

# Nixon's Foreign Policy



# Dr. Henry Kissinger

National Security  
Adviser

(1969 – 1975)

Secretary of State

(1973 – 1977)

- visited 57 countries
- traveled over 560,000 miles



# Nixon and The Vietnam War



# “Peace with Honor”

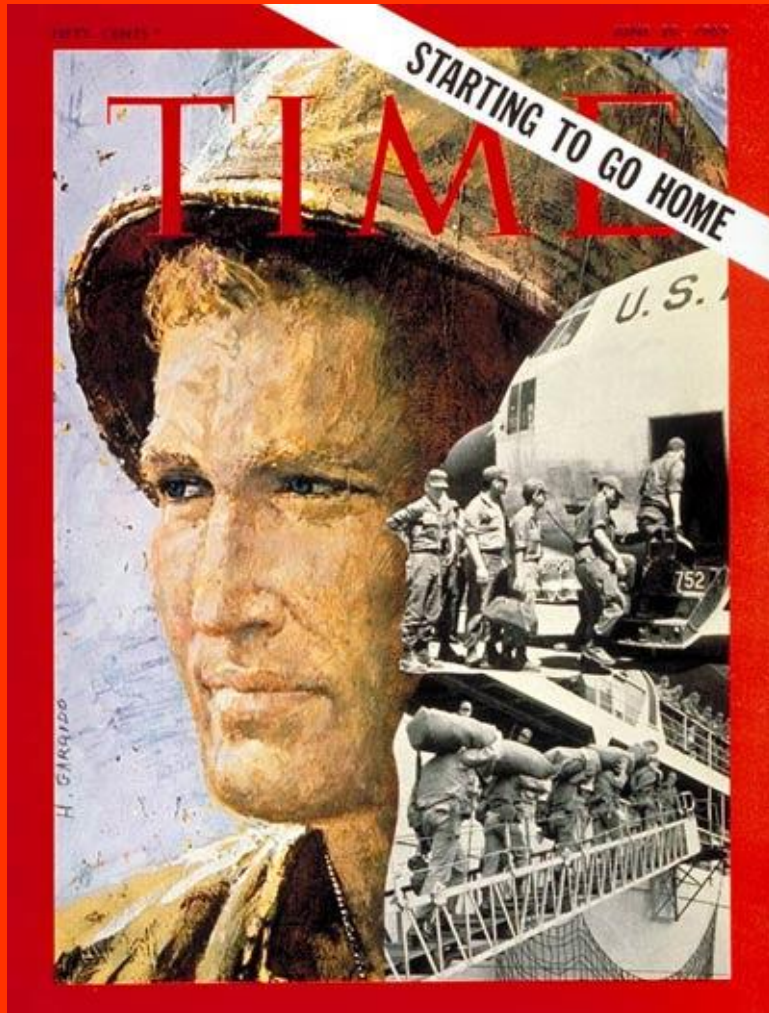


# Nixon Delivered on a Promise: Troops Coming Home

## American Troop Withdrawal

14 stage withdrawal

Started July 8, 1969



Yes, Nixon was withdrawing but ...



... was secretly attacking Cambodia and Laos

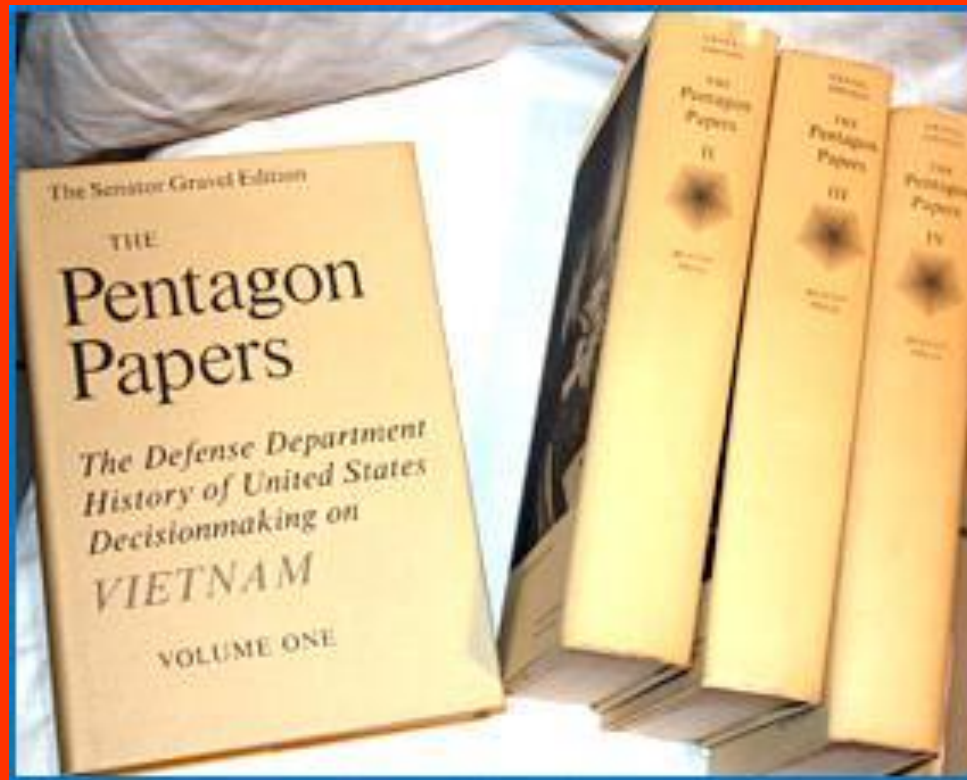
# Was the US exiting the Vietnam War?



