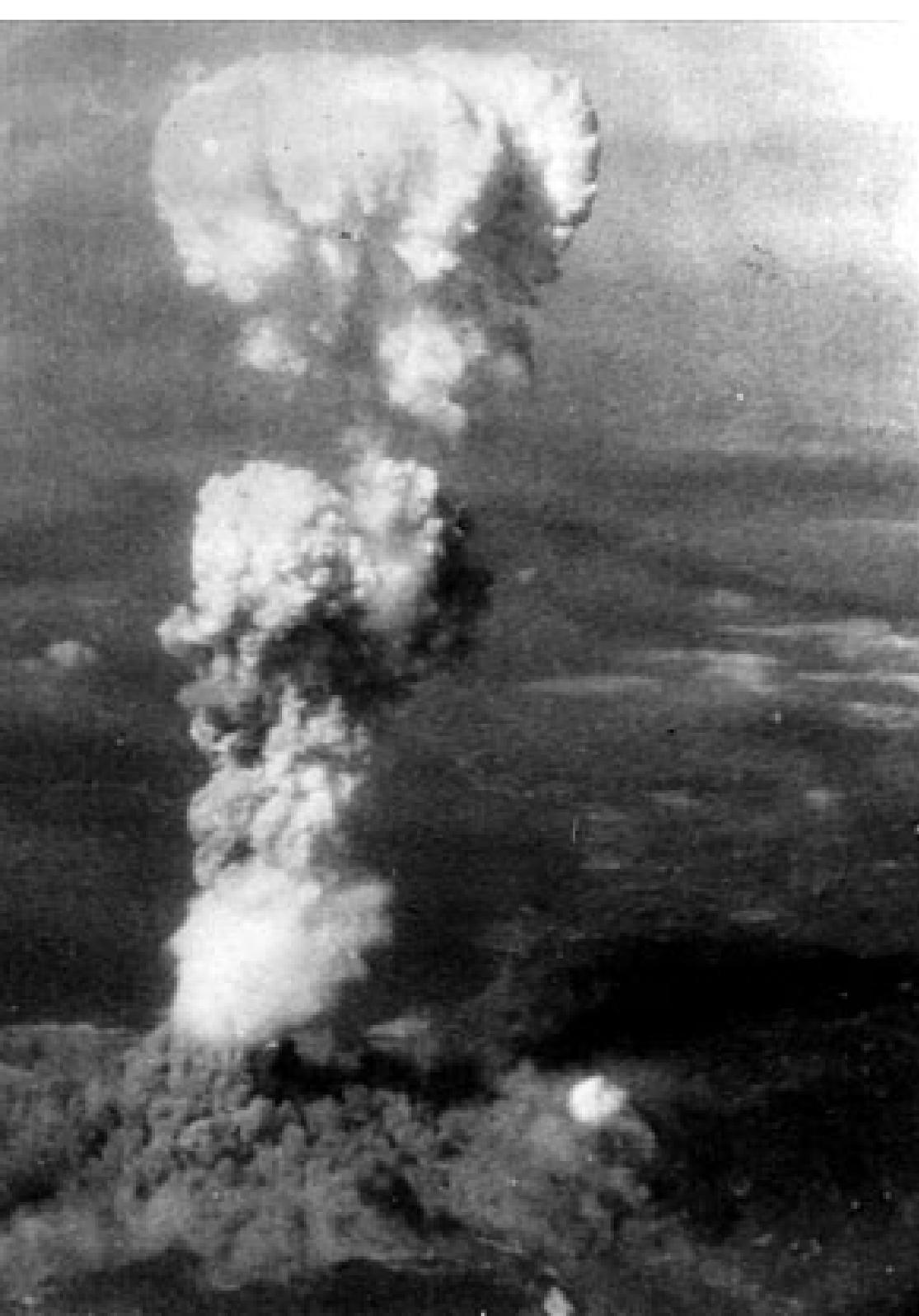




**At the end of
World War II...**



...the world was in ruins.



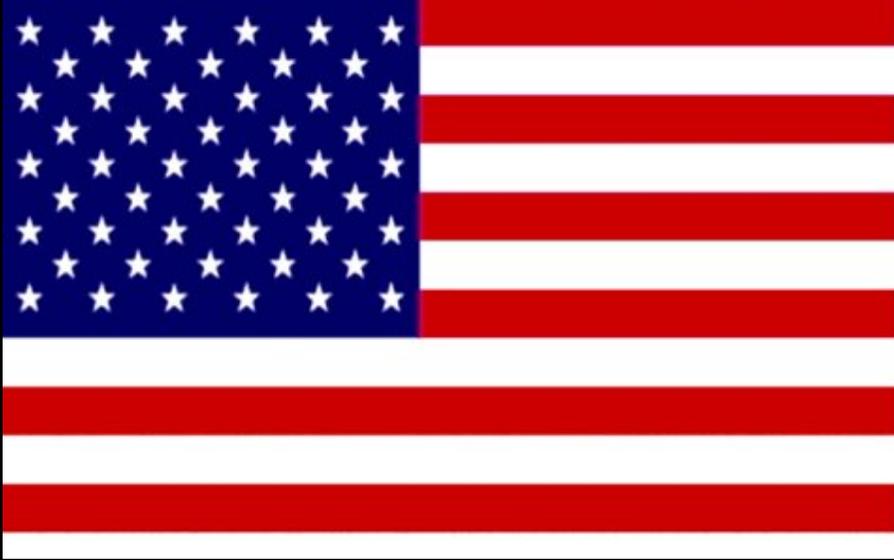
A photograph of the United Nations Secretariat Building, a tall, modern skyscraper with a grid of windows, set against a blue sky with light clouds. In the foreground, several tall, thin flagpoles are visible. The building is part of the United Nations complex in New York City.

