

UNIT 5- THE COLD WAR

DAY 3



KOREA AND VIETNAM

What Happens When A "Cold War" gets "Hot"?

OBJECTIVES

- Understand why tensions would erupt in Berlin, Korea, and Vietnam
 - Identify the “end results” of both “Conflicts”
 - Discuss effects on modern Korea
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- *Terms:*
 - Berlin Blockade
 - 38th Parallel
 - Korean War
 - Douglas MacArthur
 - DMZ
 - Vietnam War
 - Guerilla Warfare
 - Vietnamization

REMIND ME...

- What was done with Germany / Berlin after WWII?
- Why were Americans so afraid of Communism?
- What was our official policy against it?
- What promises had we made other nations via the Truman Doctrine / NATO?

CHIP OFF THE OLD BLOCKADE

- What do you think the Soviets feel about half of Berlin not being theirs?
 - *What would YOU do about it?*
- Hoping to force West Berlin to concede to them in 1948 the Soviets started the **Berlin Blockade**
 - Soviet blocking of all supplies from being shipped into West Berlin (*by land*)
 - Led to a massive airlift to save the city
 - *Continued for 10 months, and the Soviets backed down*
 - *Sidenote: The Famous “Candy Bomber” was part of this*



HOW DO YOU SOLVE A PROBLEM LIKE KOREA?

- At the end of WWII Japan had a colony to their West called Korea
 - *Much like Germany and Berlin, after WWII it was taken from them, and divided... but between the U.S. and U.S.S.R. 1948 (who pull out in 1949)*
- The 38th Parallel became very important
 - Geographic line that divided North and South Korea (*Communist and Non*)
 - In 1949 North Korea crossed the parallel to invade
 - This begins the “Korean War”
 - *Technically a “conflict” as Congress never declares one*

THE KOREAN WAR

- Officially between North Korea and South Korea
 - *However, it really becomes the U.S. led UN, and China*
- The United Nations is able to respond as North Korea's violating the 38th parallel violates a nation's sovereignty
- U.N. forces are led by an American – Douglas MacArthur
 - Hero of WWII
 - Goal was to push North Koreans back to the parallel
 - NOT to conquer or invade the North
 - *President Truman does NOT agree on this point*
- When South Forces invade the North and take the Capitol, China issues a warning... and begins mobilization on their border



ROTTEN TO THE KOR-EAN

- The Korean War ends in a Stalemate
 - Neither side winning
- The 38th Parallel becomes the border...again
- The DMZ is established
 - Demilitarized Zone
 - Area where NO military is allowed, or crossing
 - Heaviest-guarded border in the world
 - (between North and South Korea)
- Technically, this means the Korean War is STILL going on... it's just been on an armistice
 - *What did that word mean again? From WWI?*

SAVE THE LAST FRANCE FOR ME

- France had a colony in Vietnam, and in the 50s got millions of US dollars in aid...
 - *What was that called? What were the criteria?*
- Well, in 1954 a man named Ho Chi Minh led a revolt against the French, and won.
 - *They asked for U.S. but we refused... why?*
- Much like Korea, a Geneva Convention was held, and the decision made to divide the country into North and South
 - This, like Korea, however, didn't hold for long... and when the North invaded the South... that led to...

THE VIETNAM WAR



- Lasted roughly 20 years! **Nov. 1955 - Apr. 1975**
- Introduced the U.S. to **guerilla warfare**
 - Hit and Run technique for fighting
 - Small bands, no official governments, and ambush
 - **Napalm** became a symbol of this warfare
(“*liquid fire*”)
- Was initially supported but then protested by much of the U.S.
 - *Why?*



A group of soldiers in a field with a burning building in the background.

I love the smell of Napalm in the morning.

