

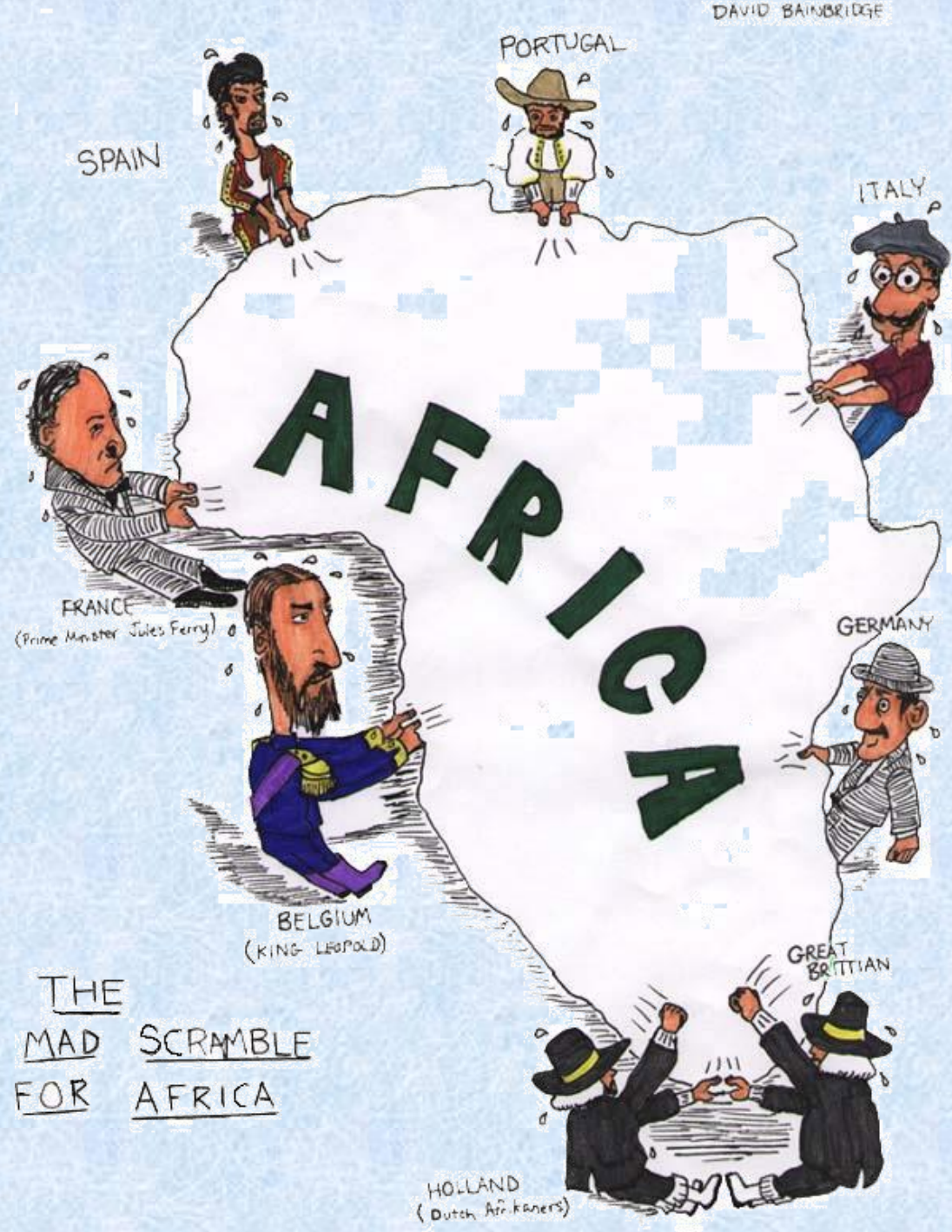
**Objective:** To examine the Age of Imperialism, the purchase of Alaska and the annexation of Hawaii.

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**imperialism** - the policy of powerful countries that seek to control the economic and political affairs of weaker countries or regions.