People wanted peace...



...and needed the world
put back together again.

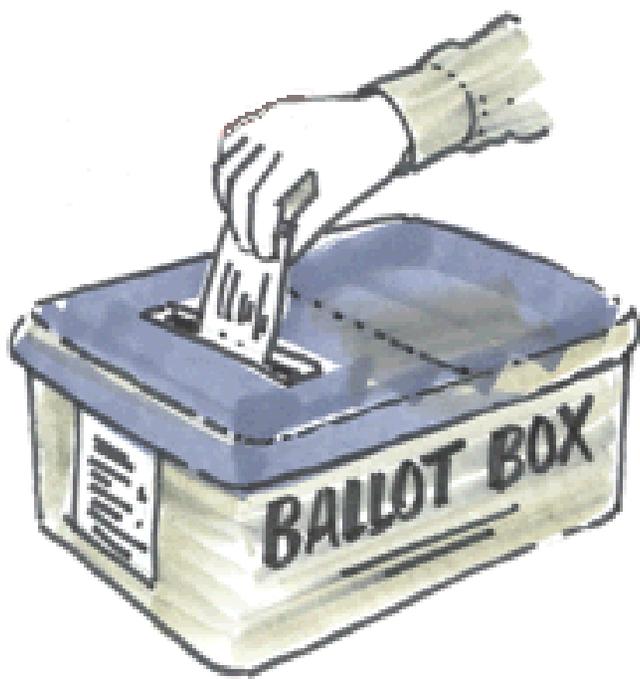
**But there were only two countries with the
power to rebuild the world:**



The United States *and* The Soviet Union

And, they were total opposites.

**The United States wanted the world to have
democracy and capitalism, like itself.**



**But the Soviet Union wanted neither
democracy or capitalism...**



...they wanted autocracy and communism.

**The competition
became known as the
“Cold War”...**



...and it split the industrialized world in two.

For the next 30 years, the two clashed over...



..the Berlin Wall...

For the next 30 years, the two clashed over...



**...China's
communist
revolution...**

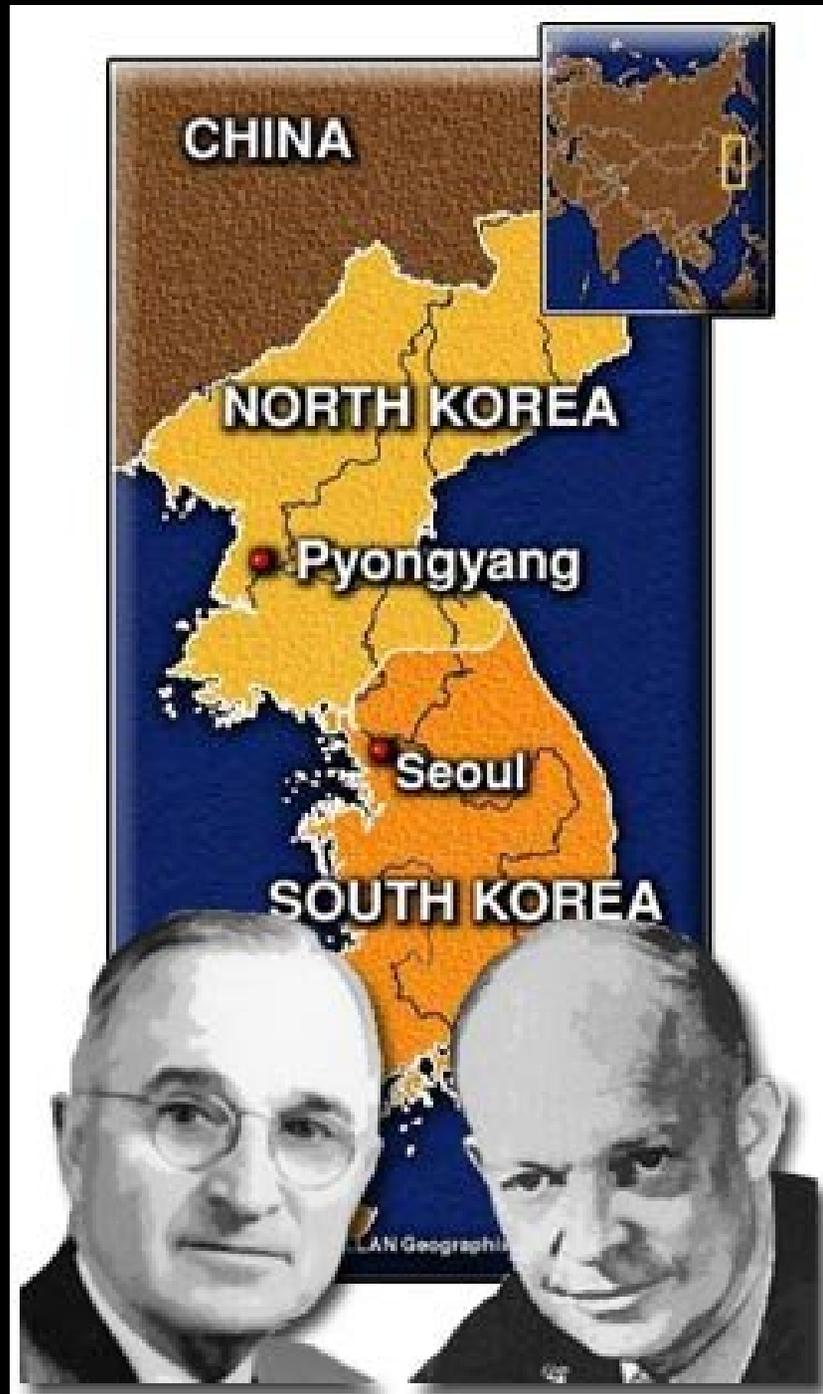
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**...the creation
of Hydrogen
Bombs...**

