



1946 to 1961:

Four Main Themes

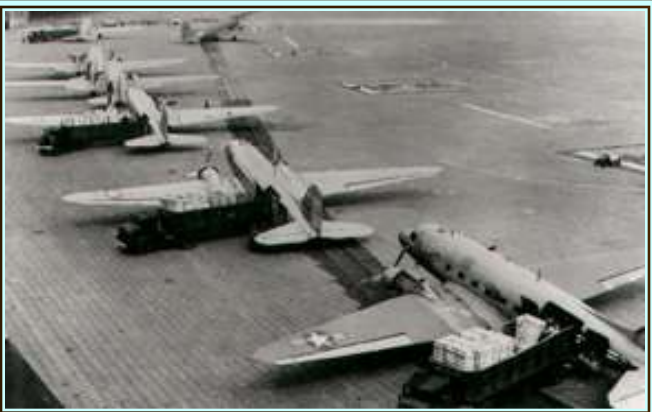
- ✓ **COLD WAR**
- ✓ **A CONFIDENT NATION**
- ✓ **CONSUMERISM**
- ✓ **CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT**

Was it a time of “happy days or anxiety, alienation and social unrest”?

The Truman Presidency (1945 to 1953)



BERLIN AIRLIFT



- **U.S. flew supplies to feed the people of West Berlin for 11 months/24-7**

- **Stalin backed down & pulled troops**

- **Germany/Berlin remain divided until 1989.**

BERLIN AIRLIFT



MILK...new weapon of Democracy!

Supplied by air transport alone, 2½ million Berliners sample a new way of life

• In today's diplomatic Battle for Berlin, hope for democracy is being kept alive for millions in Western Europe by the U. S. Air Force.

Flying Douglas aircraft almost exclusively, Yankee crews have poured over half a million tons of supplies into Berlin since last June. This impressive feat has strained to the limit our resources in air transport. It has shown why cargo planes in sufficient numbers must be considered essential to any modern military defense program.

Needed—and desperately—are larger, faster types of aircraft designed exclusively for air transport. And to meet this need, Douglas is now building the giant Douglas DC-6A. Able to fly 30,000 lb. loads at 300 mph, the DC-6A will make available to the military services a cargo transport of rugged dependability, capable of supplying world-wide bases in any kind of national emergency.

DOUGLAS

>> SERVING MANKIND AROUND THE WORLD

DOUGLAS AIRCRAFT COMPANY, INC.

- The U.S. did not appease the Soviets, but outsmarted Stalin.
- The U.S. also won a propaganda war.
- Made democracy and capitalism look better to the world than communism.





NATO ALLIANCE AND WARSAW PACT





North Atlantic Treaty Organization (1949)



- ❖ United States
- ❖ Belgium
- ❖ Britain
- ❖ Canada
- ❖ Denmark
- ❖ France
- ❖ Iceland
- ❖ Italy



- ❖ Luxemburg
- ❖ Netherlands
- ❖ Norway
- ❖ Portugal
- ❖ 1952: Greece & Turkey
- ❖ 1955: West Germany
- ❖ 1983: Spain



Warsaw Pact (1955)



} U. S. S. R.