Americans are beginning to not trust their government officials

# “Pentagon Papers”

US Policy in Vietnam (1945 – 1967)



- revealed the government lies about Vietnam



# Daniel Ellsberg



March 16, 1968 - My Lai Victory



US Military Reported:  
128 Communist Soldiers Killed

# My Lai Massacre (March 16, 1968)



504 civilians killed  
175 at close range



# My Lai Massacre

Lt. William Calley

Convicted of 22  
civilian murders



# The Credibility Gap Widened



- Cambodia Invasion
- Laos Invasion
- Pentagon Papers
- My Lai Massacre

Nixon needs to end this war **NOW!**

# Negotiations Not Going Anywhere



What is coming up for  
Nixon in 1972?

Election

# Nixon Ordered Massive Bombings



Operation Linebacker 1 and 2



Averaged dropping 1 ton of bombs every minute he was President



# Delivered on Promise: All US Troops Are Out of Vietnam



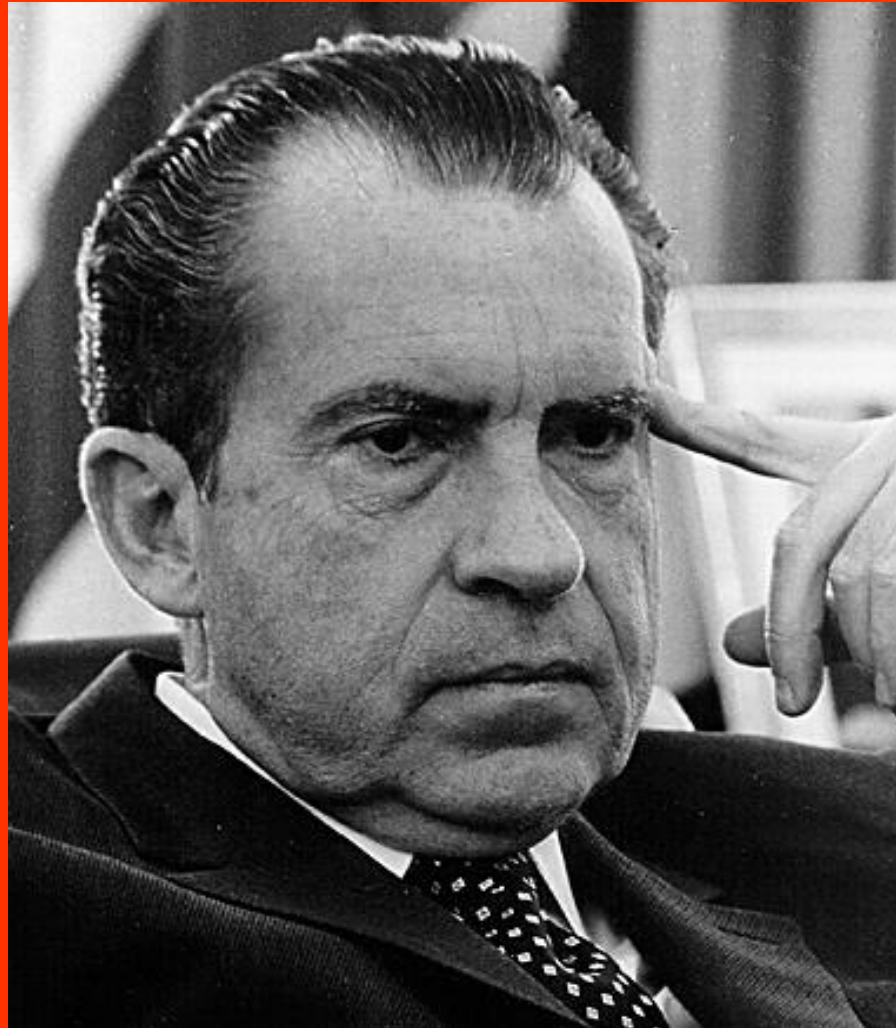
# Congress Worried About Presidential War Power



