







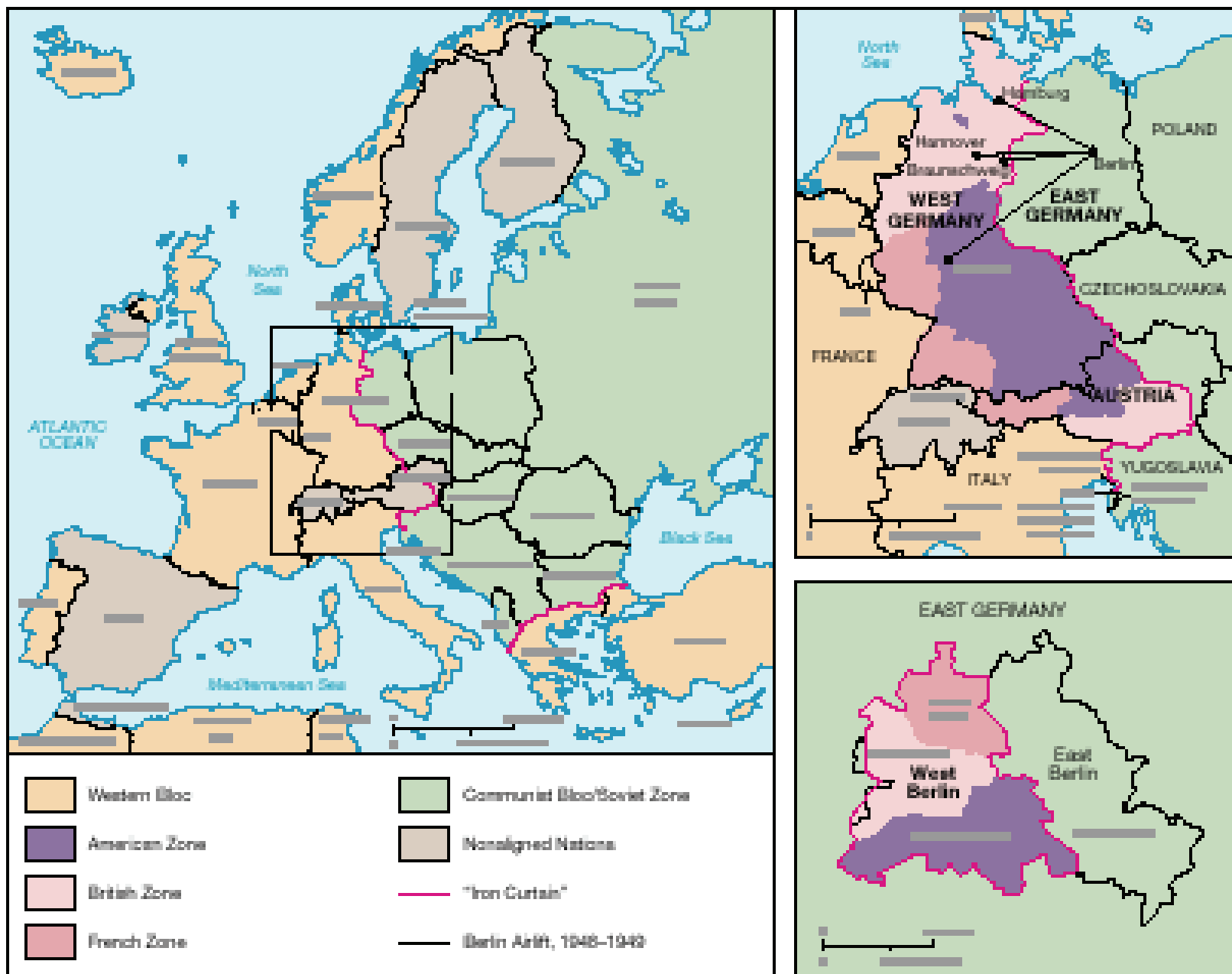


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|  | Western Bloc |  | Communist Bloc/Soviet Zone |
|  | American Zone |  | Nonaligned Nations |
|  | British Zone |  | "Iron Curtain" |
|  | French Zone |  | Berlin Airlift, 1948-1949 |



▲ Europe After World War II

Note the "Iron Curtain" separating the two power blocs. West Germany was created out of the merged French, British, and United States zones in 1947, as was West Berlin. The Russian zone became East Germany. The Berlin Wall was built later, in 1961, to keep an estimated 700 people a day from fleeing from East to West Germany.



Berlin During the Berlin Airlift



IRON CURTAIN:1945-1947

[The Iron Curtain](#)

In a matter of months, World War II allies became Cold War rivals. See how the Iron Curtain fell across Europe

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How Marshall Plan aid was distributed country-by-country -- and which East bloc nations rejected help.

BERLIN:1948-1949

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