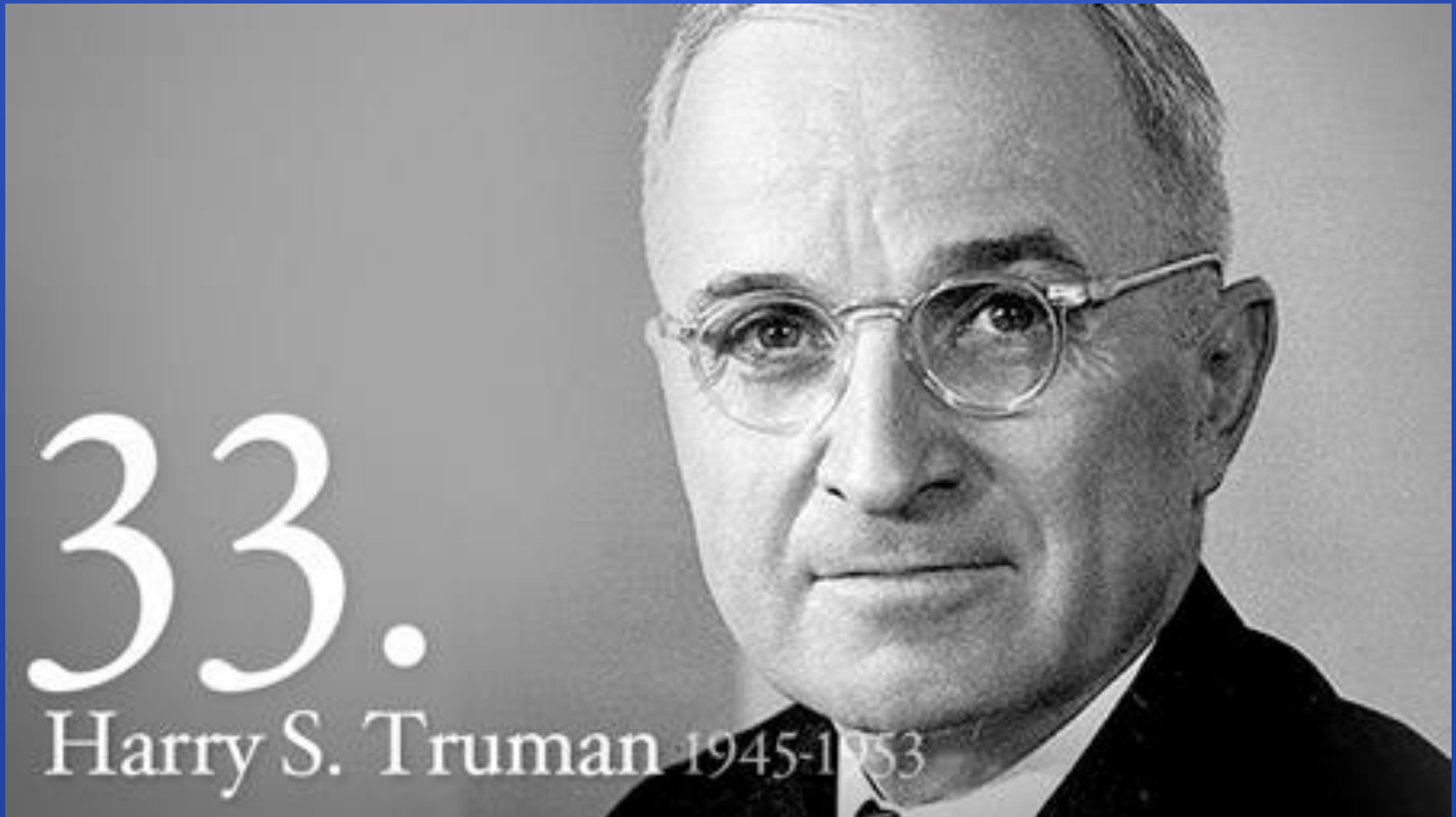


Harry Truman (D)



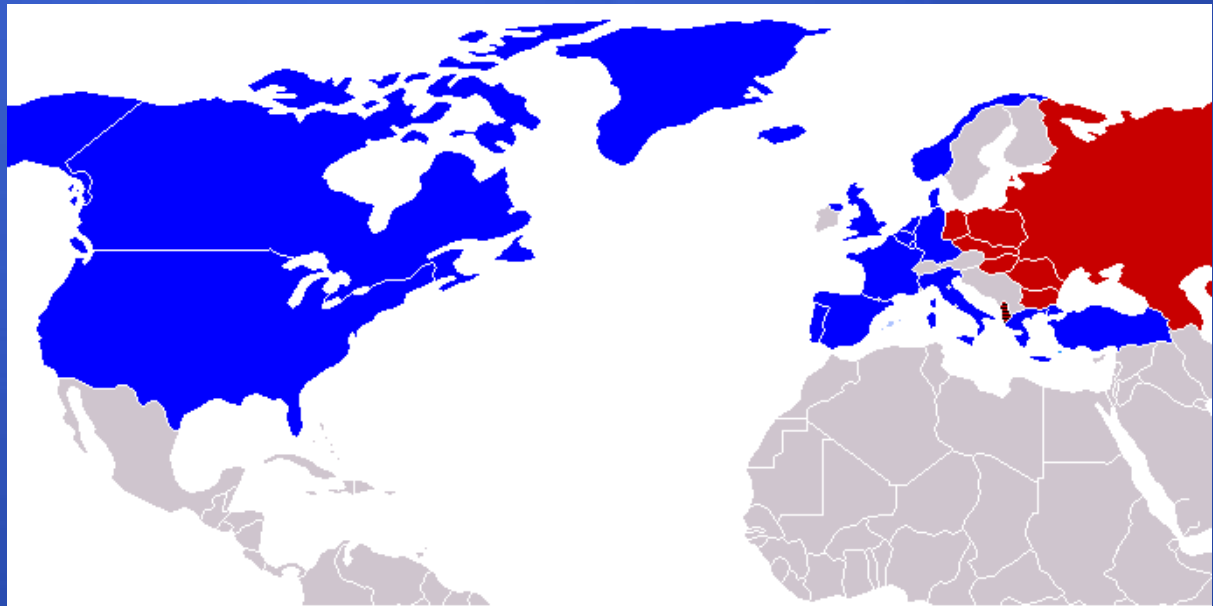
Harry Truman (D)

- 1945 – WWII ends with Truman's decision to drop A-bomb on Japan
- 1954 – The United Nations is created
- 1946 – W. Churchill claimed an Iron Curtain has descended upon Europe
- 1947 – *Truman Doctrine aid is aimed at saving Greece & Turkey
- 1948 – U.S.S.R. cuts off supply route to W. Berlin and U.S. responds with an airlift
- 1948 – *Marshall Plan aid will rebuild Western Europe
- 1949 – U.S.S.R. detonates their first A-bomb

Harry Truman (D)

1949 – Civil War in China turns most populous country into a Communist Nation

1949 – *N.A.T.O. Alliance is created to offset Soviet influence in E. Europe



Harry Truman (D)

