

MARSHALL PLAN

Map of Cold-War era Europe and the Near East showing countries that received Marshall Plan aid. The red columns show the relative amount of total aid per nation.

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Joseph Stalin. "When I am gone, the capitalists will drown you like blind kittens,"
February 9, 1946

Stalin was faced with the Western containment policy and isolation to the tune of 180 NATO military installations encircling the Soviet Union as early as 1948, with the air supply bridge to Berlin, which was in fact on Soviet territory!

The Berlin blockade was expensive for the Kremlin, it created a lot bad will and set the pace for the Cold War conflict, which would last half a century.

The American *conflict & resolution* policy in containing the communist ideology rattled the Kremlin planners and threw them into high-tech upmanship, finally defeated by the Reagan Administration's unprecedented peace time military build-up in the United States.

The Generalissimo won WW-II almost single-handedly, fending off 14 German Third Reich's mechanized armies, while the Western Allies faced ONLY 3 armies on the Western Front, from June 6, 1944 to May 9, 1945, less than a year, while it took the Kremlin 4 years to reach Berlin in the May 9th 1945 Victory Parade!