

The Cold War Era



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The Berlin Airlift

- West Berlin surrounded by Soviet-controlled East Germany
- Stalin closed road and rail access to West Berlin
- U.S. and British forces begin airlift to supply West Berlin with food and other staples
- Blockade lasted 327 days
- Germans no longer saw Allies as enemies, but as friends
- Soviets realize blockade ineffective

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The Berlin Airlift

Supplied by air transport alone, 2 1/2 million Berliners sample a new way of life

■ In today's diplomatic Berlin, for Berlin, hope for democracy is being kept alive for millions in Western Europe by the U. S. Air Force.


While Douglas aircraft, almost exclusively, sustain the Berlin airmail and mail a million tons of supplies into Berlin since last June. This importance that has resulted in the first air mission by jet transport. It has shown why cargo planes in military numbers must be available to our nation's military and civilian programs.

Douglas' well-dispersed, one-legged, four types of aircraft designed exclusively for air transport. Now to meet this need, Douglas is now building the giant Douglas DC-4, able to fly 10,000 lb. load at 300 mph. The DC-4 will make available to the world our unique cargo capacity of rapid transportation capable of supplying our needs in any kind of national emergency.


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What do you think the significance is of the planes and the formation of the planes?



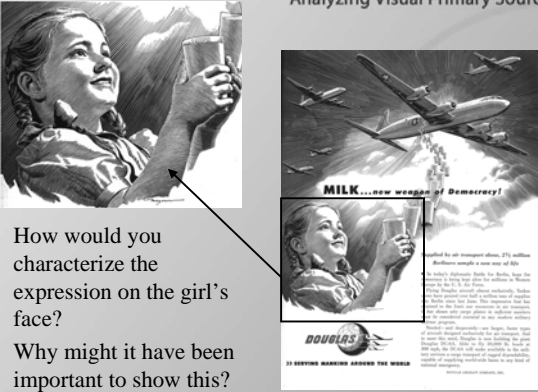
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Why might the artist have portrayed glasses of milk in the manner shown?



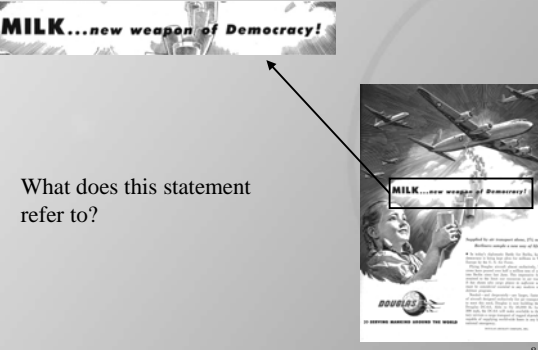
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- How would you characterize the expression on the girl's face?
- Why might it have been important to show this?

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What does this statement refer to?

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Supplied by air transport alone, 2½ million Berliners sample a new way of life

- In today's diplomatic Battle for Berlin, hope for democracy is being kept alive for millions in Western Europe by the U. S. Air Force.

- What does the headline of this paragraph refer to?
- How might the Air Force have been instrumental in the "diplomatic Battle for Berlin"?

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into Berlin since last June. This impressive feat has strained to the limit our resources in air transport. It has shown why cargo planes in sufficient numbers must be considered essential to any modern military defense program.

What significance does this statement have in regard to the airlift and national defense?

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- Who created this source?
- How can you tell?
- What is the overall message this source tries to convey?

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- Why might this source have been created?
- Who do you think the intended audience for this source might have been? (Hint: It appeared in *Fortune* magazine.)

- What sorts of feelings might the average American living at the time of the airlift have had after viewing this ad?
- Why do you believe they might have felt that way?

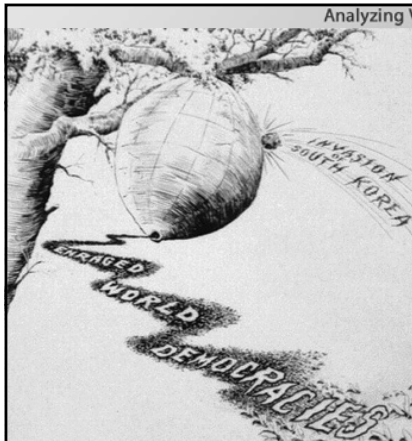


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The Korean War

- June 1950: North Korea invaded South Korea
- United Nations assisted South Korea; Soviets assisted North Korea
- Truman sent in U.S. troops
- Some 16 nations ended up sending troops to fight in Korea
- Early successes for each side, then a stalemate once China entered the war
- Armistice signed in 1953