**Do Now:**

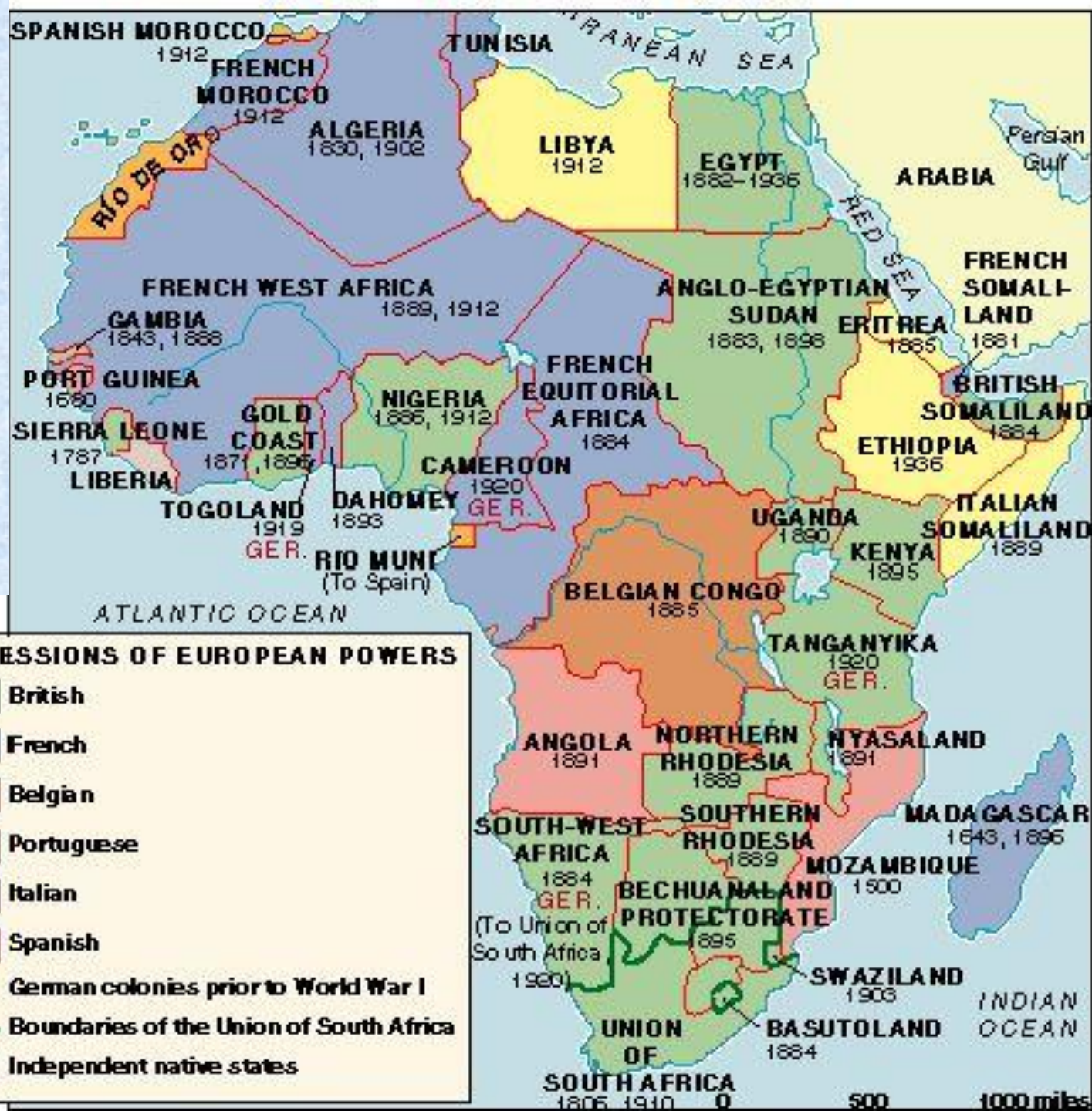
- How does the cartoon of Africa demonstrate the idea of imperialism?