## War Powers Act (1973)

- Congress limited the President's ability to conduct war

Nixon had more than Vietnam  
on his mind



# Apollo 11

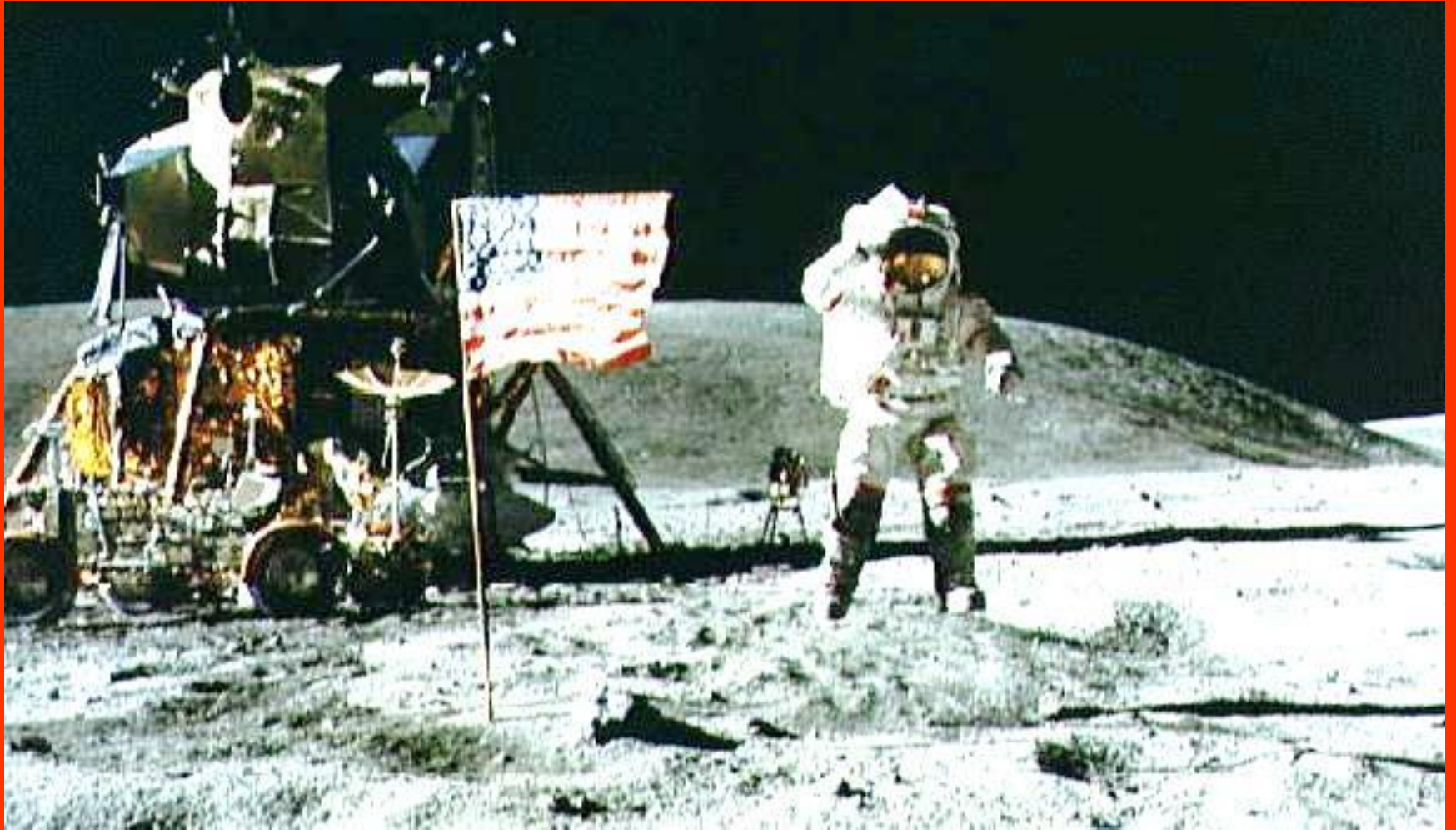


- Neil Armstrong, Michael Collins, and Buzz Aldrin

# Moon Landing –July 20, 1969



“That’s one small step for (a) man, one giant leap for mankind.” -Armstrong



528 million people watched