1950 – *Korean Conflict begins; as a result United Nations police action begins to defend S. Korea

1950 – (R) Sen. J. McCarthy claims communists have infested the government, starts 2nd Red Scare



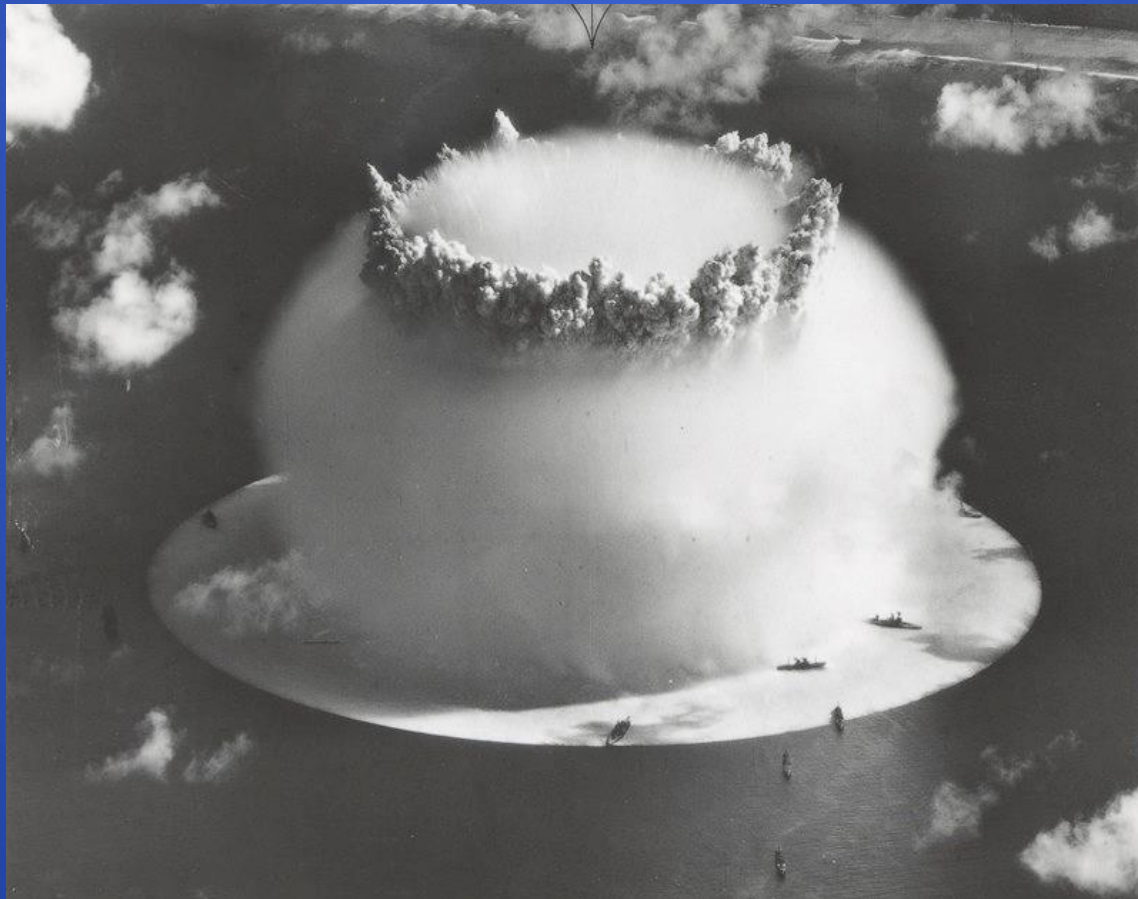
Julius & Ethel Rosenberg

1951 – Rosenbergs are tried and sentenced for providing nuclear secrets to the Soviets; executed 1953

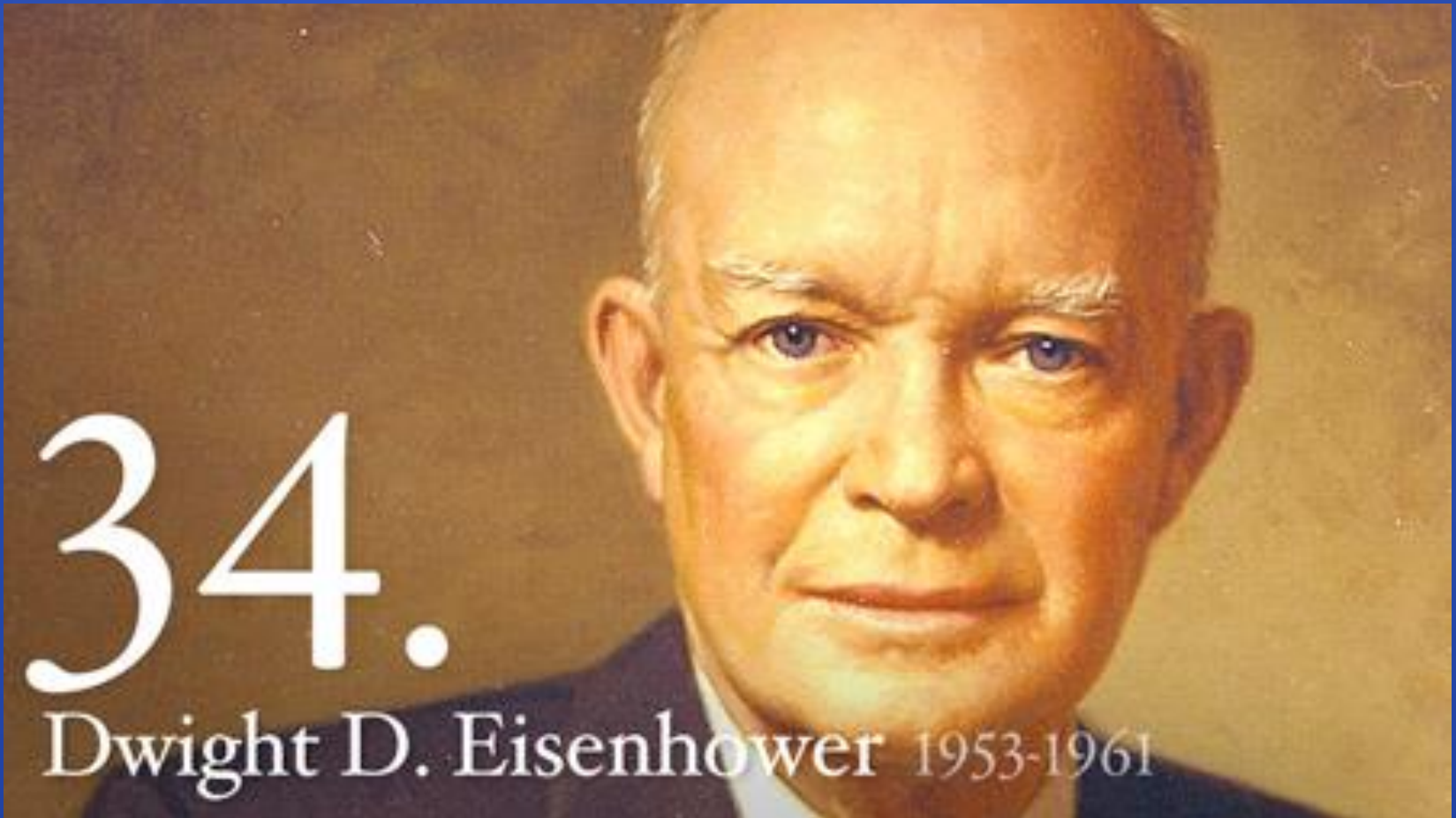


The Hydrogen Bomb

1952 – The first H-Bomb is detonated by U.S.



