



# Council for Mutual Economic Assistance (CMEA)

COMECON 1949-1991

Joseph Stalin  
The Soviet dictator,  
CMEA founder



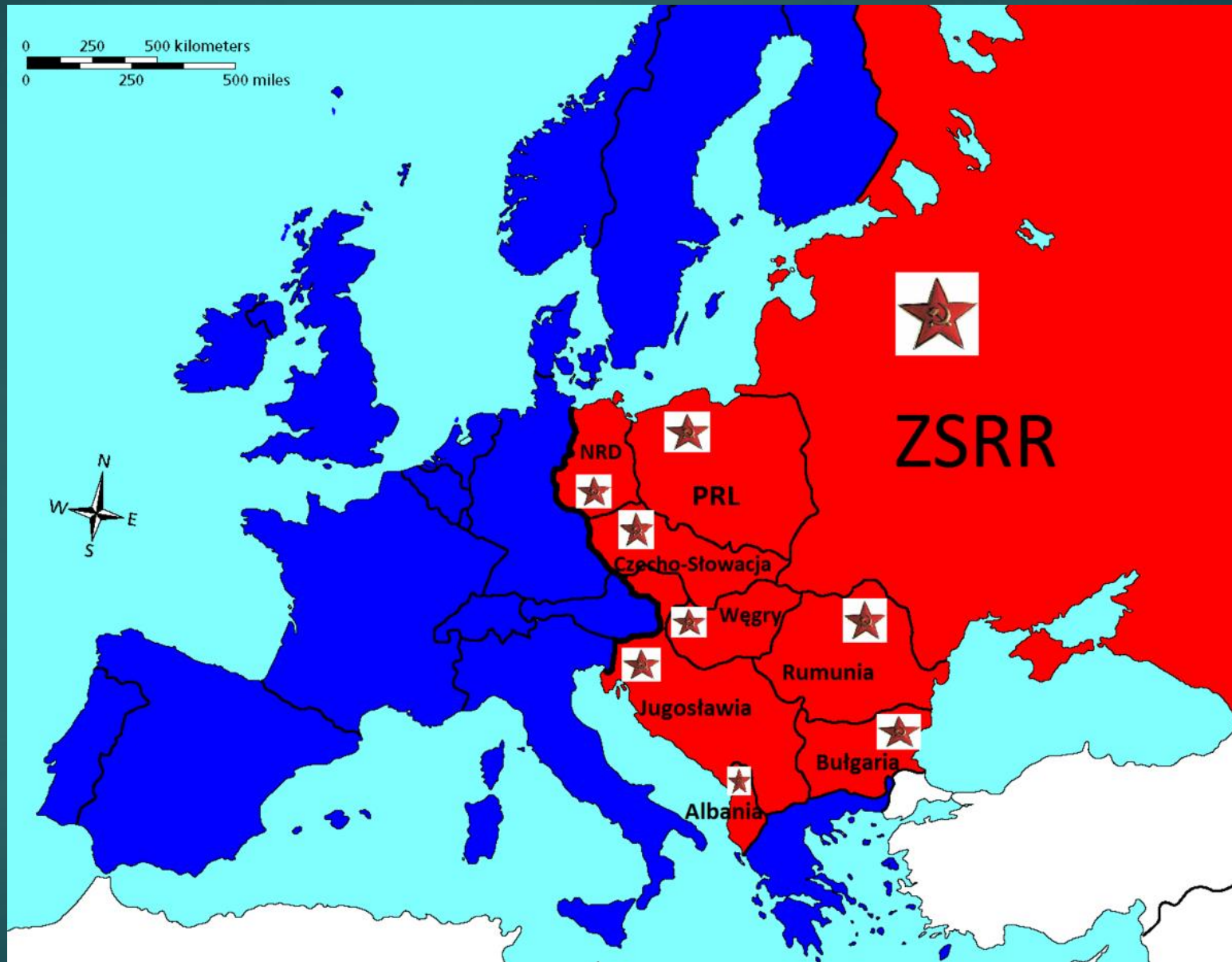


# Member countries:

- Soviet Union
- Bulgaria
- Czechoslovakia
- Hungary
- Poland
- Romania
- Albania (1949)
- German Democratic Republic (1950)
- Mongolian People Republic (1952)
- Cuba (1972)
- Vietnam (1978)

The map of CMEA







The Council For Mutual  
Economic Assistance logo







## The new charter set the following goal of Comecon:

- intensifying and improving cooperation and development in socialist economic integration
- supporting the planned development of the national economies
- acceleration of economic and technical progress
- increasing the level of industrialization
- increasing the welfare of the peoples in the Council's member countries