# Moon Plaque





# Buzz's Footprints



# Moon Landing American Success or Failure?



# Detente



Relaxation of tensions with  
communist nations

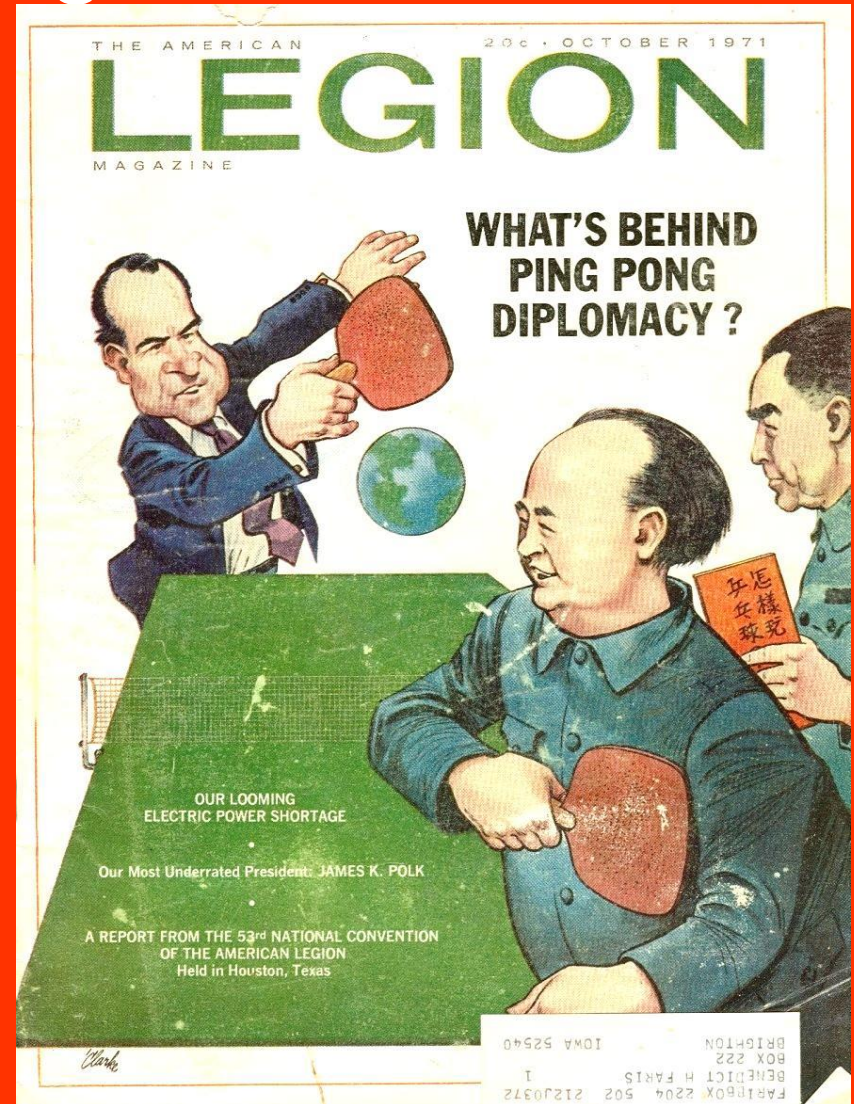


# Triangular Diplomacy



Nixon could not get a breakthrough  
in peace negotiations

What sport  
helped to  
improve  
relations  
with China?





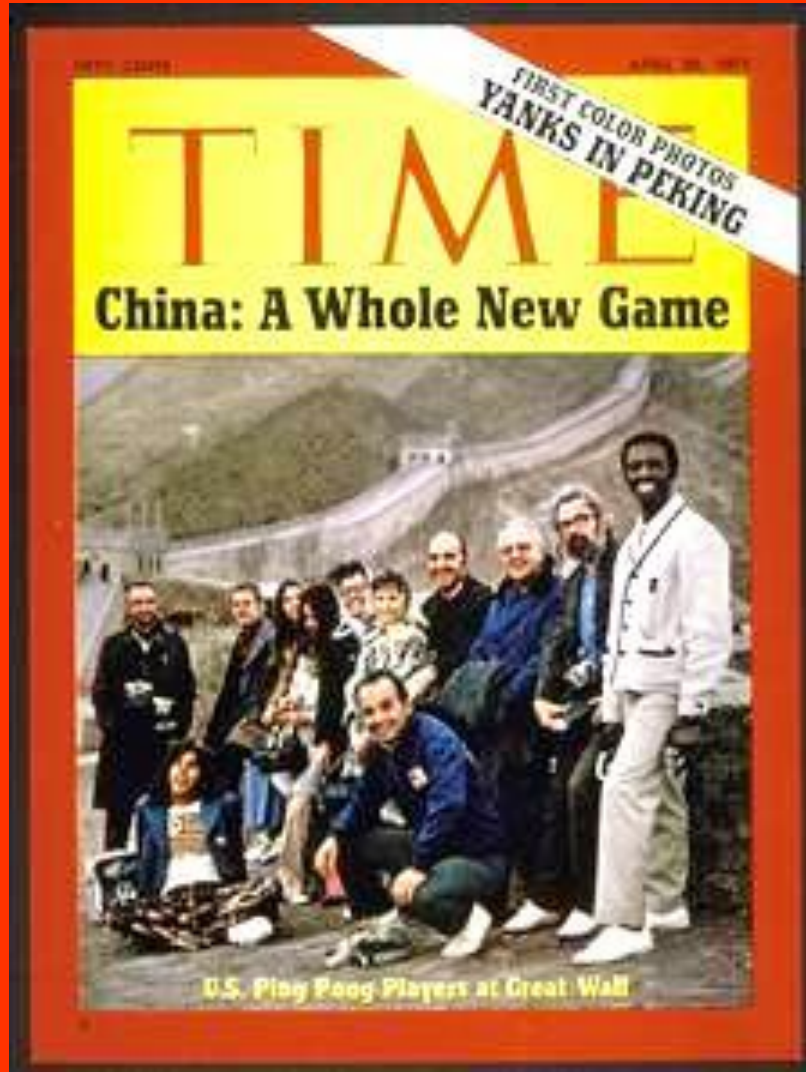
# International Ping Pong Championships

Nagoya, Japan

(April 4, 1971)

