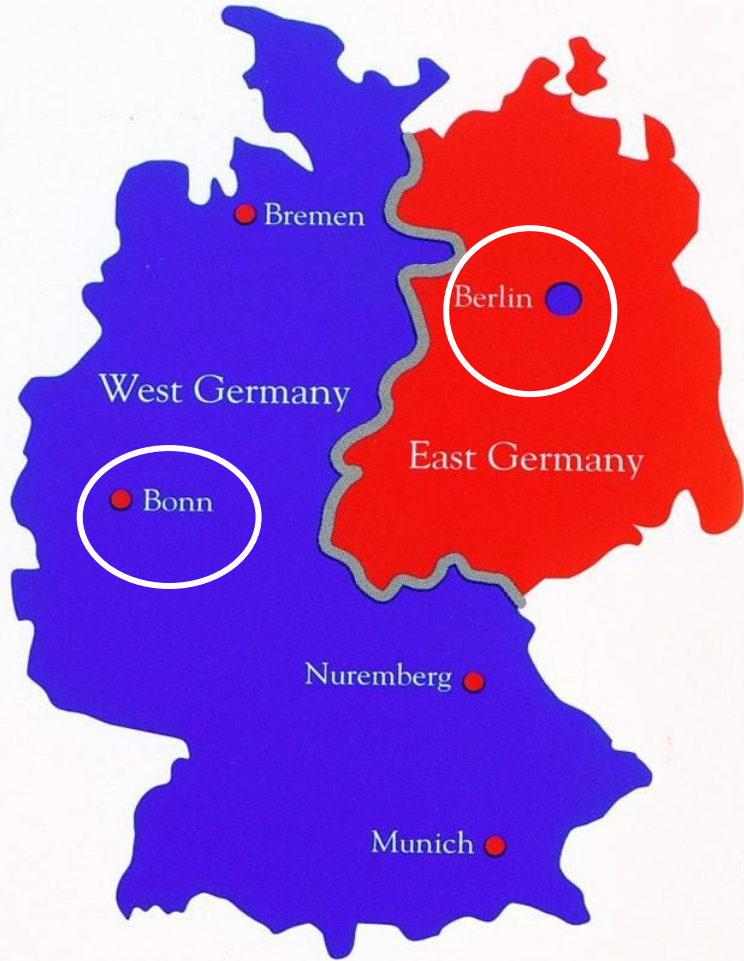


# The Partitioning of Germany: 1949



- US, Britain, and France allowed their German zones of occupation to establish themselves as new nations.
  - Western zones formed:
    - **“The Federal Republic of Germany”**
      - AKA: **West Germany**
- The Soviet zone established itself as well:
  - **“German Democratic Republic”**
    - AKA: **East Germany**
    - Eastern part of the city of Berlin, which was in the Soviet zone, became the capital of East Germany
    - Bonn became capital of West Germany



- "Iron Curtain"
- Communist nations not in Warsaw Pact
- Warsaw Pact countries
- Non-Communist nations not in NATO
- NATO countries
- Capital



**Geography Skills**

By the mid-1950s, two powerful military alliances, NATO and the Warsaw Pact, were facing each other in Europe.  
**Applying Geography Skills** How many European nations had Communist governments in 1955?

# NATO and the WARSAW PACT

- 1948: western European nations banded together to for a mutual defence treaty
  - European nations knew American involvement was crucial
  - 1949: **North Atlantic Treaty Organization** was created
    - **AKA: NATO**
      - United States was/is a founding member
    - How NATO worked then (and in many ways, today):
      - If any NATO member were attacked by an external entity, all other members of NATO would respond to help with such action “as they deemed necessary” including military force
        - I.e. if the Soviet Union attacked a western European nation, the United States would consider that an attack on American soil and retaliate
- Soviet Union responded by forming its own alliance with its satellite nations:
  - **Warsaw Pact**
    - Soviets invaded Hungary 1956 and Czechoslovakia 1968

The **Warsaw Pact**, so named because the treaty was signed in **Warsaw**, included:

- The Soviet Union
- Albania
- Poland
- Romania
- Hungary
- East Germany
- Czechoslovakia
- Bulgaria



# NATO



- Created 1949
- North Atlantic Treaty Organization
- 12 original members came together to provide security against the Soviet Union, including...

- ✦ United States
- ✦ United Kingdom
- ✦ Belgium
- ✦ Canada
- ✦ Denmark
- ✦ France
- ✦ Norway
- ✦ Netherlands
- ✦ Iceland
- ✦ Italy
- ✦ Portugal
- ✦ Luxembourg