} Albania

} Bulgaria

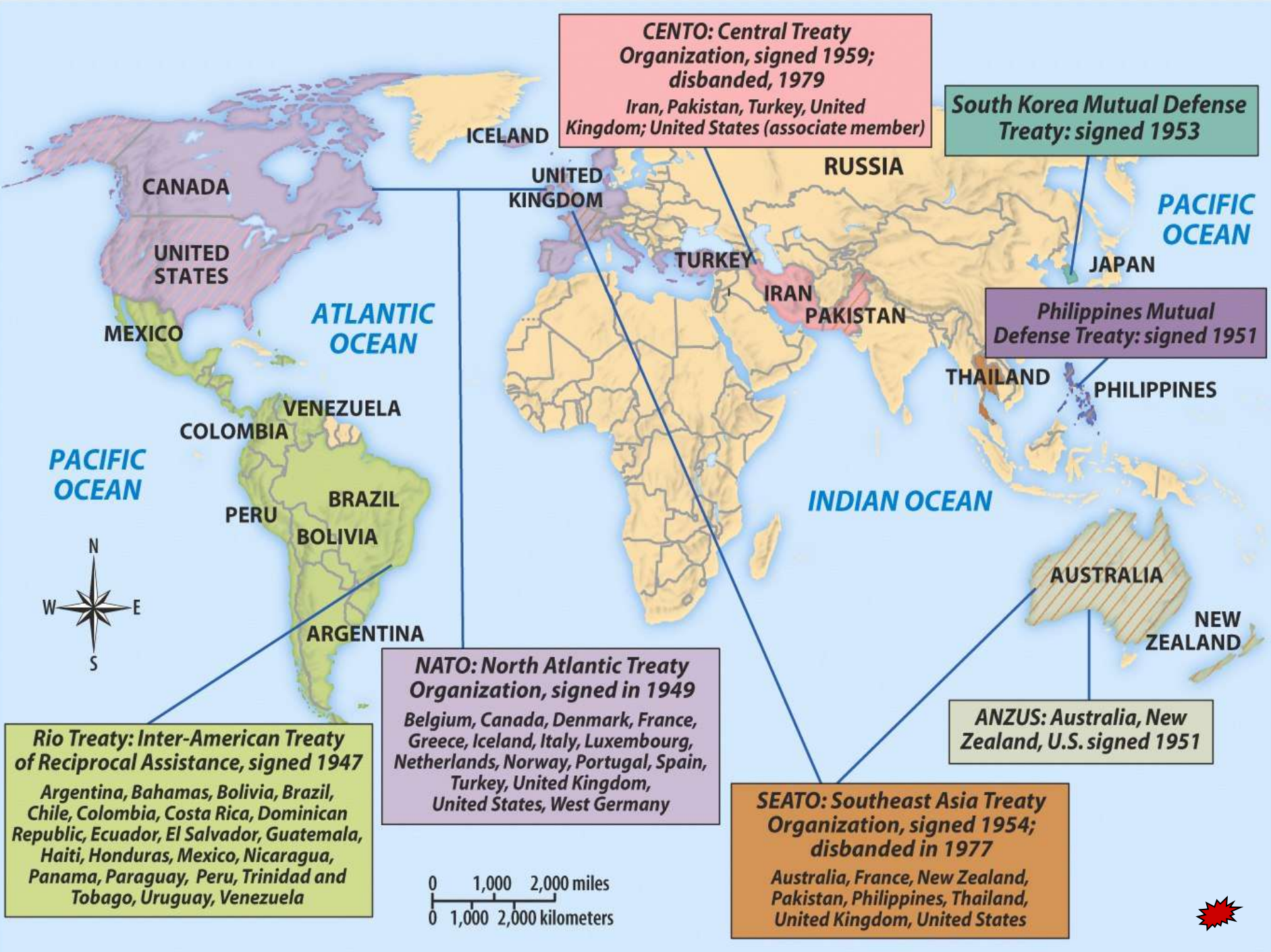
} Czechoslovakia

} East Germany

} Hungary

} Poland

} Rumania

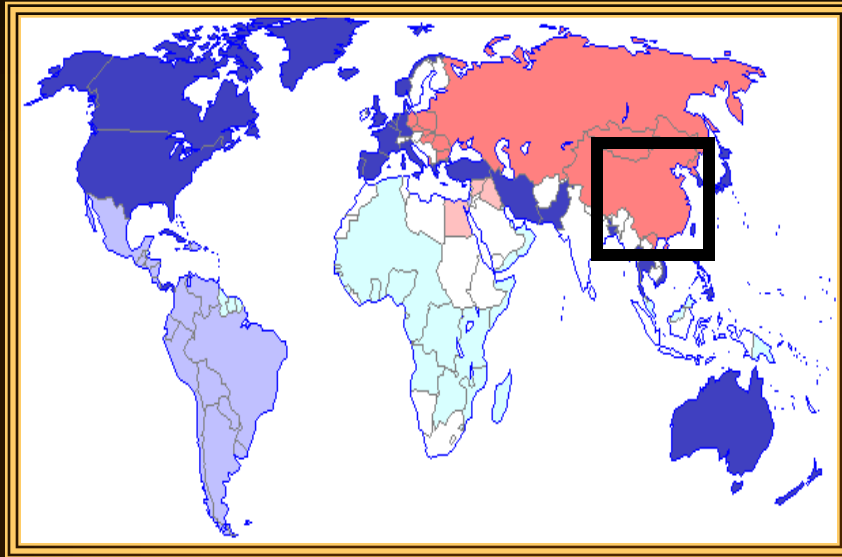


Cold War in Asia

- Japan
 - U.S.-Japanese Security Treaty
- China
 - U.S. Policy
 - Two Chinas
- Korean War



1949, THE YEAR OF SHOCK



Mao Tse Tung

- **Mao Tse Tung, defeats Chang Kai Shek in the Chinese Civil War.....**
- **China became a communistic country.**
- **Chang Kai Shak is exiled to Taiwan.**
 - **Mao Tse Tung becomes the Communistic leader of China.**
- **US believed there was a communistic plot to rule the world**



Chang Kai Shek



The Korean War



- Invasion
- Counter Attack
- Truman versus MacArthur
- Armistice
- Political Consequences



KOREAN WAR



- 1950 to 1953, North Korea invades South Korea.