Glenn Cowan (19)

# Ping Pong Diplomacy



# Forrest Gump





# Nixon's Visit to China

February 21 – 28, 1972



# The Handshake that Changed History



President Richard Nixon  
and  
Chinese Premier Zhou Enlai

# Chinese Leader Mao and President Nixon



# Nixon's Visit to the Great Wall of China



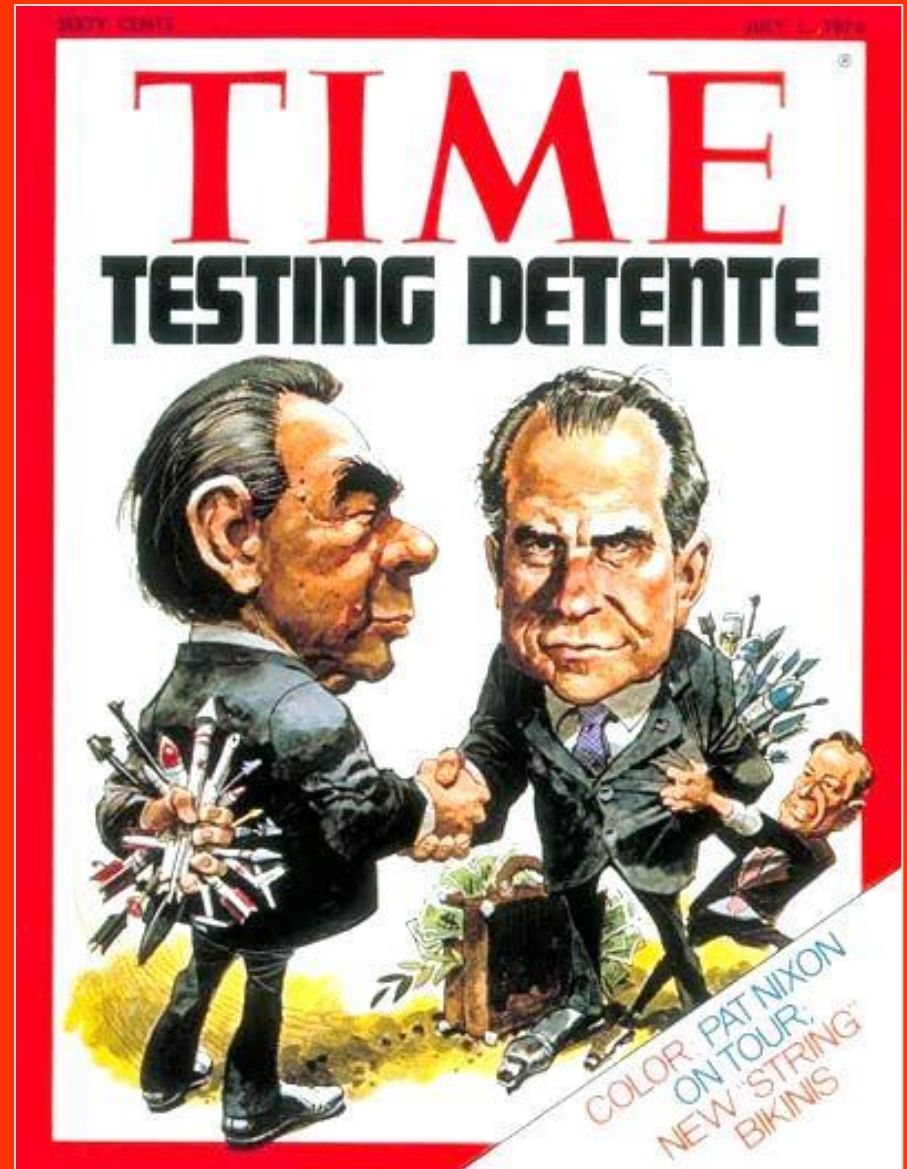
# General Secretary Leonid Brezhnev was nervous about Chinese visit