THE VIETNAM WAR

- Concluded with Vietnamization
 - Withdrawing U.S. Forces
 - Training locals to replace them in all aspects
 - *This is what we are currently doing in Afghanistan*
- After U.S. withdrawal...
it actually fell to the Communists ☹
 - *Still Communist today*

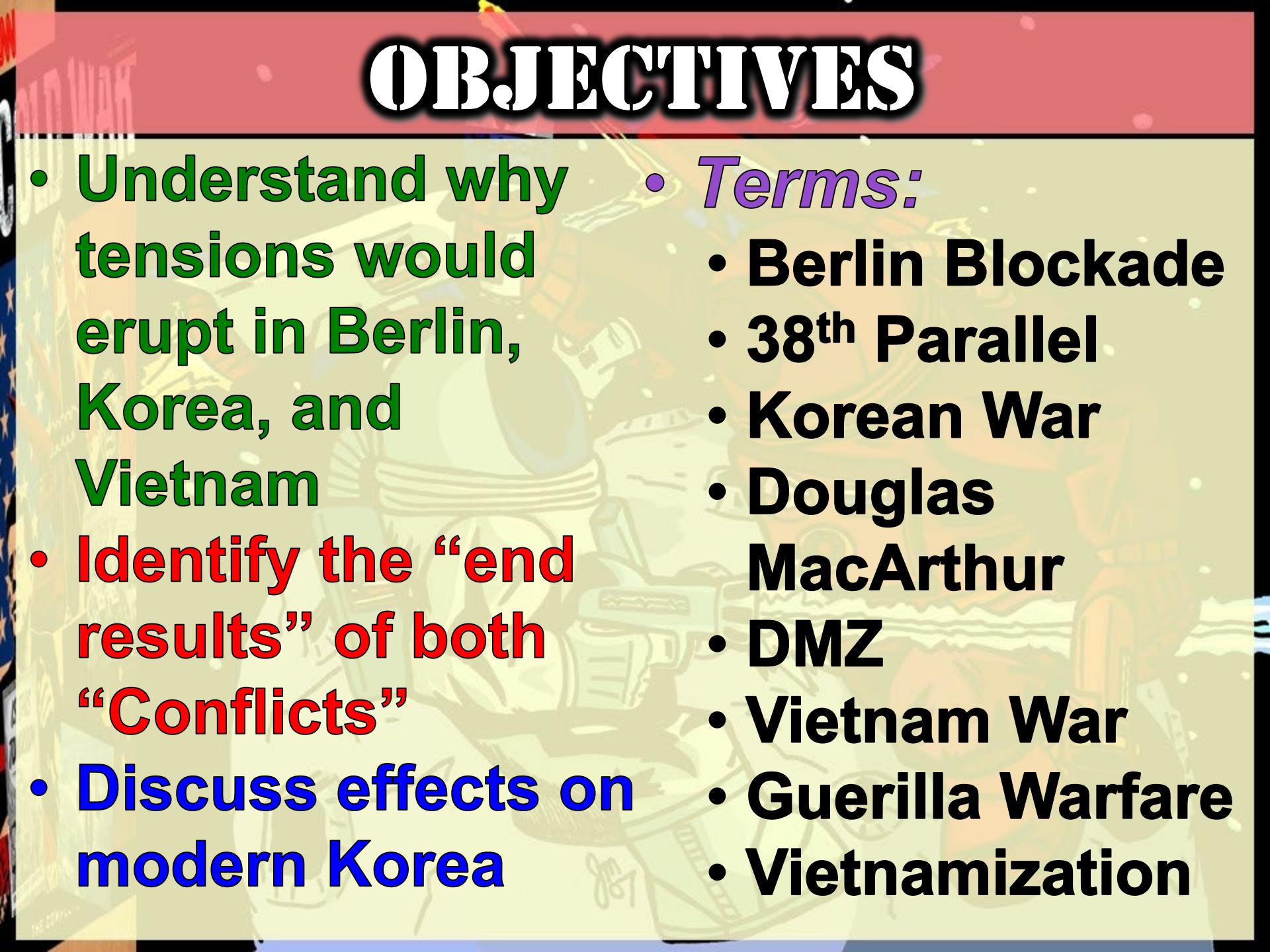




AND SO

- While the Soviet Union and the United States never officially fight each other, they end up on opposing sides or “support” roles for those who DO fight
- Further, Vietnam AND Korea are both results of a lot of treaties, promises, and alliances... plus an extension of our fear of communism and containment policy
- But remember, neither was ever officially a “war”
- *Next time: Protest Songs!*

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