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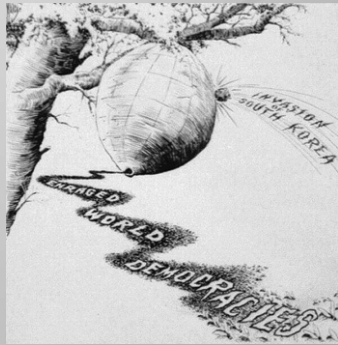


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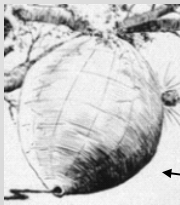
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How does the cartoonist's drawing depict the Korean conflict?

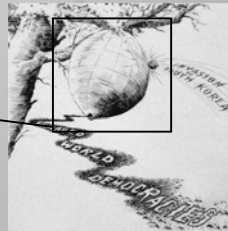


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What symbolism do you see in how the cartoonist drew the hornet's nest?



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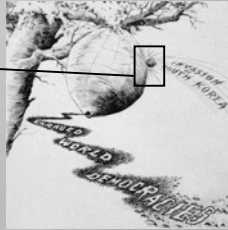
- Who do the hornets represent?
- Why do you think the cartoonist called them "enraged"?

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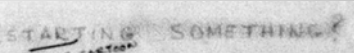


In the cartoonist's view, who do you believe threw the "rock" which stirred up the hornet's nest?



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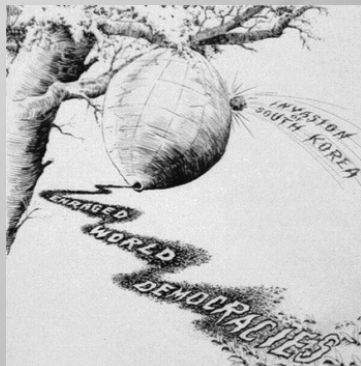
Why might the cartoonist have selected "Starting Something?" as the title for the cartoon?



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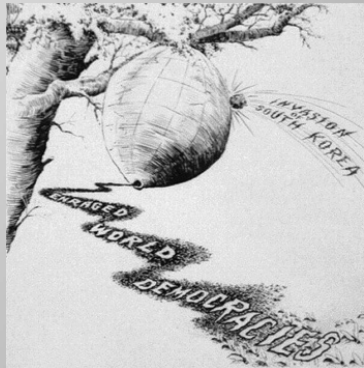
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What action does the cartoonist imply the "enraged world democracies" will take?



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Do you think the artist supported the U.S. and United Nations policies regarding South Korea?



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How might the date the cartoon was released affect how the cartoon might have been interpreted by the average American?



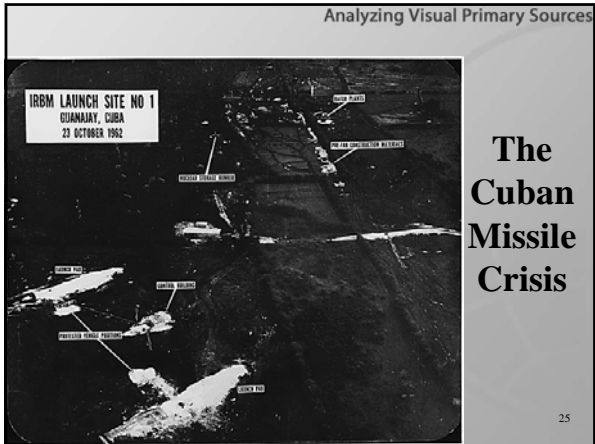
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The Cuban Missile Crisis

- U.S.S.R. placed long-range nuclear missiles in Cuba
- Soviet missiles detected by U-2 "overflights"
- U.S. initiated "quarantine" to stop further missiles
- World teetered on brink of nuclear war
- Soviets eventually removed missiles after Kennedy pledged not to invade Cuba
- Kennedy also made a "secret deal" to remove U.S. missiles in Turkey