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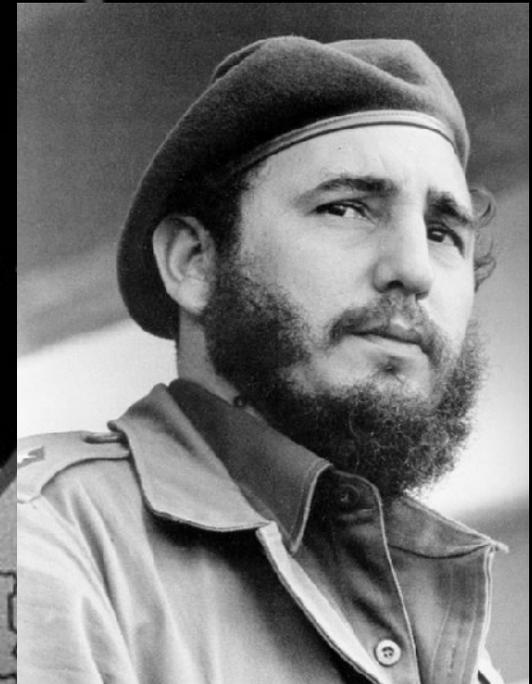
**...the Korean
War...**



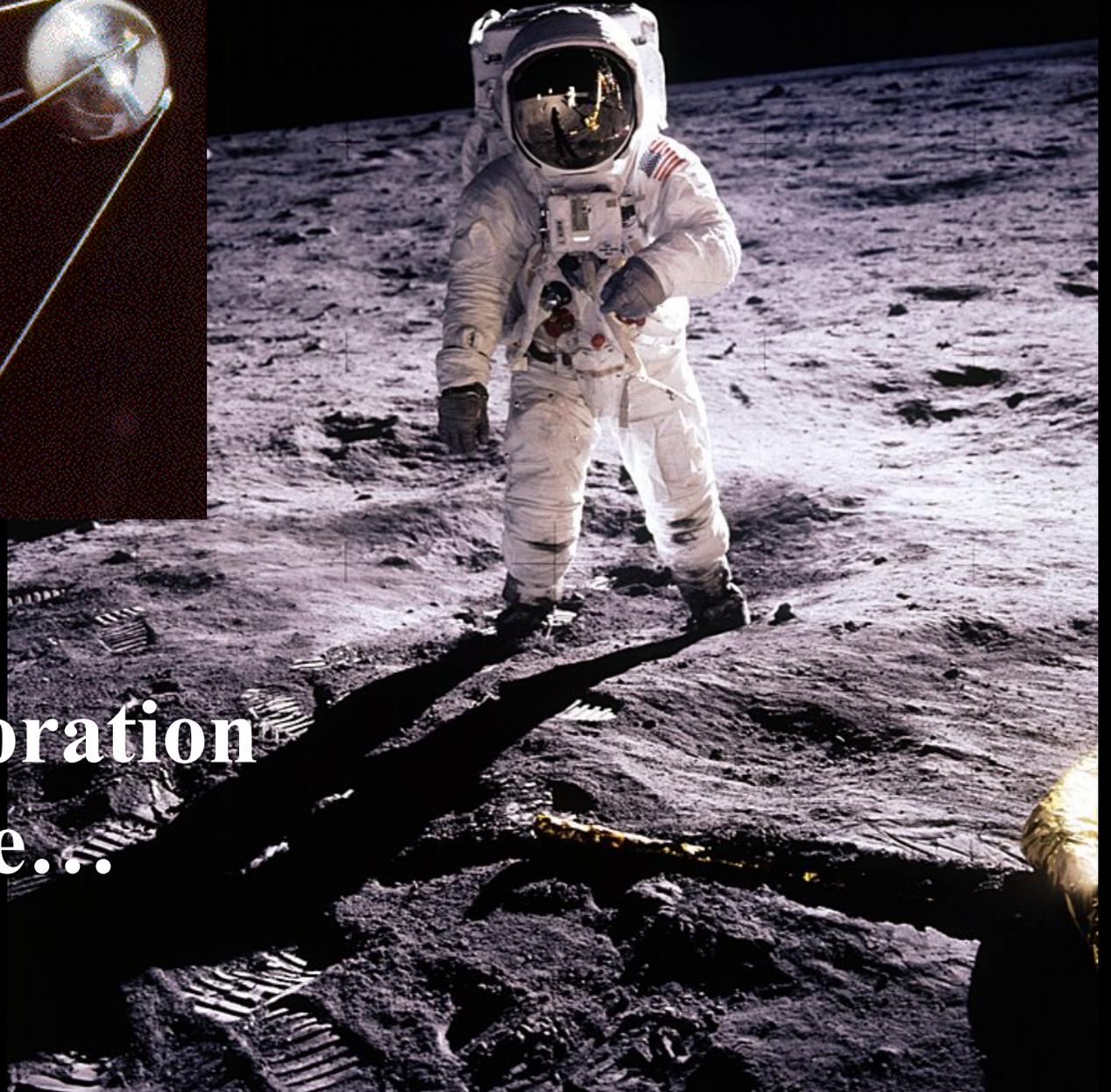
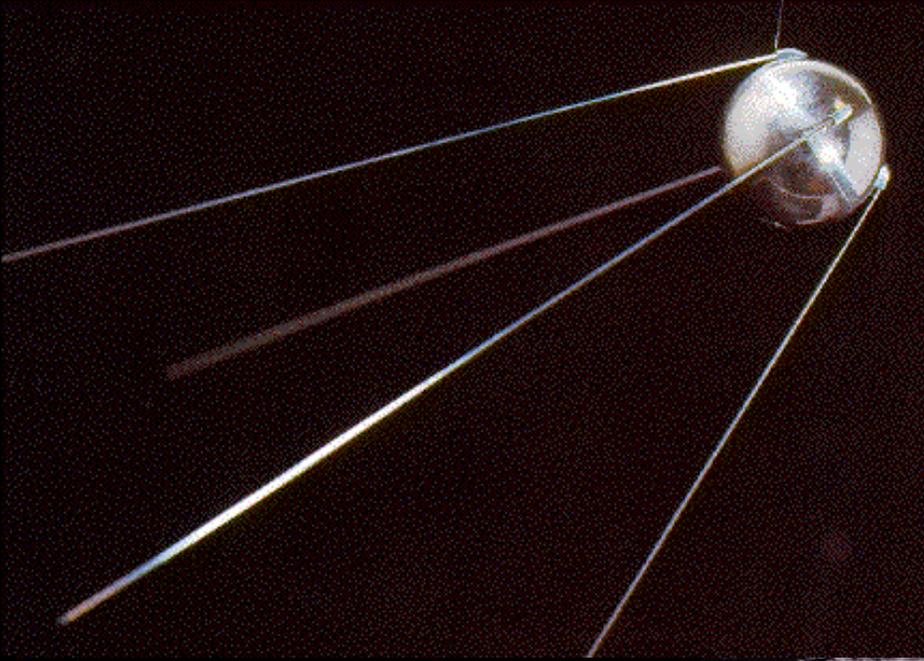
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**...the Cuban
Missile Crisis...**