Dwight D. Eisenhower (R)



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Dwight D. Eisenhower 1953-1961

Dwight D. Eisenhower (R)

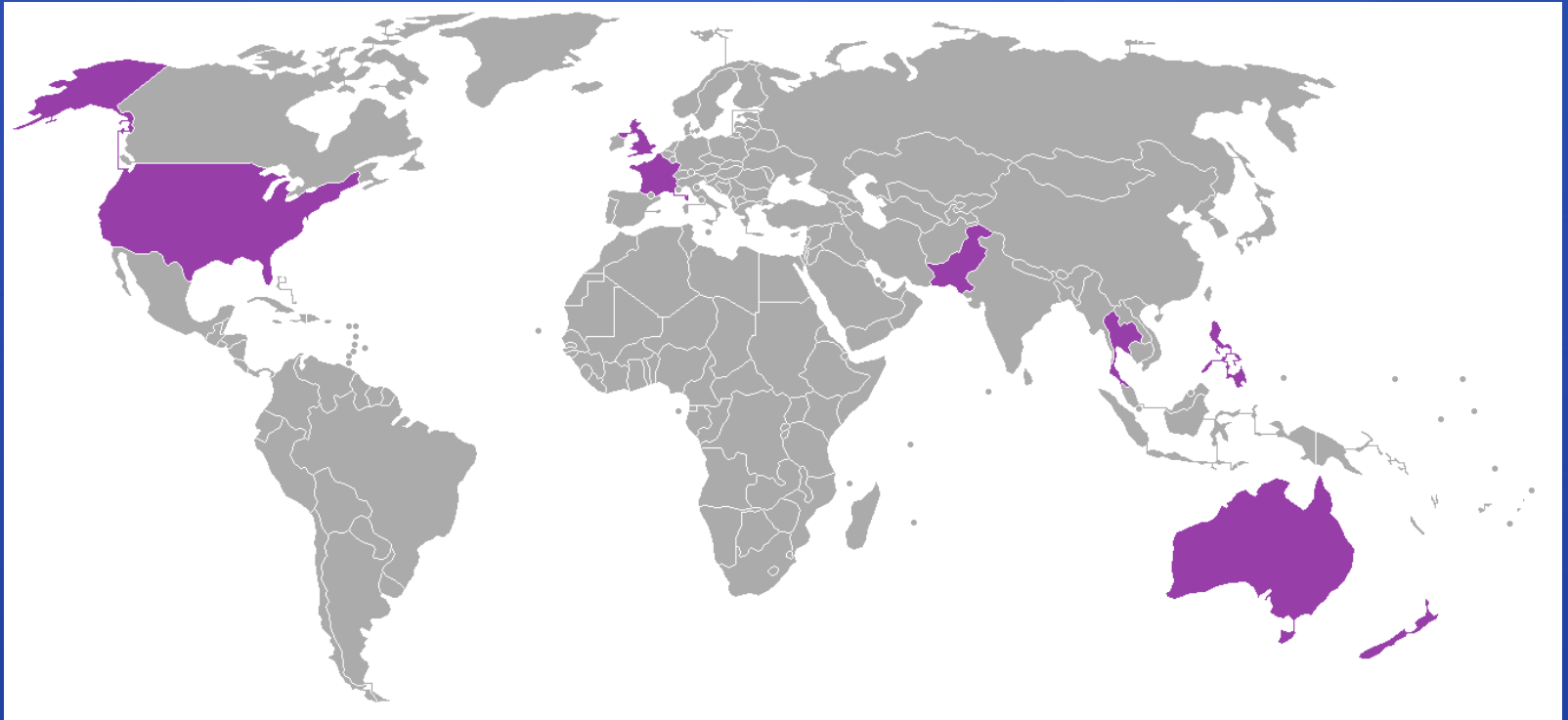
1953 – Stalin Dies



Dwight D. Eisenhower (R)

1953 – Korean Conflict ends in a stalemate at the 38th parallel

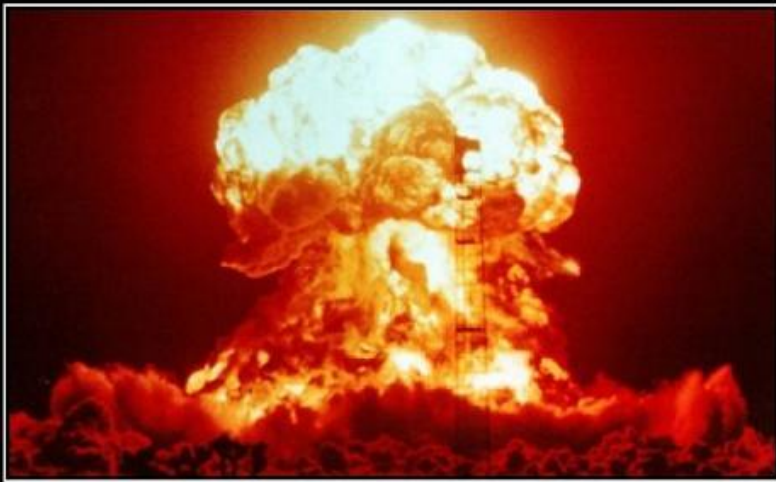
1954 – *S.E.A.T.O. Alliance forms to protect S.E. Asia



Dwight D. Eisenhower (R)

1955 – Mutually Assured Destruction or MAD Plan introduced by John Foster Dulles

1955 – S.U. creates Warsaw Pact to offset NATO



MITTULLY ASSURED DESTRUCTION

WINNING AT ANY COST MEANS EVERYBODY LOSES



Dwight D. Eisenhower (R)

1956 – New Soviet Premier [Nikita Khrushchev](#) proposes idea of “[peaceful coexistence](#)”



Dwight D. Eisenhower (R)

1957 – Sputnik launches the U.S. & Soviets into a space race

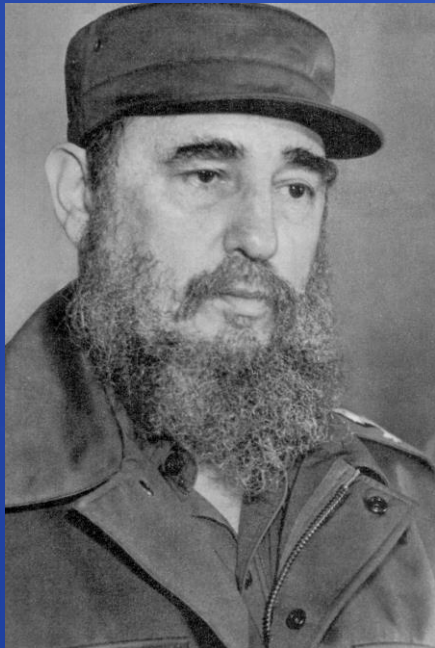


Dwight D. Eisenhower (R)

1957 – *Eisenhower Doctrine is offered to Middle East countries

1959 – Communist dictator Fidel Castro (Cuba), takes power and seizes all US assets and priv. property

1960 – Francis Gary Powers is shot down in his U-2 spy plane over U.S.S.R.