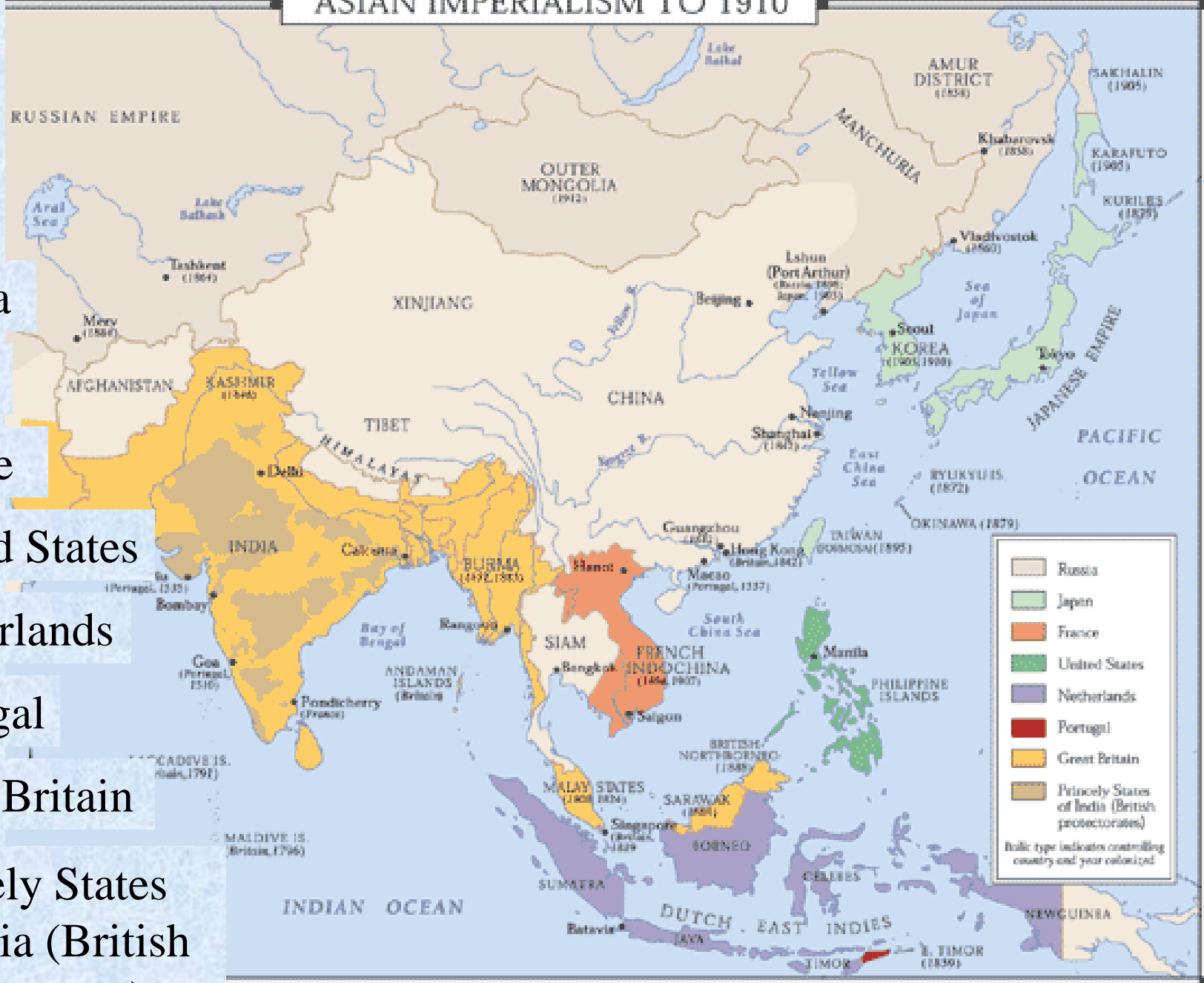
# Age of Imperialism (1870 – 1919)

\* By 1914, European countries had seized control of almost all of Africa and Southeast Asia.



# ASIAN IMPERIALISM TO 1910

- Russia
- Japan
- France
- United States
- Netherlands
- Portugal
- Great Britain
- Princely States of India (British protectorates)