For the next 30 years, the two clashed over...



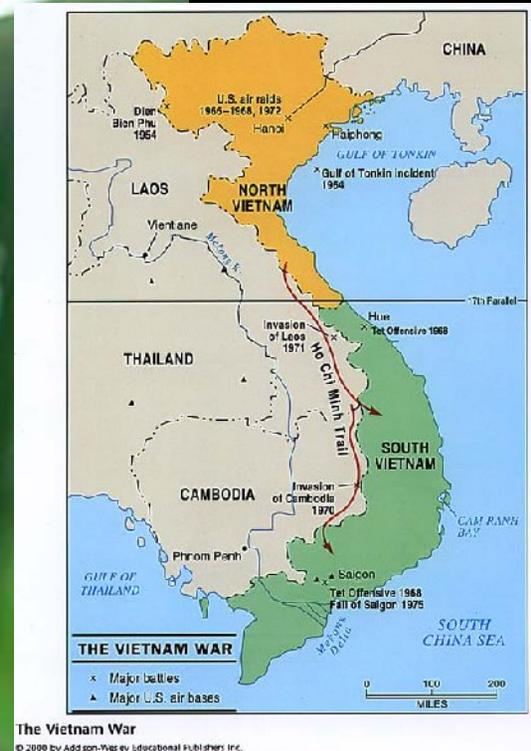
**...the exploration
of space...**

For the next 30 years, the two clashed over...

**...and the
Vietnam War.**



In Vietnam, America's technologically advanced military was defeated by guerrilla warriors called the Viet Cong, who were supplied by China and the Soviet Union.



So, when the Soviet Union invaded Afghanistan, the US trained and supplied a group of guerrilla warriors called the Mujahadeen to fight the Soviets...



(one of them was Osama bin Laden).

Just like the United States in Vietnam, the Soviet Union's powerful military was defeated by guerrillas supplied from outside.





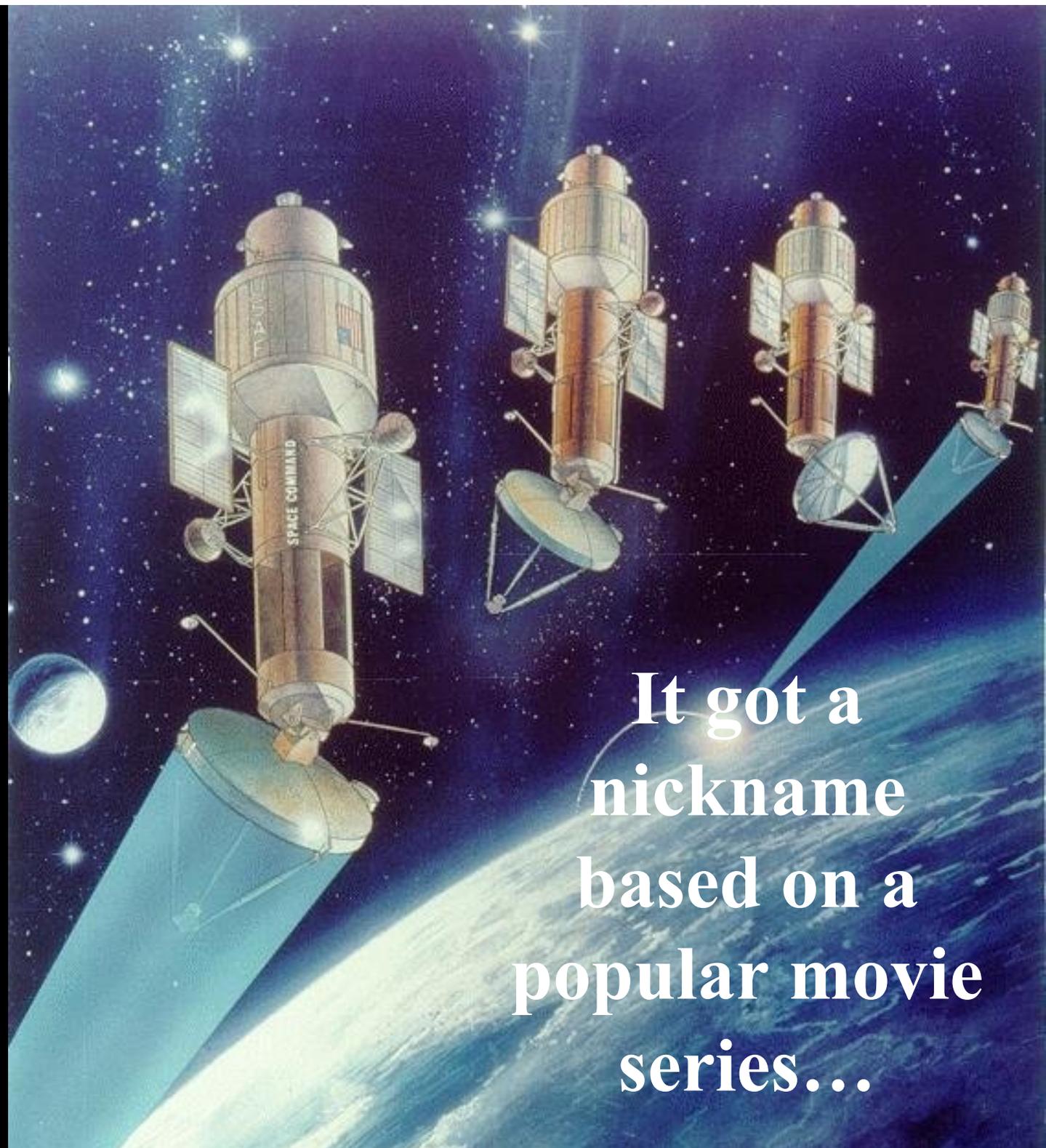
**After the war in
Afghanistan, the
Soviet Union was
almost bankrupt.**