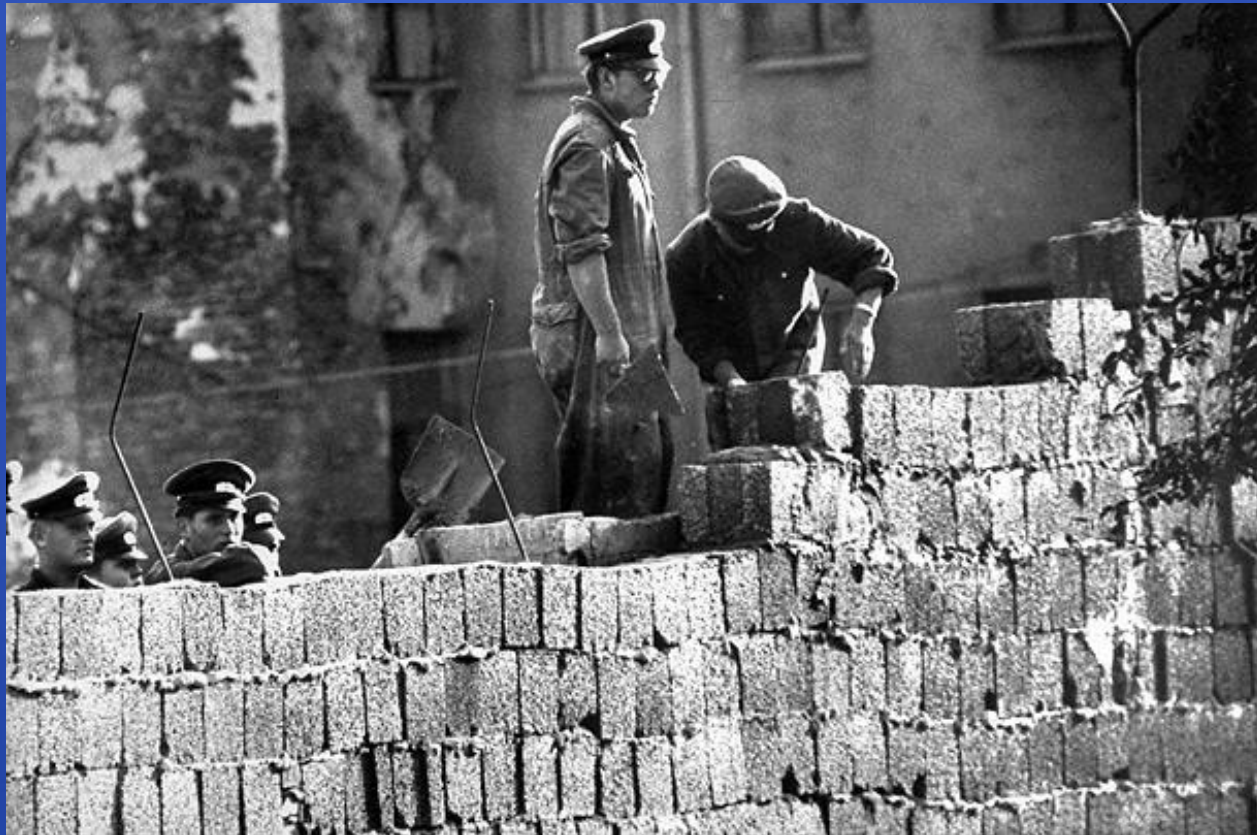


John F. Kennedy (D)

