

Four-Power Communiqué on Arrangements for Lifting the Berlin Blockade (New York, 4 May 1949)

Caption: On 4 May 1949, after lengthy negotiations, the representatives of the Governments of the United States, France, the United Kingdom and the Soviet Union adopt a joint communiqué announcing that the Berlin Blockade is to be lifted on 12 May 1949.

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Four-Power Communiqué on Arrangements for Lifting the Berlin Blockade Effective May 12, New York, May 4, 1949

The Governments of France, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom, and the United States have reached the following agreement:

1. All the restrictions imposed since March 1, 1948 by the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics on communications, transportation, and trade between Berlin and the Western zones of Germany and between the Eastern zone and the Western zones will be removed on May 12, 1949.
2. All the restrictions imposed since March 1, 1948 by the Governments of France, the United Kingdom, and the United States, or any one of them, on communication, transportation, and trade between Berlin and the Eastern zone and between the Western and Eastern zones of Germany will also be removed on May 12, 1949.
3. Eleven days subsequent to the removal of the restrictions referred to in paragraphs one and two, namely, on May 23, 1949, a meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers will be convened in Paris to consider questions relating to Germany and problems arising out of the situation in Berlin, including also the question of currency in Berlin.