**Sensing this, America's new president,
Ronald Reagan, decided to try to end the
Cold War by bankrupting the Soviet Union.**

**He spent over a
trillion dollars
on new military
technology...**



**...including
satellites
designed to
shoot down
incoming
nuclear
missiles with
lasers.**



**It got a
nickname
based on a
popular movie
series...**

STAR WARS



37
USA

RONALD REAGAN

**The Soviet Union went
broke trying to keep
up with America's
spending spree.**

The Fall of Communism

- Rich West and Poor East
- Eastern Bloc begins to revolt about democracy and economy
- 1980 Poland
 - Solidarity movement led by Lech Walesa
 - Workers went on strike; government imposed martial law
 - 1988 reform minded Premier elected
 - 1990 1st free elections; communism falls

Mikhail Gorbachev, the Soviet leader, knew it was time for some reforms.



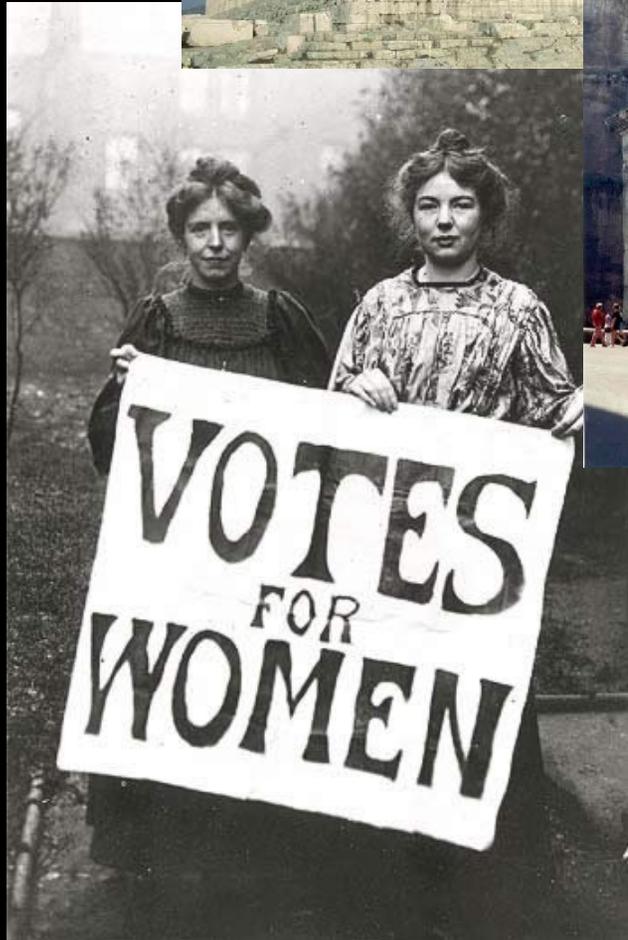
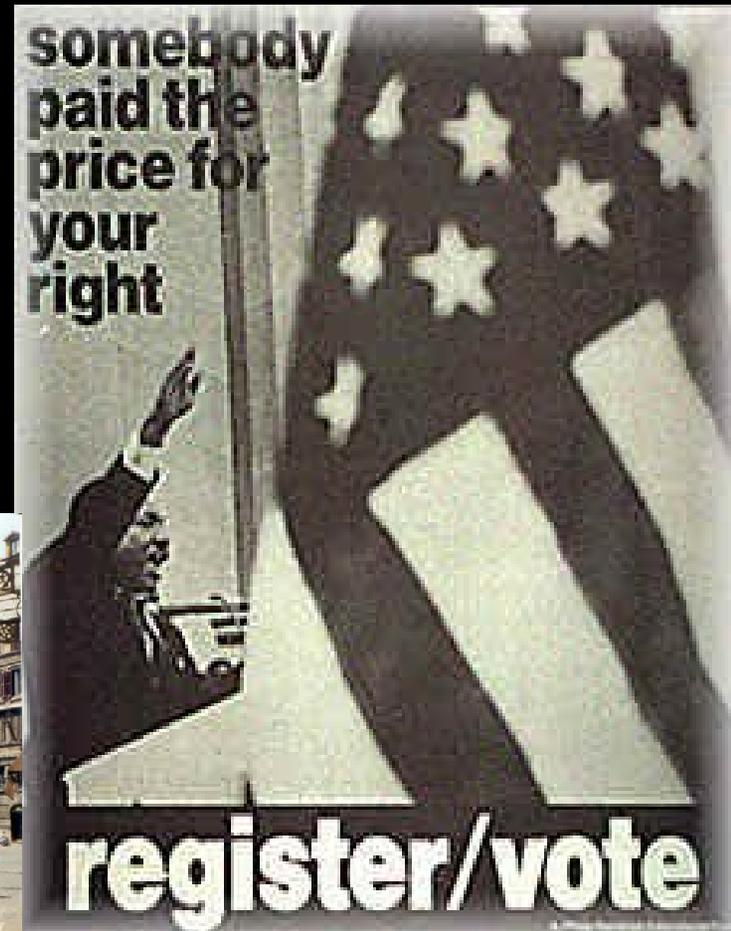
He gave the right to make a profit (perestroika)

