nation of East Germany.