- North Korea was a communist nation and South Korea was a democracy.

- First war of “containment” policy to stop communism

- “Police Action” not a declared war

- President Truman leads United Nations.

- General Douglas MacArthur commands US and UN troops.

- Called “forgotten war”.

KOREAN WAR



Truman vs. MacArthur

- **Truman fires General MacArthur when he advises Truman he would use nuclear weapons against the Chinese.**



The Second Red Scare

- Security and Civil Rights
 - Prosecutions under the Smith Act
 - McCarran Internal Security Act (1950)
 - Un-American Activities
- Espionage Cases
 - Hiss
 - Rosenbergs
- The Rise of Joseph McCarthy
 - McCarthy's Tactics
 - Army-McCarthy hearings

1949, THE YEAR OF SHOCK



- **Soviets detonate their first atomic bomb.....**
- **The question is raised, where did they get the technology the bomb?**
 - **Ethel and Julius Rosenberg would be accused of giving away atomic bomb secrets.**
 - **Charged with espionage they would be found guilty and executed in 1953.**



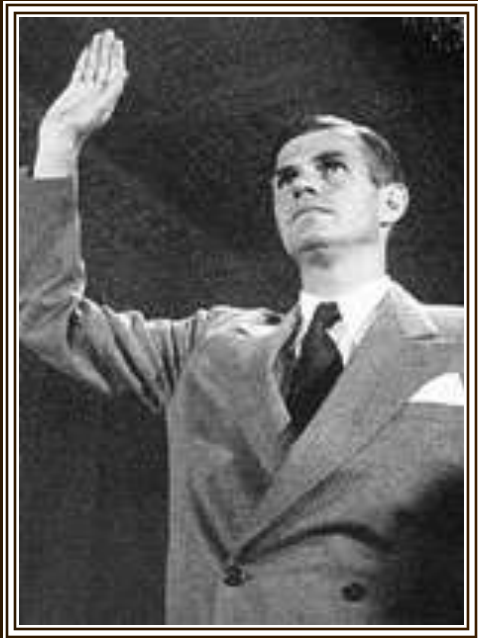
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• ***House
Committee for
Un-American
Activities***

• ***1938–75,***
**Congress
investigated
Americans
suspected as
communists**

- **HUAC** committee warned of civil rights violations.
- Witnesses who refused to answer were cited for contempt of Congress.

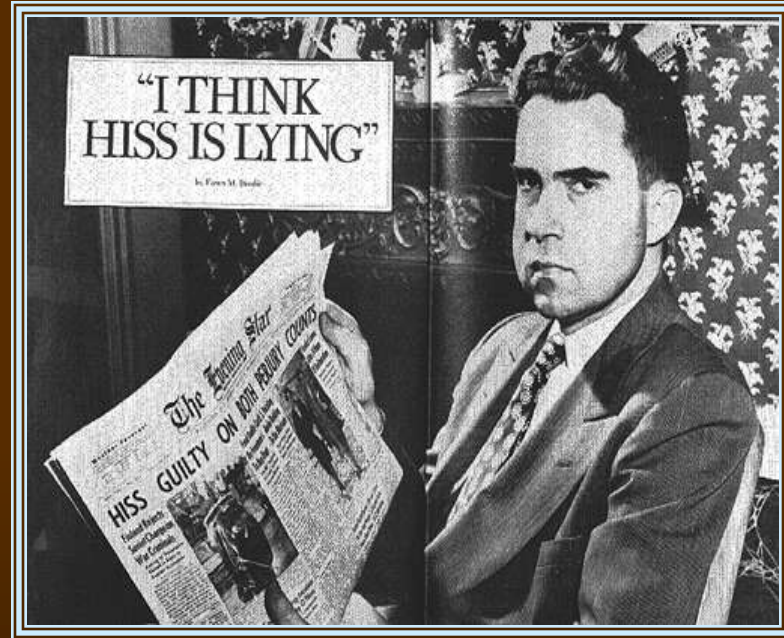
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Alger Hiss



Whittaker Chambers



Richard Nixon

- **In 1948, Whittaker Chambers made accusations of Soviet espionage against former State Dept. official Alger Hiss**
- **Hiss found guilty of spying & sentenced to 10 yrs in prison**
- **Richard Nixon, Congressmen from California was part of the HUAC that investigated Alger Hiss.**