and

the right to gripe (glasnost).

It was only a matter of time before people used these new freedoms to ask for...

DEMOCRACY!



The people's anger soon focused on that old symbol of Soviet oppression:

The Berlin Wall

The crossing points between West and East Berlin:

- 1 - Checkpoint Charlie
- 2 - Heinrich-Heine-Strasse
- 3 - Bornholmer Strasse
- 4 - Chausseestrasse
- 5 - Invalidenstrasse
- 6 - Oberbaumbrücke
- 7 - Sonnenallee
- 8 - Friedrichstrasse Station

The crossing points between West Berlin and GDR:

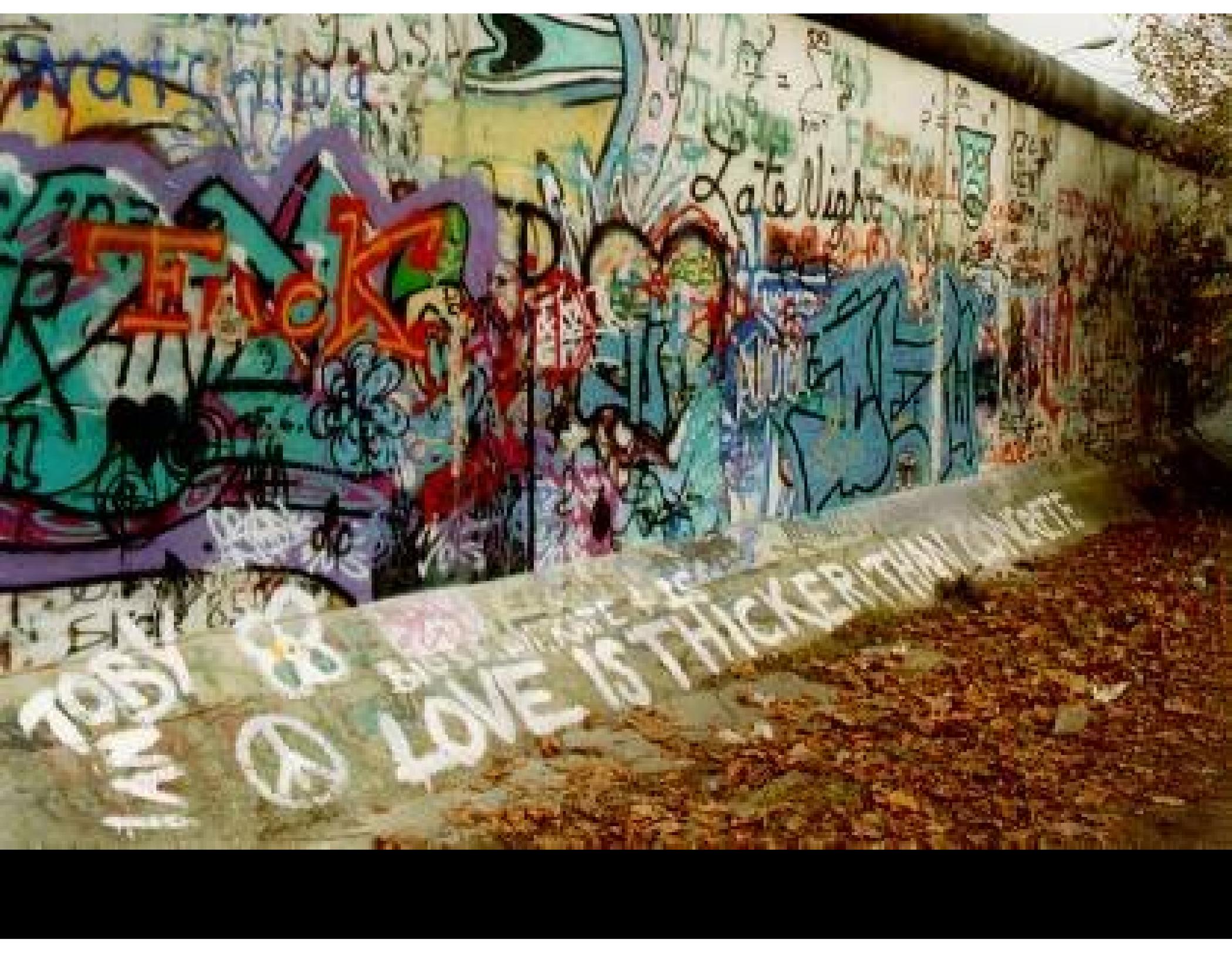
- 9 - Heiligensee/Stolpe
- 10 - Staaken
- 11 - Dreilinden/Drewitz
- 12 - Waltersdorfer Chaussee

 Berlin Wall

0 5 10 km




By the late 1980's, it looked like this...