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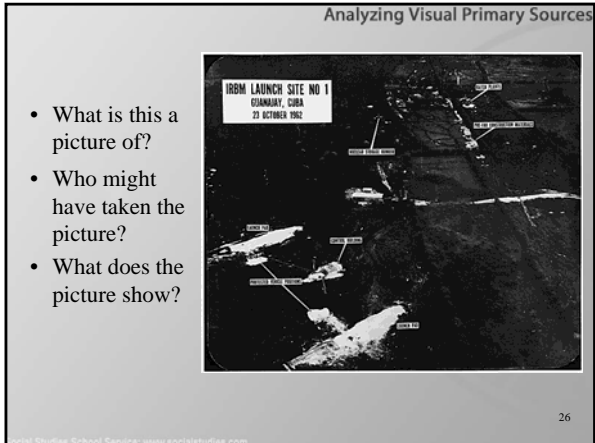
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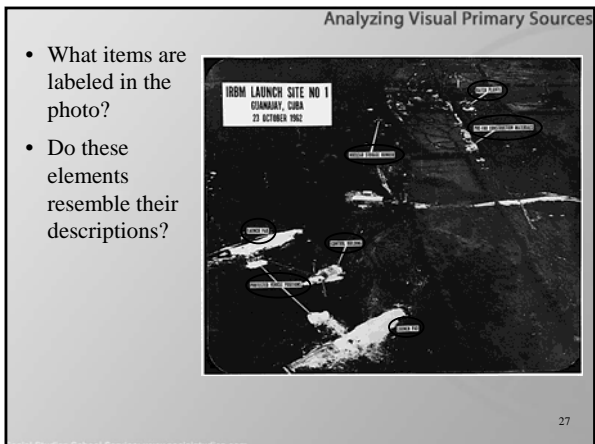
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- What is this a picture of?
- Who might have taken the picture?
- What does the picture show?

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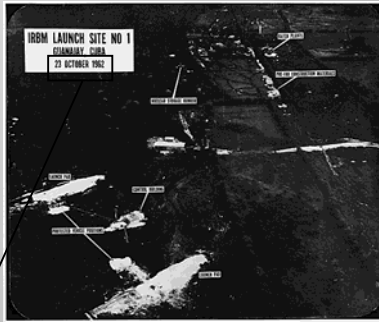


- What items are labeled in the photo?
- Do these elements resemble their descriptions?

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What do you think is the significance of the date of the photograph?

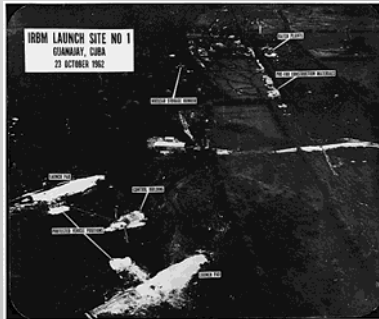


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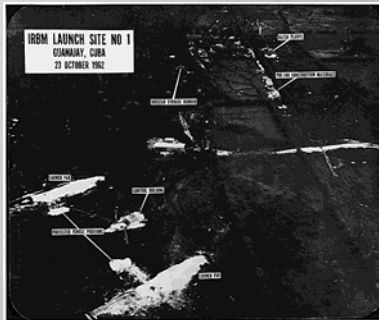
How might ordinary Americans at the time have reacted upon seeing this picture?



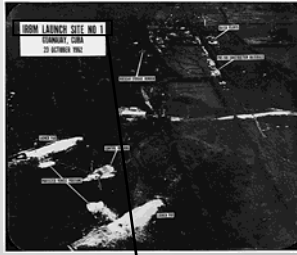
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How do you think this photo might have influenced President Kennedy's decision-making process?



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IRBM LAUNCH SITE NO 1

The photo notes that this was an “IRBM” (Intermediate Range Ballistic Missile) site rather than an “ICBM” (Intercontinental Ballistic Missile) site.

What do you think the significance of that fact might have been to Kennedy and his advisors?

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Cold War Culture

- Ordinary Americans became fearful
- U.S. and Soviet H-bomb tests prompted many to build fallout shelters
- U.S. Government promoted “winnable nuclear war”
- Popular movies and books also highlighted fears of a Soviet takeover

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In what year do you think this picture might have been taken?

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What does this symbol signify?

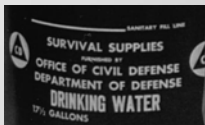


Wherever you see this sign you know there is a shelter for you in time of emergency.



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- Who created this photo?
- How can you tell?



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Why might the federal government have wanted to publicize fallout shelters?



