

Berlin Blockade

Before Berlin Blockade:

- After WW2, Germany was divided into 4 zones.
 - >US, France and Britain occupied West Germany AND West Berlin (~ $\frac{2}{3}$ of Germany)
 - >Soviet Union occupied East Germany and East Berlin (~ $\frac{1}{3}$ of Germany)
- Stalin wanted to control the whole city of Berlin, which was deep in the Soviet zone
- French and Soviet wanted to extract huge amount of reparations from their zone
- USA and Britain felt that Germany economic recovery is more important
- France refused to join in Bizonia(US and British zone combined)
- Stalin aimed for Berlin blockade was the starve off West Berliners and forced the western allies out of West Berlin by cutting off land and water supplies

During Berlin Blockade:

- Happened from 24th June 1948 to 12 May 1949
- 26th May 1948: Berlin Airlift began, bringing in the necessary supplies by air, the only route which wasn't being block by the Soviet.
- Soviet did not dare to shoot down planes fearing to be seen as an aggressor
- 12 May 1949: Stalin realised the blockade had failed and reopen land and water routes to west Berlin and negotiate with the west.

Consequence of Berlin Blockade:

- Humiliated Soviet Union (seen as the evil)
- Boasted credibility of the Western Power(seen as saviour)

- French zone united with the US and British zone to form Trizonia, which became the Federal Republic of Germany aka **West Germany**
- West Berlin also became part of West Germany
- Soviet zone formed German Democratic Republic(NOT democratic at all despite having the word there!) AKA **East Germany**
- East Berlin became part of East Germany
- Forming of North Atlantic Treaty Organisation(NATO) in 1949 by US and western countries
- Forming of Warsaw Pact in 1955 by Soviet and Eastern European Countries