Brezhnev's Reaction: Invited Nixon to Visit

# Nixon's Visit to Russia

May 22-30, 1972

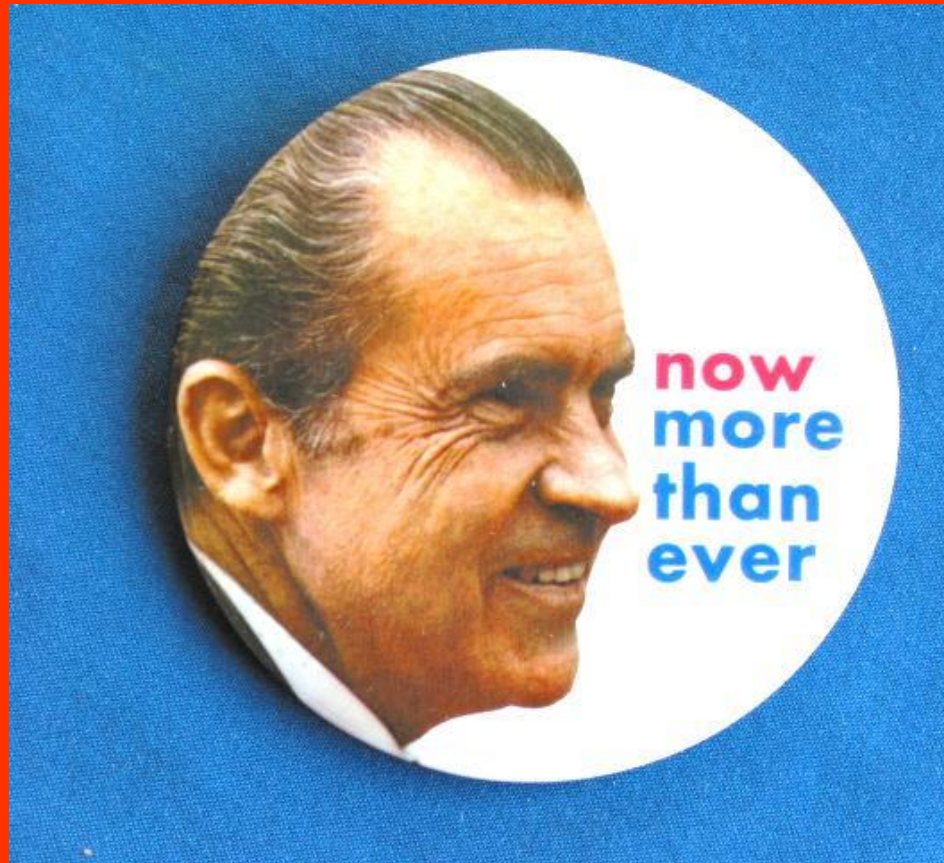


# Strategic Arms Limitation Talks (SALT) –May 26, 1972



- Placed limits on nuclear weapons

# Why 1972?



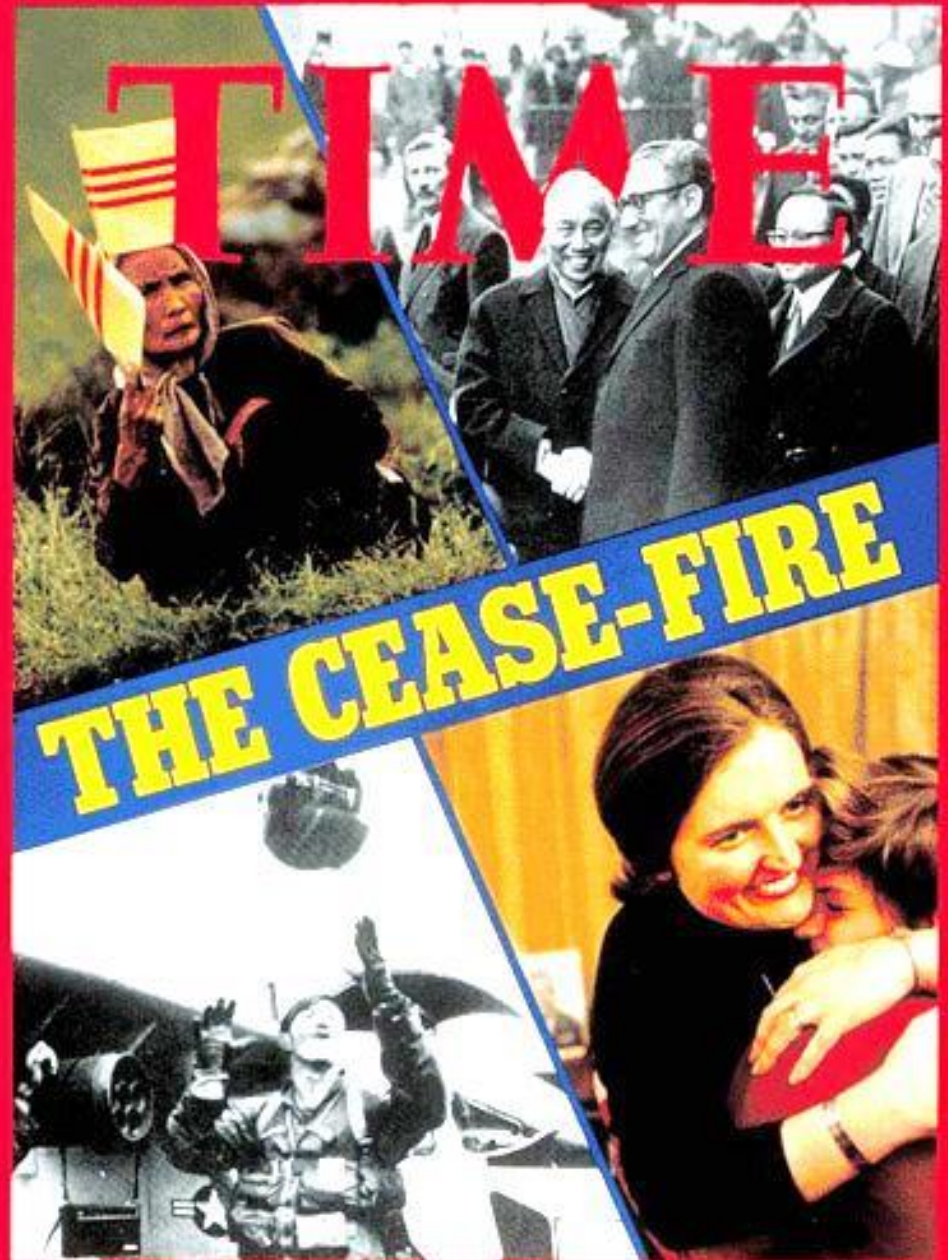
# Election Year



# Vietnam Policy

## Ceasefire

January 27, 1973