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- What is the subject of the poster?
- How might people at the time have interpreted this?



YOUR GOVERNMENT IS NOW STOCKING PUBLIC FALL-OUT SHELTERS WITH:

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What kits or supplies are featured on this poster?



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What do you think the items stacked in front of the poster are?



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How does the use of the attractive woman as a model affect the theme of the picture?

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- What do you think the underlying message of the photo is?
- Why would this message have been important to convey?

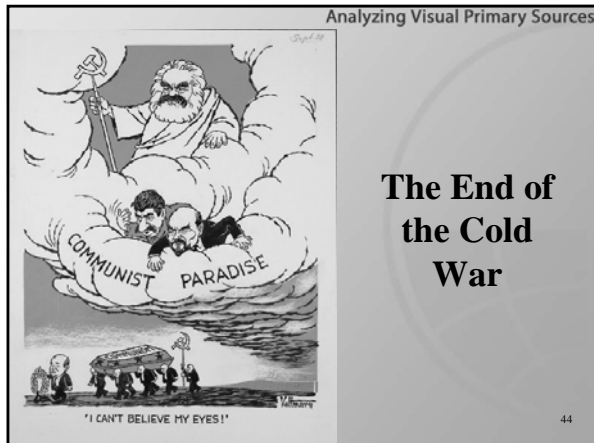


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The End of the Cold War

- Gorbachev became leader of Soviet Union
- Instituted policies of *glasnost* and *perestroika*
- Soviets sought to reduce military spending and reform their economy
- Pro-democracy forces eventually dissolved the Soviet Union
- Commonwealth of Independent States formed
- (George H.W.) Bush and Yeltsin announced end to Cold War

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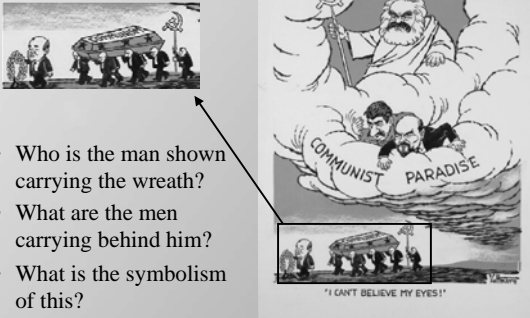
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Based on the signature of the cartoonist, this cartoon was published sometime during 1991.

What event do you think inspired the cartoonist to draw this work?

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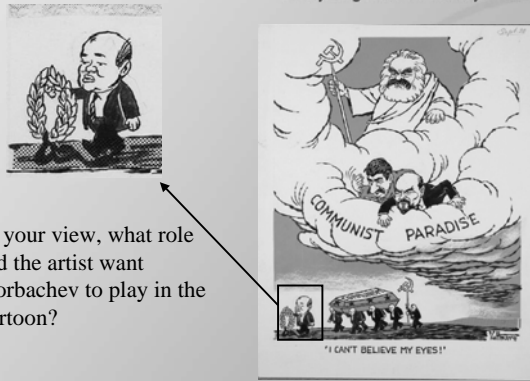
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- Who is the man shown carrying the wreath?
- What are the men carrying behind him?
- What is the symbolism of this?

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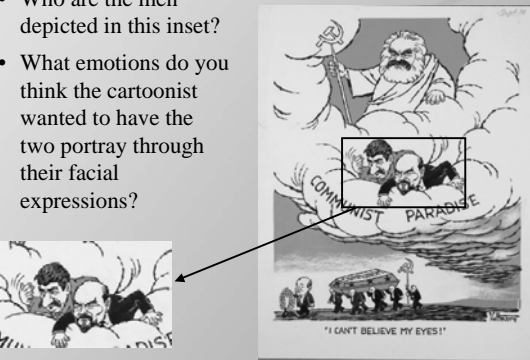
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In your view, what role did the artist want Gorbachev to play in the cartoon?

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- Who are the men depicted in this inset?
- What emotions do you think the cartoonist wanted to have the two portray through their facial expressions?

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- Who is this?
- How is he dressed?
- Why do you think the cartoonist put him in a dominant position in the cartoon?
- How would you characterize his facial expression?

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What does the cartoonist imply with the use of the hammer and sickle as portrayed in the cartoon?

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What do you think the cartoonist meant by the phrase "communist paradise"?

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"I CAN'T BELIEVE MY EYES!"

What message do you think the cartoonist was trying to convey with this caption?

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