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As World War II drew to a close, the simmering hostility between the Soviet Union and the West, especially the United States, began to intensify.





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The tension between the Soviet Union and the United States increased and quickly escalated into a crisis in 1948 when the Soviets blockaded land access to West Berlin, thus threatening Germans there with starvation.



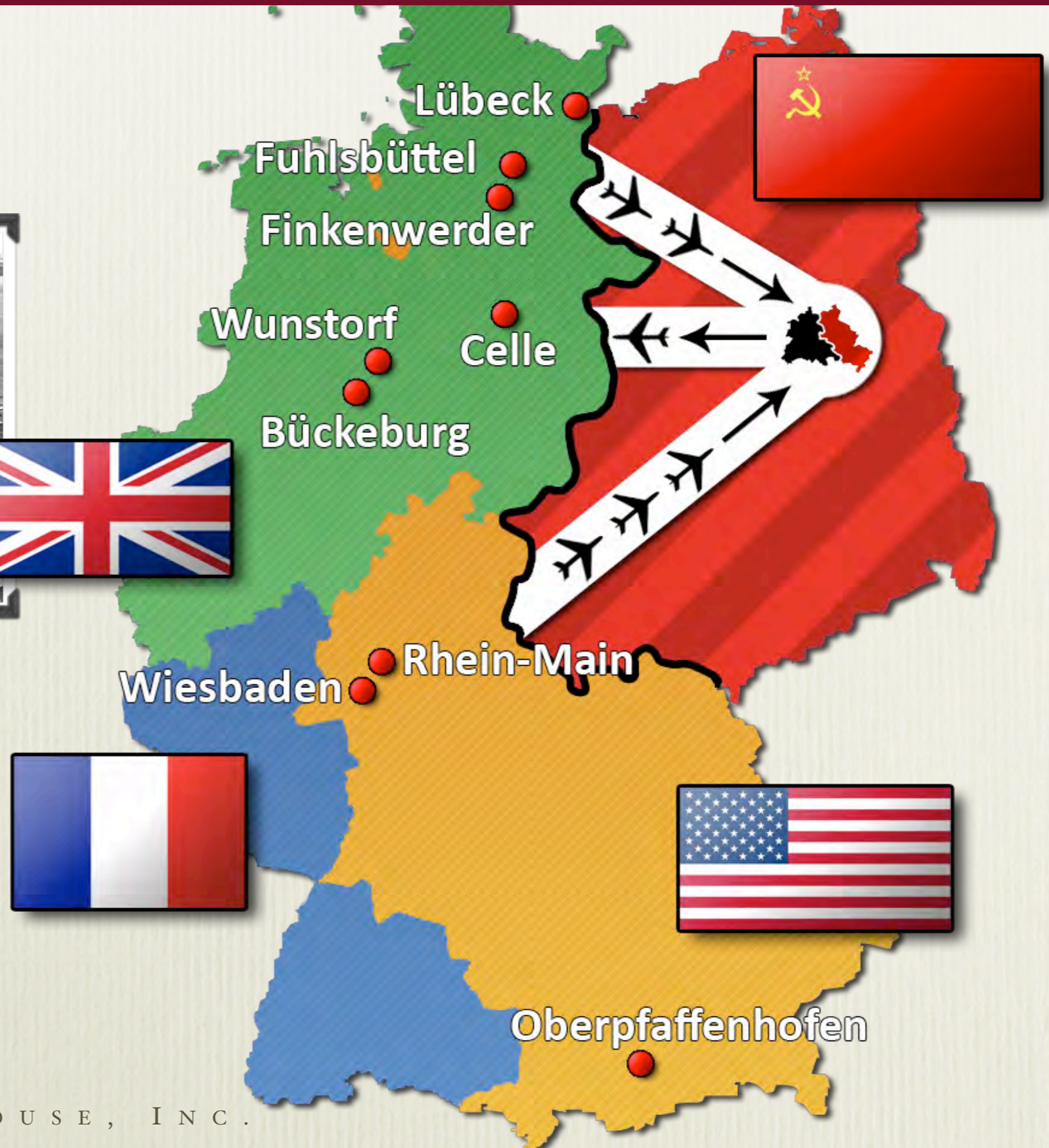


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The West responded by supplying food and fuel to the blockaded areas, in what was called the Berlin Airlift (June 24, 1948-May 11, 1949).





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The fears of the citizens of Britain and the U.S. increased with the 1949 disclosure that two British nationals with access to British and American secrets had been spying for the Soviet Union for years.

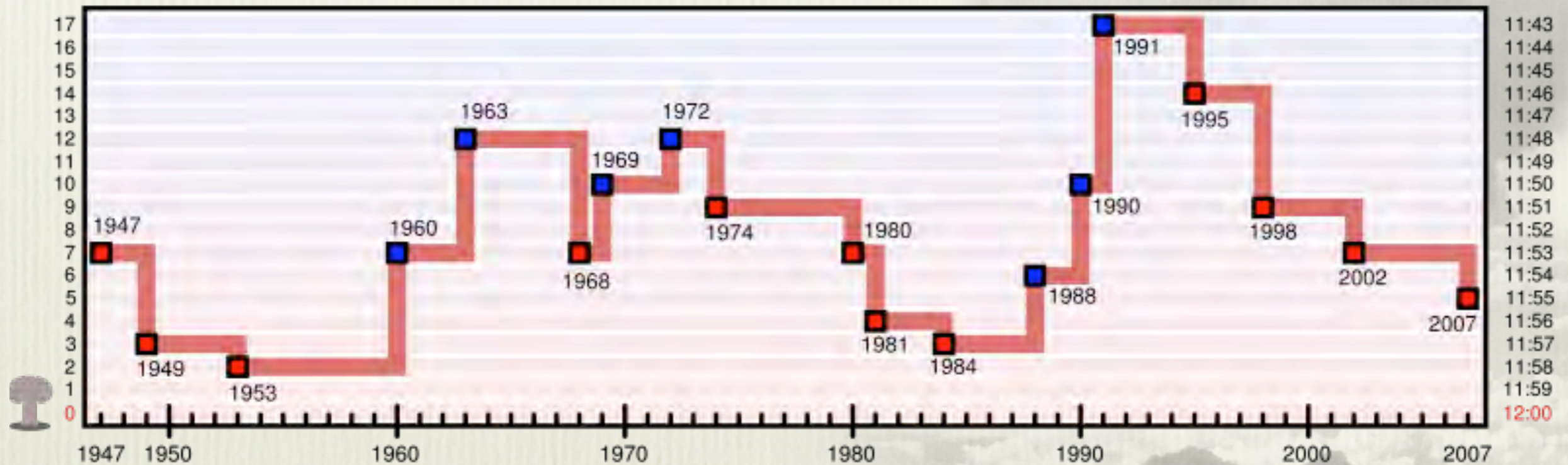




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## Doomsday Clock: Minutes to Midnight, 1947-2007



In 1947, scientists at the University of Chicago designed an image called the “Doomsday Clock” for a scientific journal. It symbolically represented how close to Atomic warfare the world was. The clock was set at 11:53 p.m. Midnight indicated the end of the world.

Throughout the Cold War, the scientists moved the time on the clock toward or away from midnight. After the Soviets detonated their first atomic bomb in 1949, the Doomsday Clock was set at 3 minutes to midnight.