# Nixon and Detente

- China
  - Ping Pong Match
  - Official Visit
- Russia
  - Official Visit
  - SALT
- North Vietnam
  - Cease-fire

# Détente

## American Success or Failure?



# Yom Kippur War

October 6, 1973 – September 1, 1975



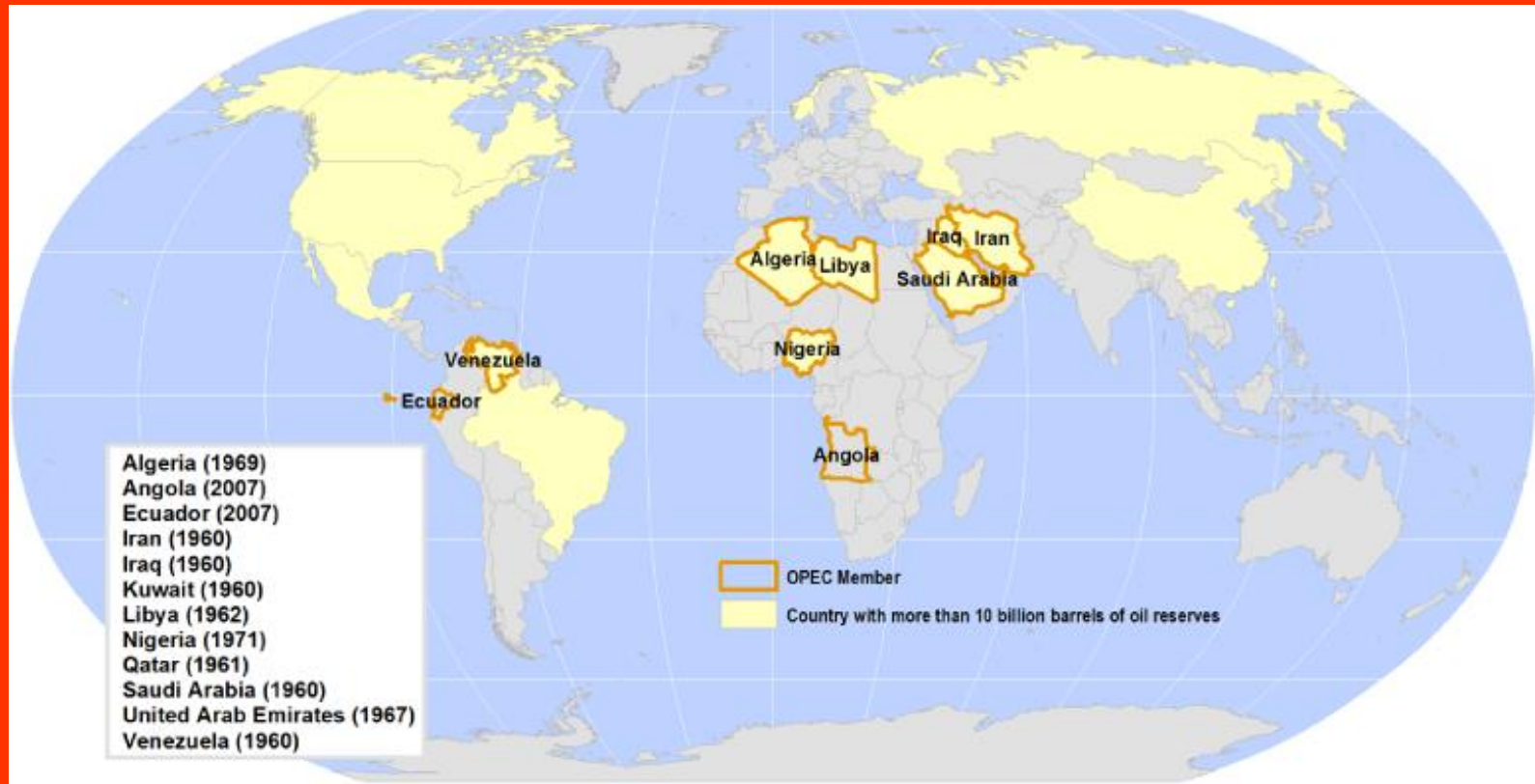
Israel was attacked by Egypt and Syria  
US sent aid to Israel (American ally)

