The Berlin Blockade and the Division of Europe

1. Sovietization of Eastern Europe
   Cominform, Zhdanov Doctrine
   Sovietization: “samlami tactics”
   –genuine coalition, phony coalition, Communist dictatorship
   Coup in Czechoslovakia (February 1948) (Ian Massaryk’s death)
   Break with Tito’s Yugoslavia

2. Berlin Blockade
   The German Question and the Berlin Question
   Soviet options
   United Germany or divided Germany
   Reparations, Ruhr
   SED (Socialist Unity Party)—Walter Ulbricht
   Allied Options
   France
   US Morgenthau Plan/Lucius Clay/George Kennan’s Program A
   UK Bevin and the creation of bizone
   Marshall Plan
   London Conference (March 1948)
     Extension of Marshall Plan to western Germany
     Currency reform
     Called for an assembly to draft constitution for West German State
   Soviet blockade for overland access
   Berlin Airlift (Clay-Murphy’s recommendation)
   Truman’s decision to dispatch 60 bombers to England
   Berliner’s reaction (Berlin City Council, Reuter)
   May 1949—blockade lifted/formation of FRG/formation of GDR
   Paul Nitze

3. Impact of the Berlin Blockade
   Formation of NATO
   Shocks of 1949 (Soviet Atomic bombs/Chinese Revolution)
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