THICK

Late Night

LOVE IS THICK

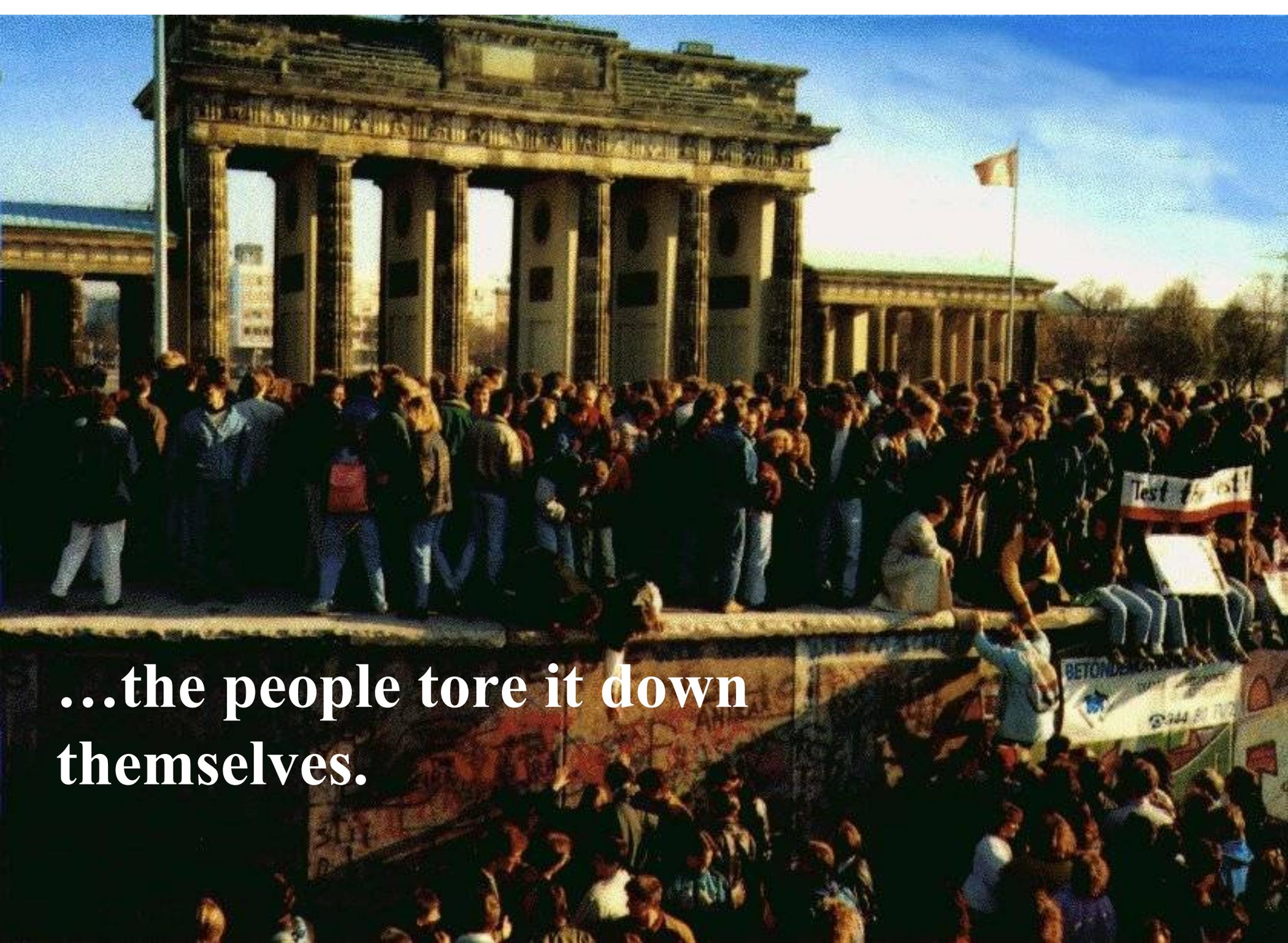
President Reagan flew to Berlin, stood in front of the wall and famously said,





**"Mr. Gorbachev,
tear down this
wall."**

Soon after, realizing the Soviet Union no longer had the power to stop them...



...the people tore it down
themselves.

**(Soviet troops
doing nothing
to stop them).**



**The Iron Curtain
became an open
gate.**



The Soviet Union collapsed...