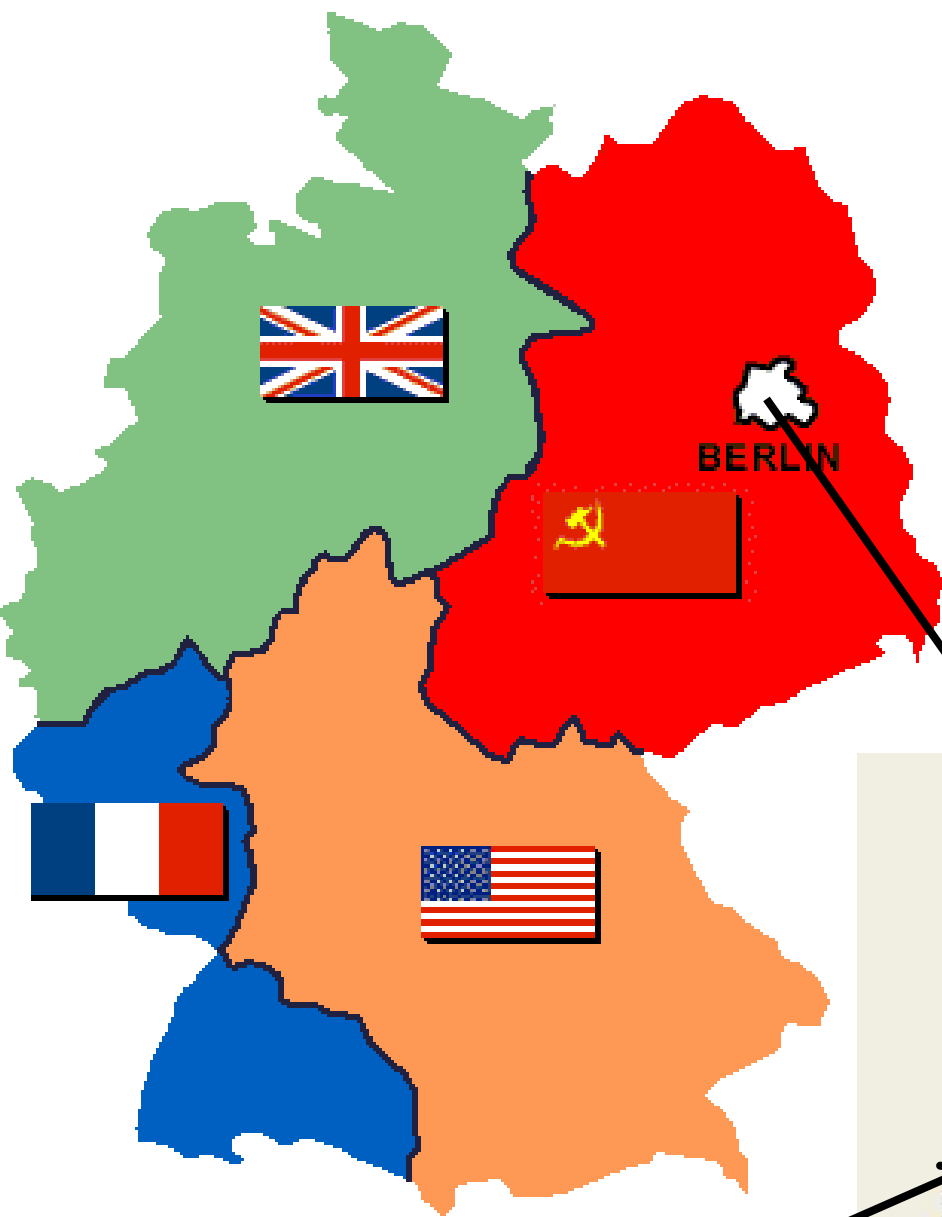


John F. Kennedy (D)

1961 – Soviets begin constructing Berlin Wall



East & West Germany with East and West Berlin



Berlin Wall

John F. Kennedy (D)

1961 – Bay of Pigs invasion by 1500 CIA-trained Cuban exiles in attempt to overthrow Castro (Failure)



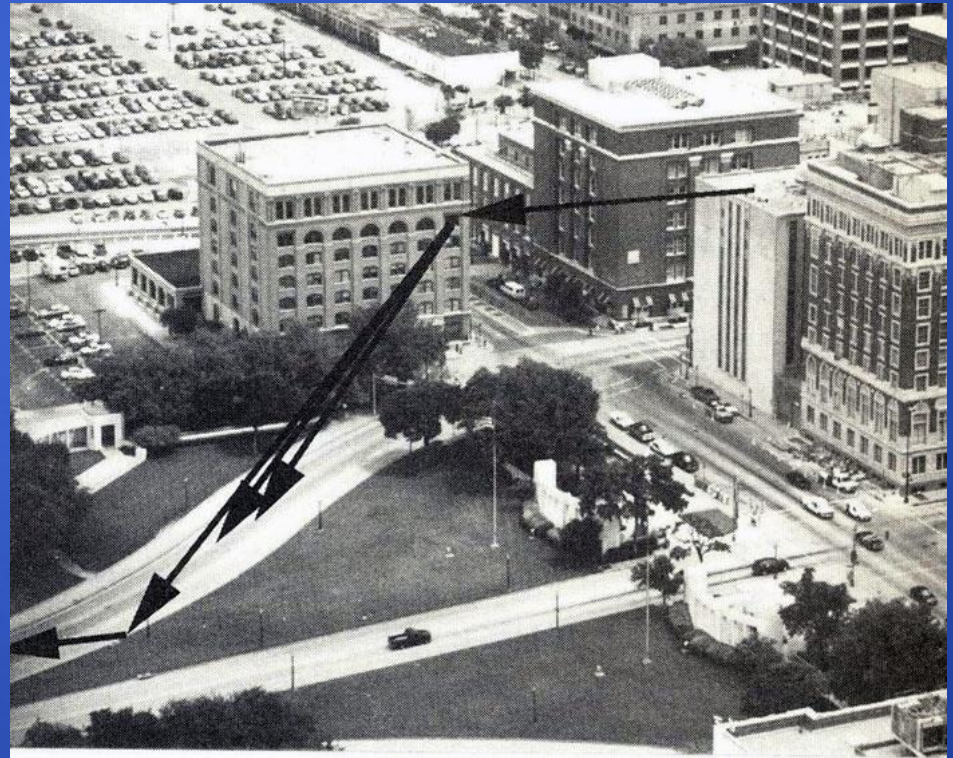
John F. Kennedy (D)

1962 – U.S. President JFK and Soviet Premier Khrushchev involve world in the [Cuban Missile Crisis](#)



John F. Kennedy (D)

1963 – JFK is shot and killed in Dallas, TX



Johnson sworn in on Air Force One



Lyndon B. Johnson (D)



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1964 – U.S. passes resolution to increase troops in S. Vietnam

1968 – U.S. involvement in Vietnam peaks; popular opinion drops



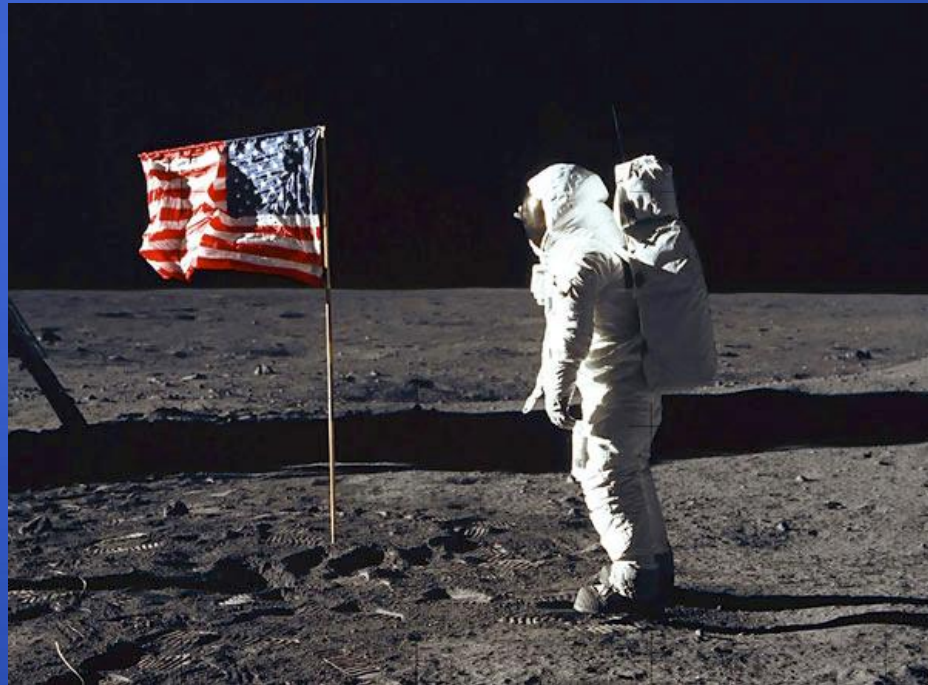
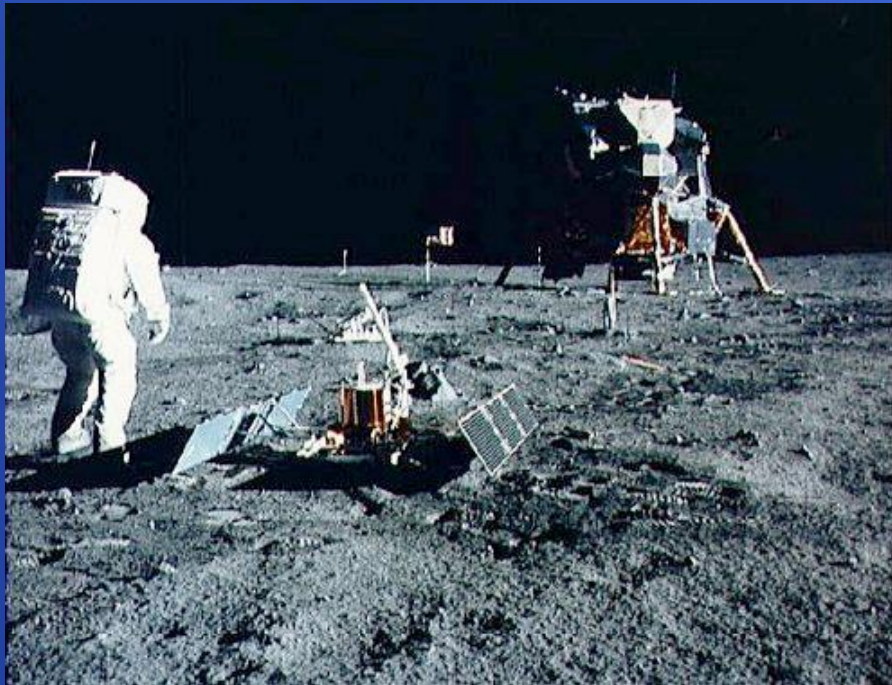
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Richard Nixon (R)