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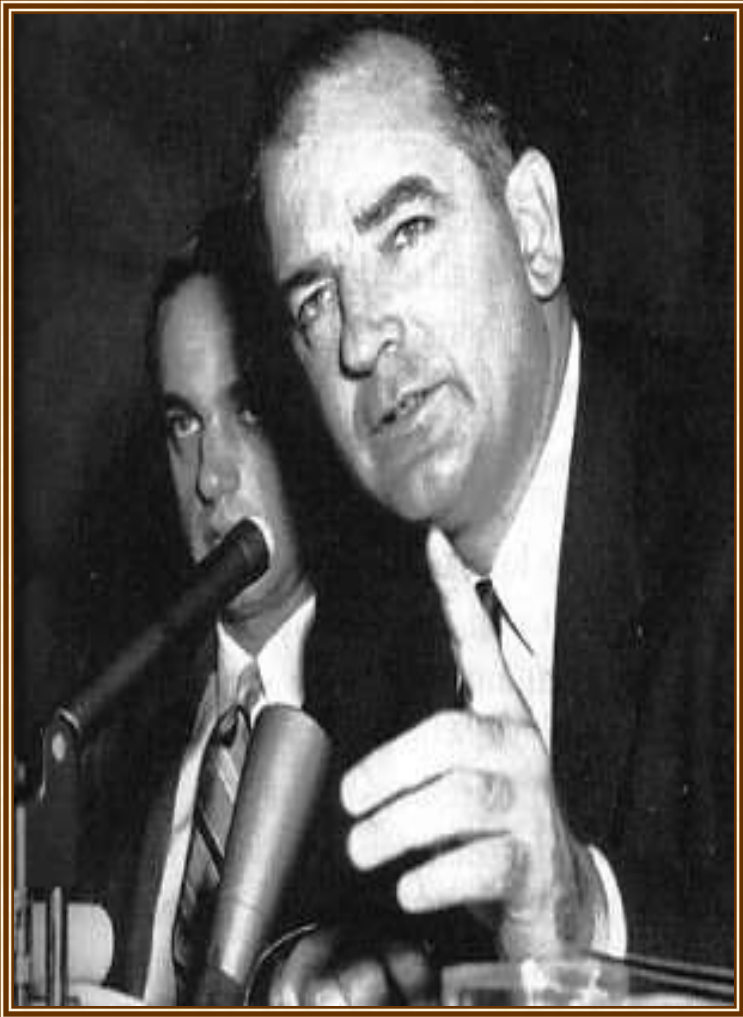


- 1947 investigation led to prison sentences for contempt known as the Hollywood Ten.

- Blacklisted: a list of persons who are under suspicion, disfavor, or censure, or who are not to be hired, served, or otherwise accepted.



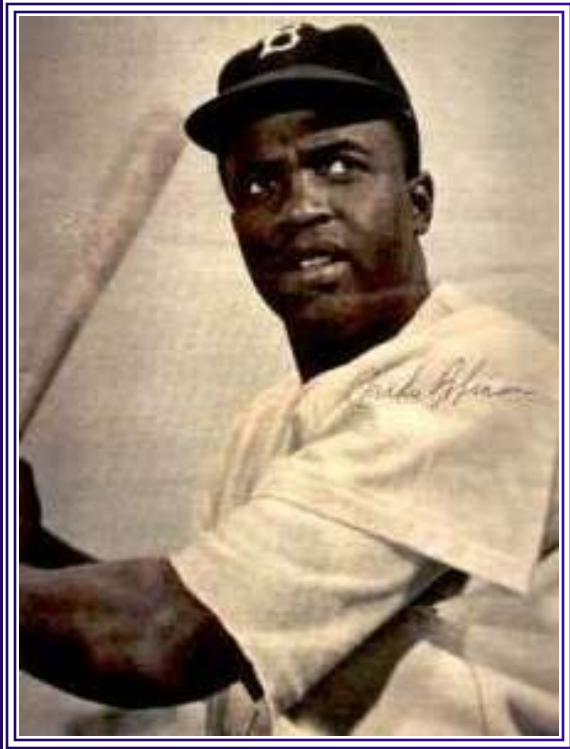
RED SCARE



- Red Scare was Americans response to the fear of Communism
- Senator Joseph McCarthy accused 205 US Govt. officials of being Communist.
- McCarthyism to destroy or assassinate one's character without proof and it ruined the careers of many Americans.

Became a witch hunt that led to Americans pledging a "loyalty oath" to the United States.....

CIVIL RIGHTS



- African American WWII veterans returned to Jim Crow and discrimination.
- During WWI, Europeans treated Black soldiers as equals.
- 1948, President Truman signed into law the Civil Rights Act of 1948
 - Integrated the military
 - Integrated the federal government.
- Jackie Robinson broke the “colored barrier” and played major league baseball with the Brooklyn Dodgers.....1947 to 1956
- 1950's, begins the Civil Rights movement for equality in society.