# How did Middle Eastern Countries feel about US support of Israel?

Angry but what can they do...

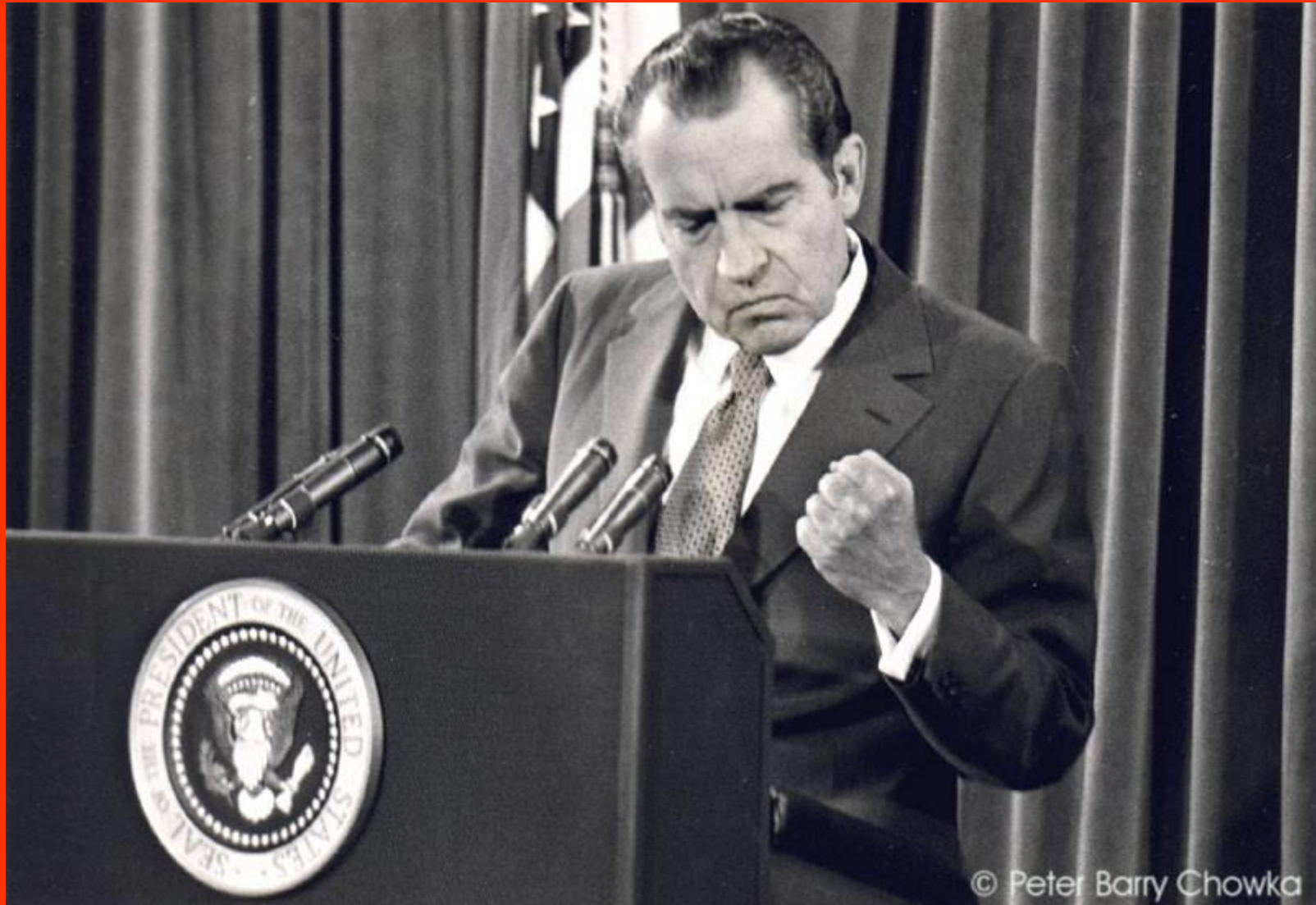


# Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC)



Group of oil producing countries that control a large part of the world's oil

# Nixon's Foreign Policy: YES!



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