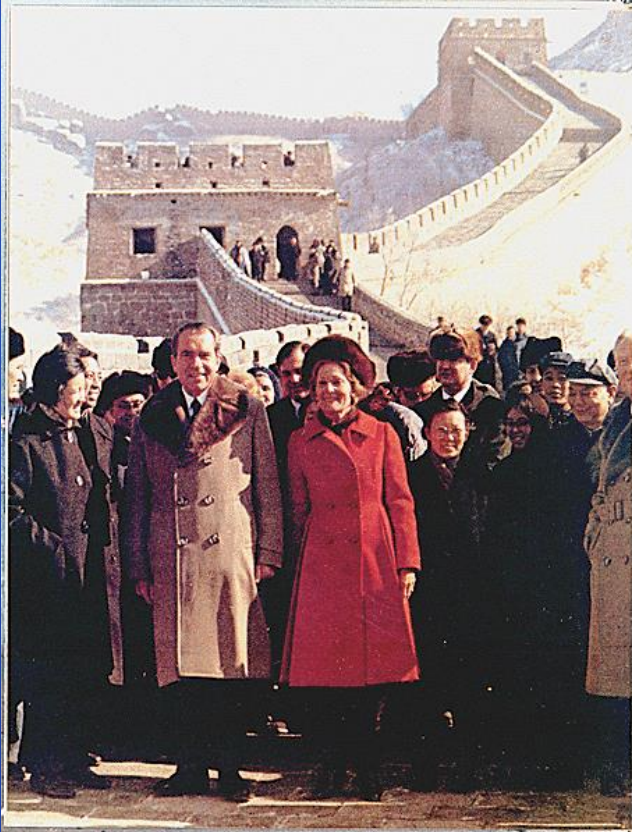
Richard Nixon (R)

1969 – NASA achieves moon landing



Richard Nixon (R)

1972 – Nixon recognizes China & visits the Soviet Union



Richard Nixon (R)

1972 – First Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty (SALT)

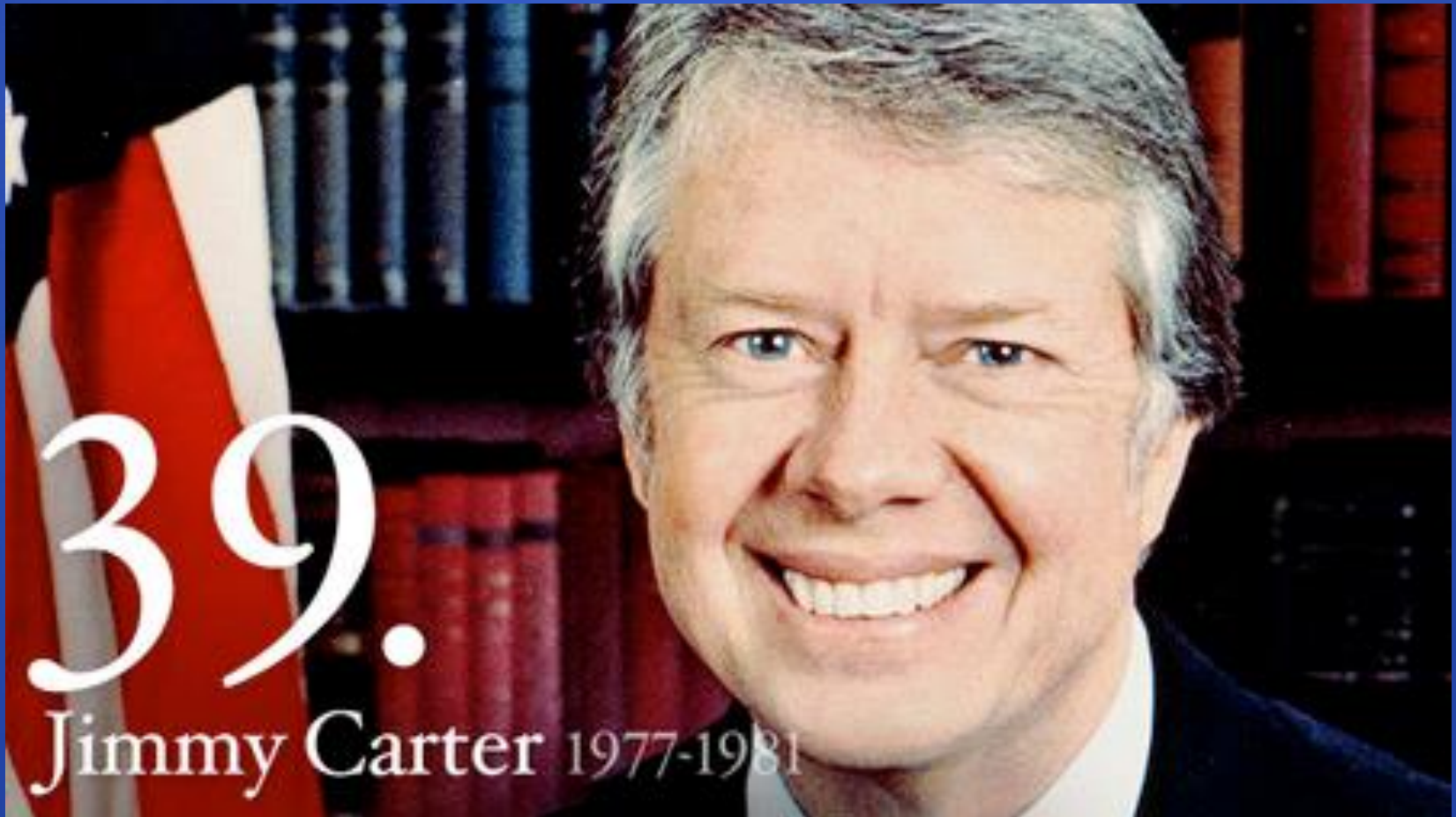
1973 – U.S. pulls out of Vietnam; 1975 dominos fall



