

George C. Marshall

## THE MARSHALL PLAN

- Most of western Europe was in the same situation as Greece & Turkey
  - Governments, hospitals, postal services, food, housing, etc. lay in ruins
  - Millions huddled in refugee camps
  - Winter of 1946-47 was one of the coldest on record
- 1947: George Marshall proposed the "Marshall Plan" or *The European Recovery Program* 
  - Which would provide aid to any European nation that needed it
- Czechoslovakia chose communism in 1948
  - The need to aid European nations to keep them from becoming communist became more urgent.

<b>Truman Doctrine</b>	Marshall Plan
Benefited the two non-communist countries in Eastern Europe: Greece and Turkey	Benefited all the countries in Western Europe
Done for containment	Done for support and aid in rebuilding
Promoted by American President Harry S. Truman	Promoted by US Secretary of State George C. Marshall
Presented in March 1947	Presented in April 1948
Gave \$400 million to two countries	Gave \$13 billion to Western Europe
Marked the beginning of American interventionism	Supported Europe's fastest economic growth in history



"Oliver Twist has asked for more!"-Mr Bumble (Oliver Twist)



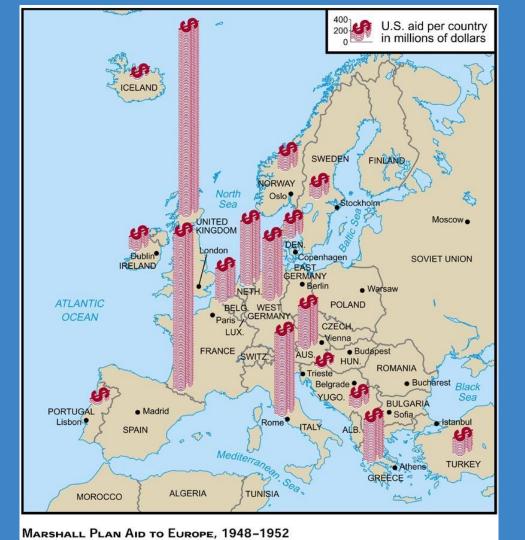
## Four Important Factors That Shaped The Marshall Plan:

- 1. Threat that hunger, poverty, and despair of European populations would lead them to vote for communism.
- 2. American assistance would produce immediate psychological benefits and late material benefits from these countries
- 3. That the Soviet Union would not accept United States aid to these countries and thus strain U.S. Soviet relations
- 4. United States desire to seize both the geopolitical and moral initiative in the emerging Cold War.
- Stalin fell into the trap set for him by the Marshall Plan
  O Got him to build the Berlin Wall that would divide Europe.





- Between 1948-1952
  - 16 European nations received American aid
    - \$13 billion
    - Great Britain received the largest amount: \$3 billion
- Cost of the Marshall Plan was high, but:
  - $\circ$  Stopped the spread of communism
  - Kept the rest of Europe free from Soviet influence
    - Countries that received aid:
      - Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, the United Kingdom, and western Germany.





"He's finally getting the hang of it."



WHILE THE SHADOW LENGTHENS