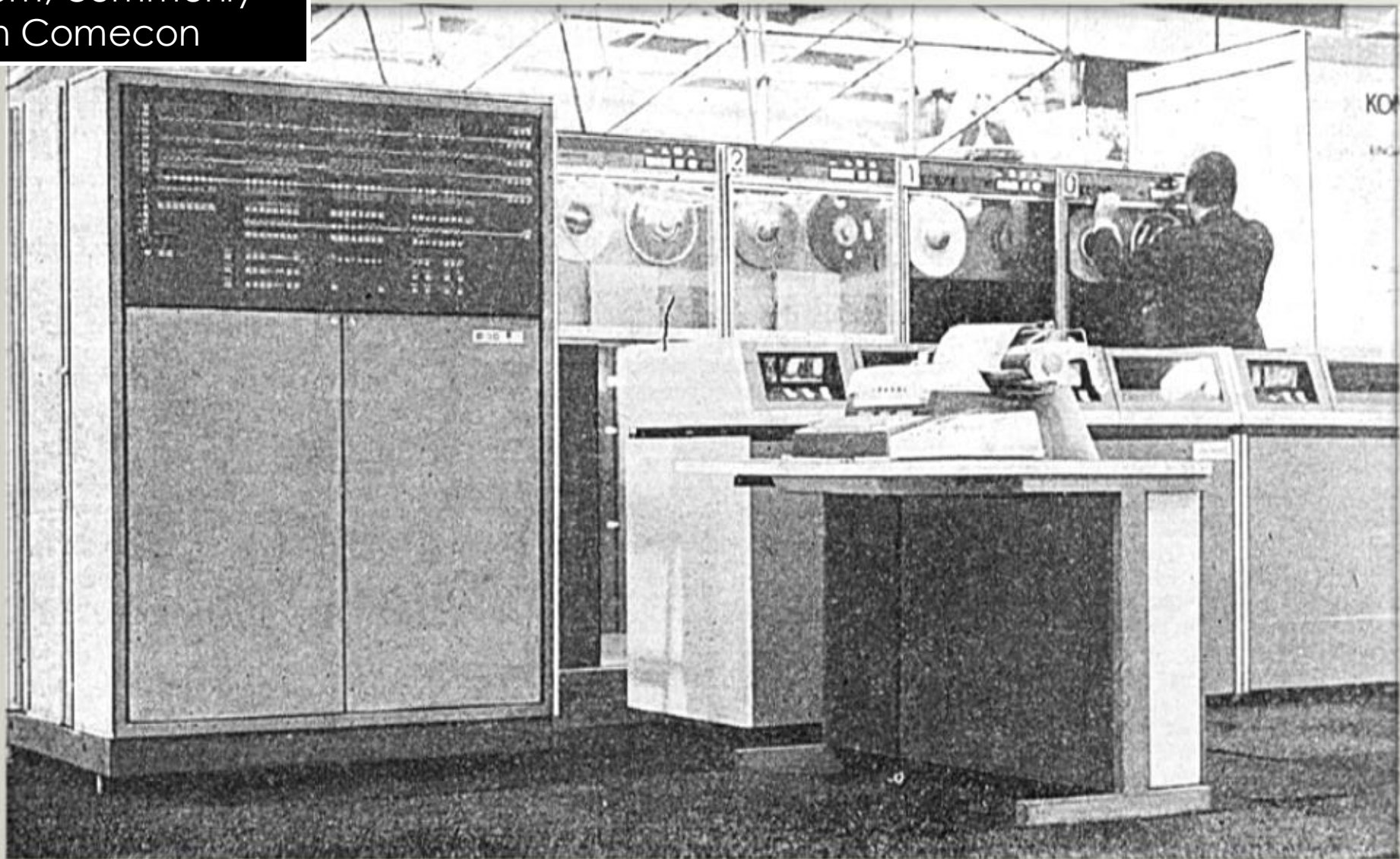


Comecon was supposed to coordinate economic policies of satellite countries in favour of the Soviet empire into autarky model, it means to make them self-sufficient and simultaneously minimizing economic exchange with capitalist countries and consequently, separating Eastern Europe from western world.

CMEA headquarters  
in Moscow



R32 computer based on  
RIAD system, commonly  
used in Comecon



# The 'Friendship' oil pipeline



The Intervision Song  
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With the end of Communism in Eastern Europe, Comecon ceased to exist on June 28, 1991.

The last Session of CMEA,  
28 June, 1991. Dissolution  
of the organization.







The organization remained little more than an empty shell while the Soviet Union kept exploiting its Eastern European dependencies without any pretence of partnership. Unlike the West Europeans, their citizens therefore had good reasons to regard the kind of economic integration they were experiencing as tantamount to plunder.