Gerald Ford (R)



Jimmy Carter (D)



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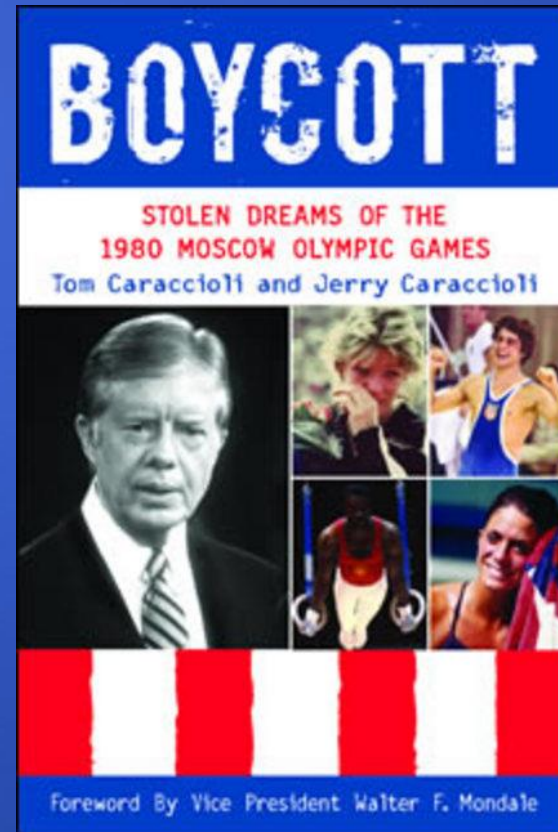
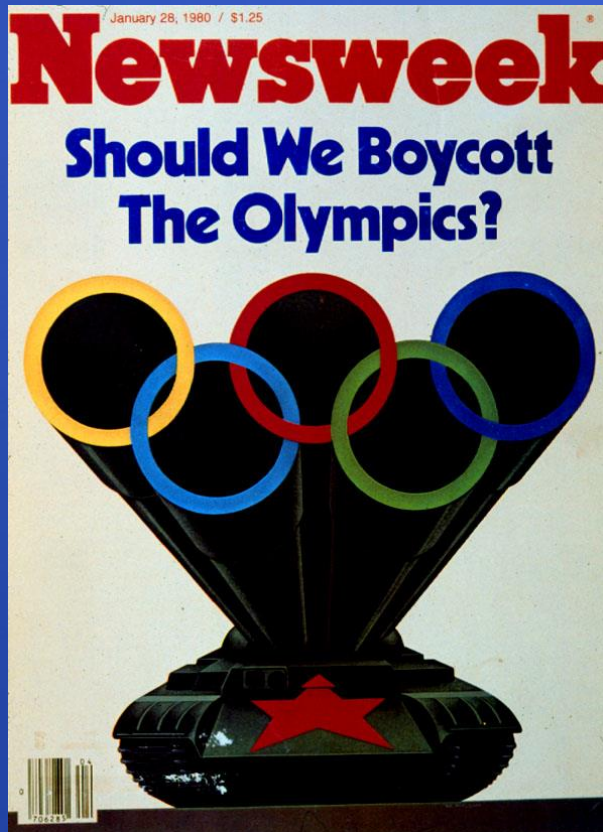
1979 – Soviets invade Afghanistan

1980 – U.S. supports freedom fighters



Jimmy Carter (D)

1980 – U.S. boycotts Moscow Summer Olympics in protest



Jimmy Carter (D)

1980 – “Miracle on Ice” occurs during Winter Olympics



Miracle on Ice

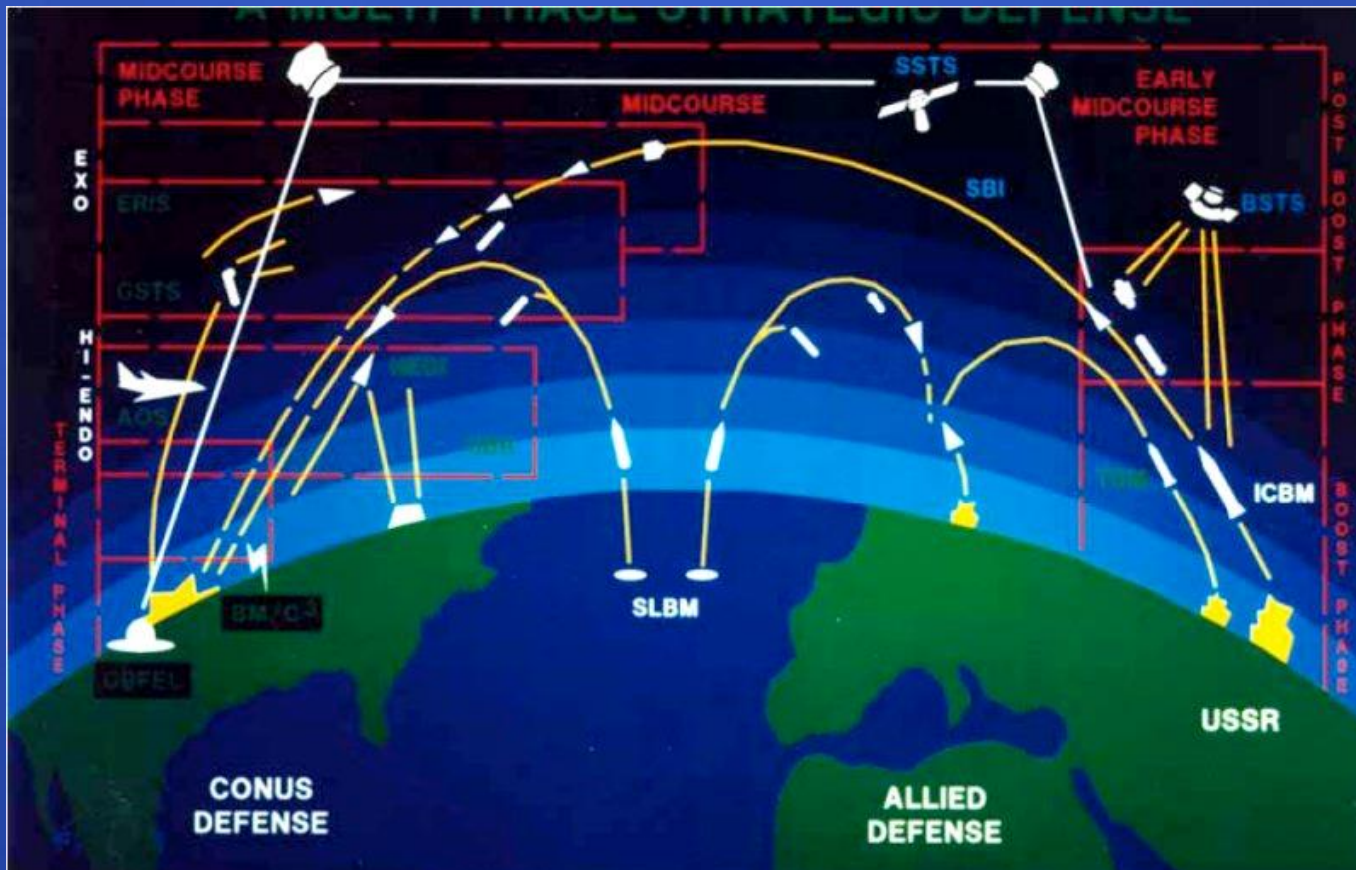


Ronald Reagan (R)