**...changed its
flag to the
traditional
colors of
democracy...**

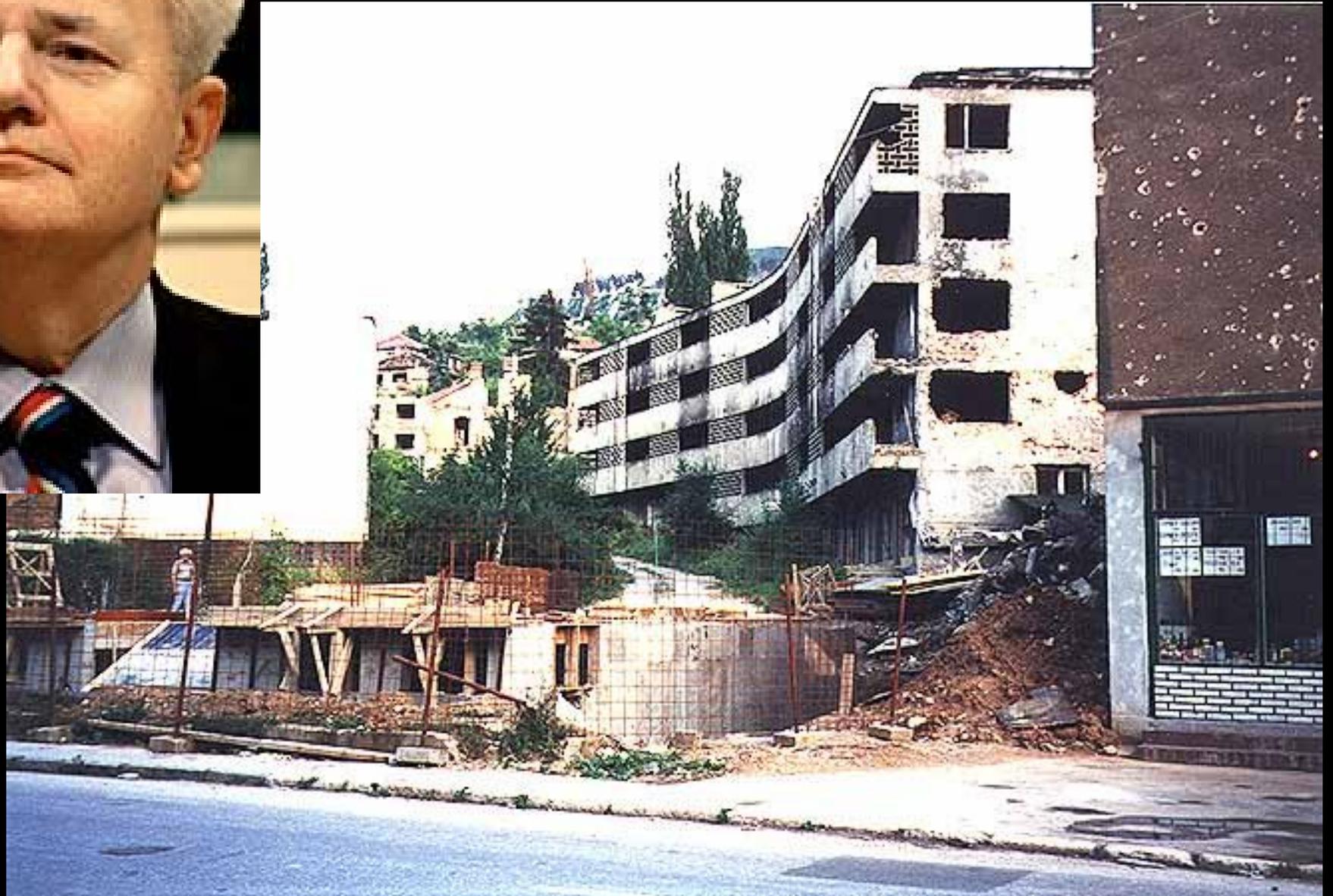
**...and after hundreds of years
of czars, and decades of
dictators, Russia elected its
first president, Boris Yeltsin.**



**The Cold War was
officially over.**

Fall of the Soviet Union

- Most nations made the transition peacefully
- BUT in the Balkans: nationalistic movements within former Yugoslavia led to ethnic cleansing in which Muslims were slaughtered by Serbians → UN got involved
- Chechnya has wanted to break free of Russia → rebels have used guerrilla warfare

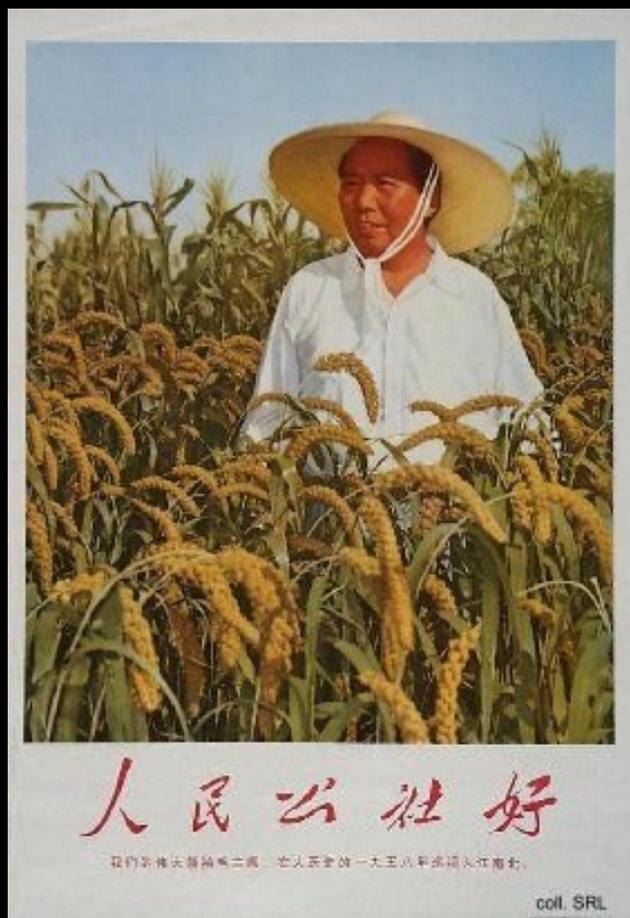


Meanwhile, in China . . .

People's Republic of China

- Mao Zedong rallied peasants in 1949
- Made reforms similar to Stalin's collectivization and industrialization
- Great Leap Forward 1950s
 - Huge communes → goal = true Marxist state
 - Failed → USSR loss of support
- Capitalist elements and focus on military





People's Republic of China

- 1966 Mao upset that society strayed from communism
- Cultural Revolution
 - Universities were shut down for 4 years
 - Students were sent into the fields to remove their elitist attitudes
- 1970s → realized needed to open itself to Western ideas

People's Republic of China

- 1976 Deng Xiaoping took office
- Economy became a strict communist command economy with elements of free-enterprise
- Strict political control
 - 1989—Tiananmen Square Massacre







Communism on values

- Communist leadership/ideology not always sympathetic to traditional Chinese values
 - Collectivization made family farms obsolete
 - Religious beliefs compete with the authority of the state
- Population—contraceptives and abortion
 - 1980 one child per family policy
 - Some killed their 1st born females

Communism on Women

- Equality demanded by a classless society allowed for advances for women
- Treated equally under the law
 - Right to divorce
 - Property rights
 - Equal pay for equal work