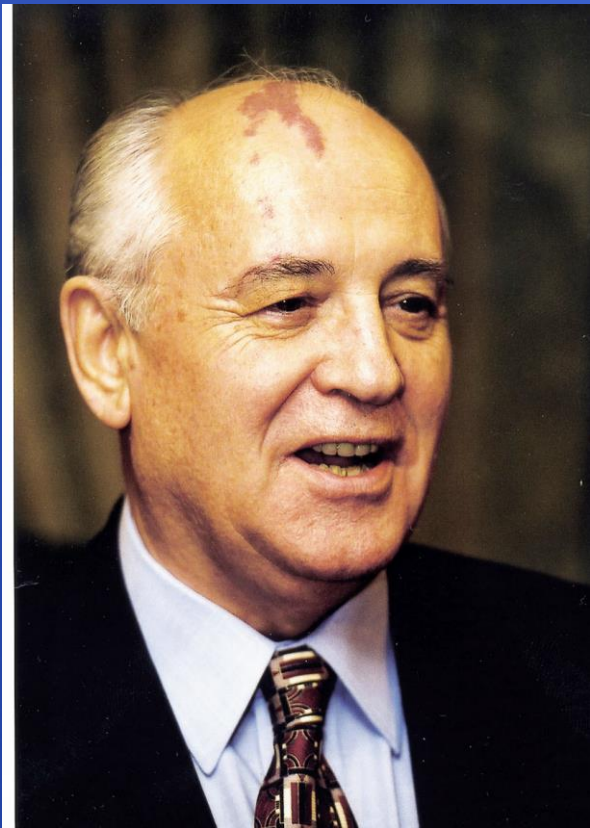
Ronald Reagan (R)

1983 – Strategic Defense Initiative or Star Wars initiated by President Reagan



Ronald Reagan (R)

1985 – Gorbachev comes to power and introduces democratic (Glasnost) and Capitalism (Perestroika) reforms



Ronald Reagan (R)

1989 – Tiananmen Square Massacre in China



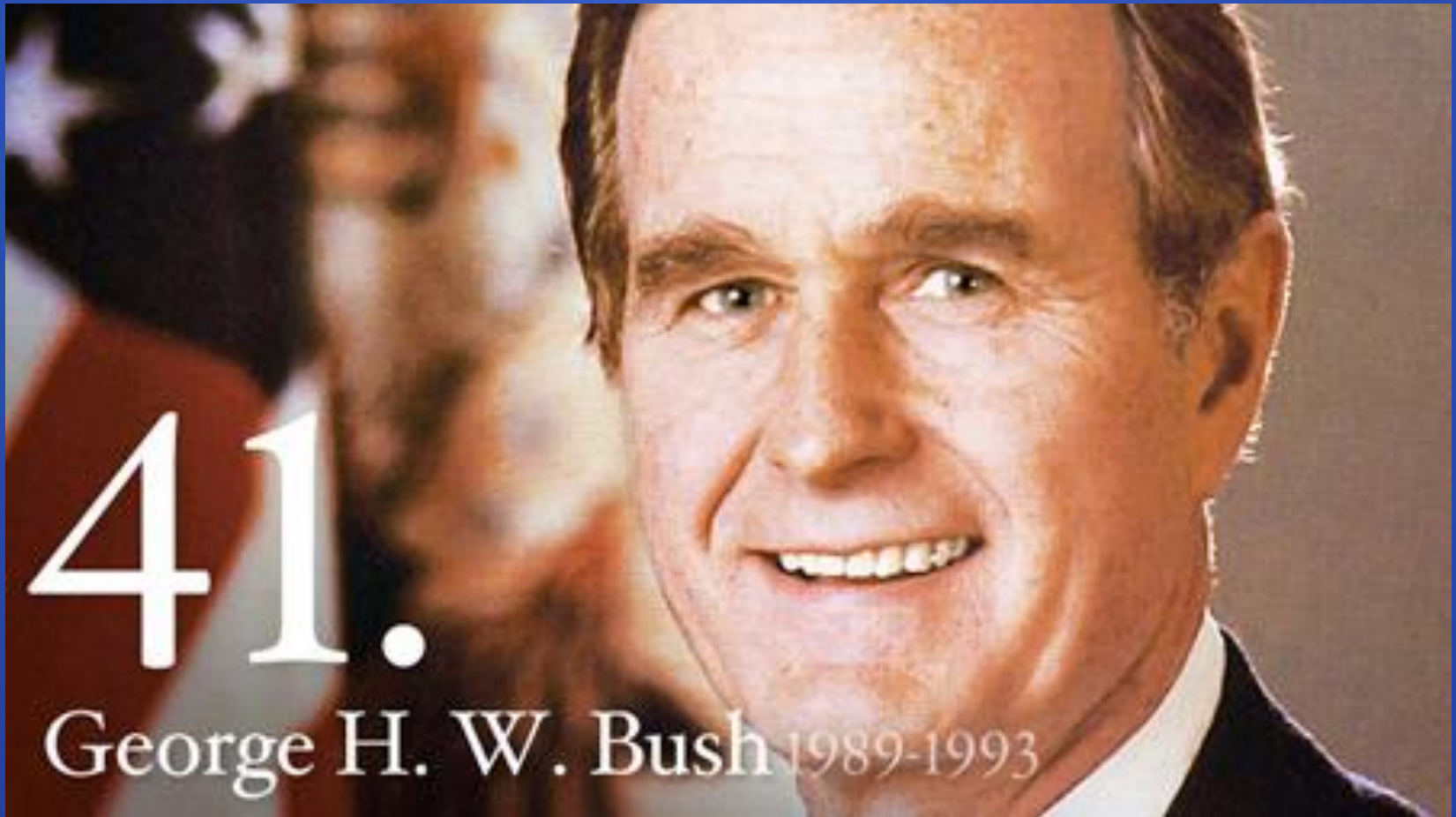
Ronald Reagan (R)

1988 – Soviets leave Afghanistan (beaten & frustrated)

1989 – Berlin Wall falls; S.U. loses its satellite nations



George Bush Sr. (R)



George Bush Sr. (R)

1991 – Soviet Union collapses

1991 – Russia elects Boris Yeltsin to lead new democracy