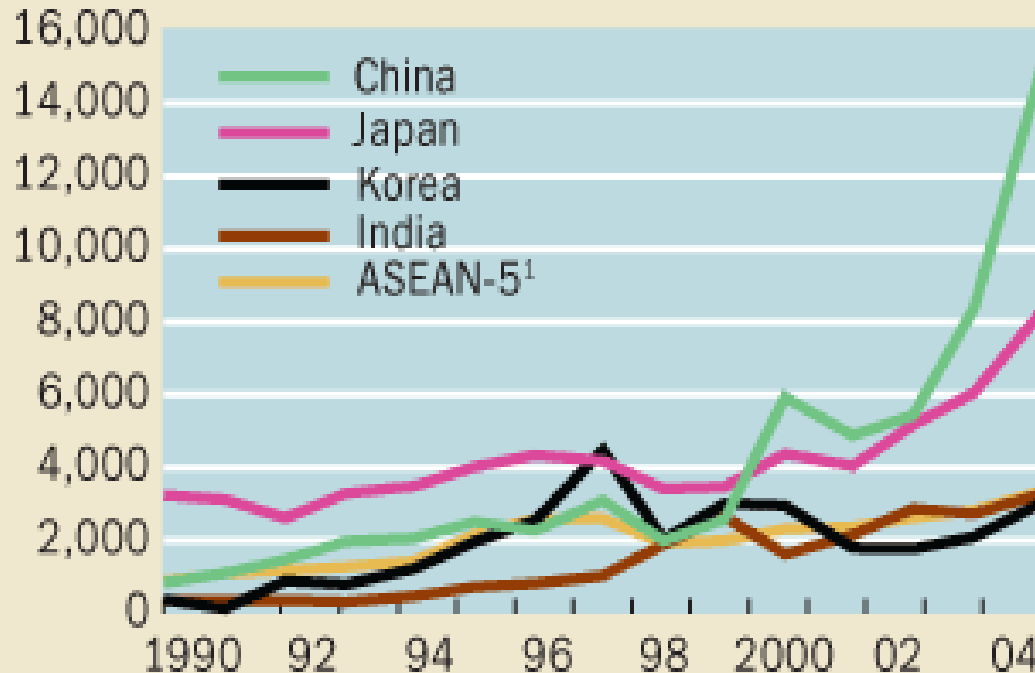


# Reasons for Imperialism:

## Dynamic duo

Africa's exports to China and India have shot up, with these dynamos accounting for half of Africa's exports to Asia.

(African exports, million dollars)



(average annual merchandise export growth rate, Africa to Asia, percent)

**1) ECONOMICS –**  
European countries  
wanted raw materials  
and consumers for  
their products



THE WHITE MAN'S BURDEN.— *The Journal, Detroit.*

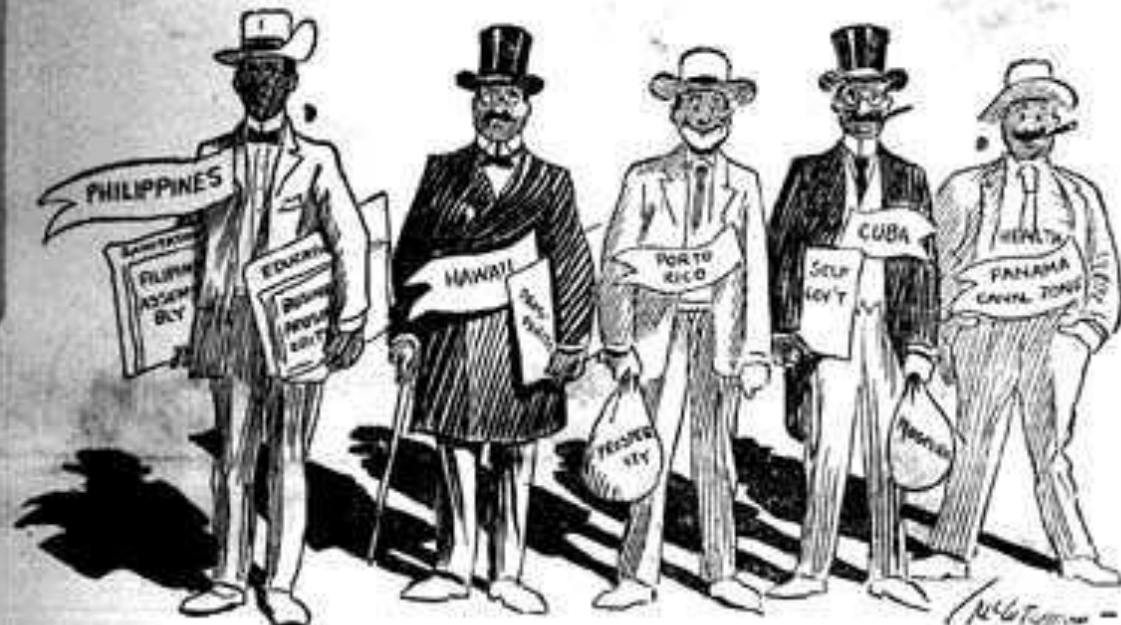


# WHAT THE UNITED STATES HAS FOUGHT FOR

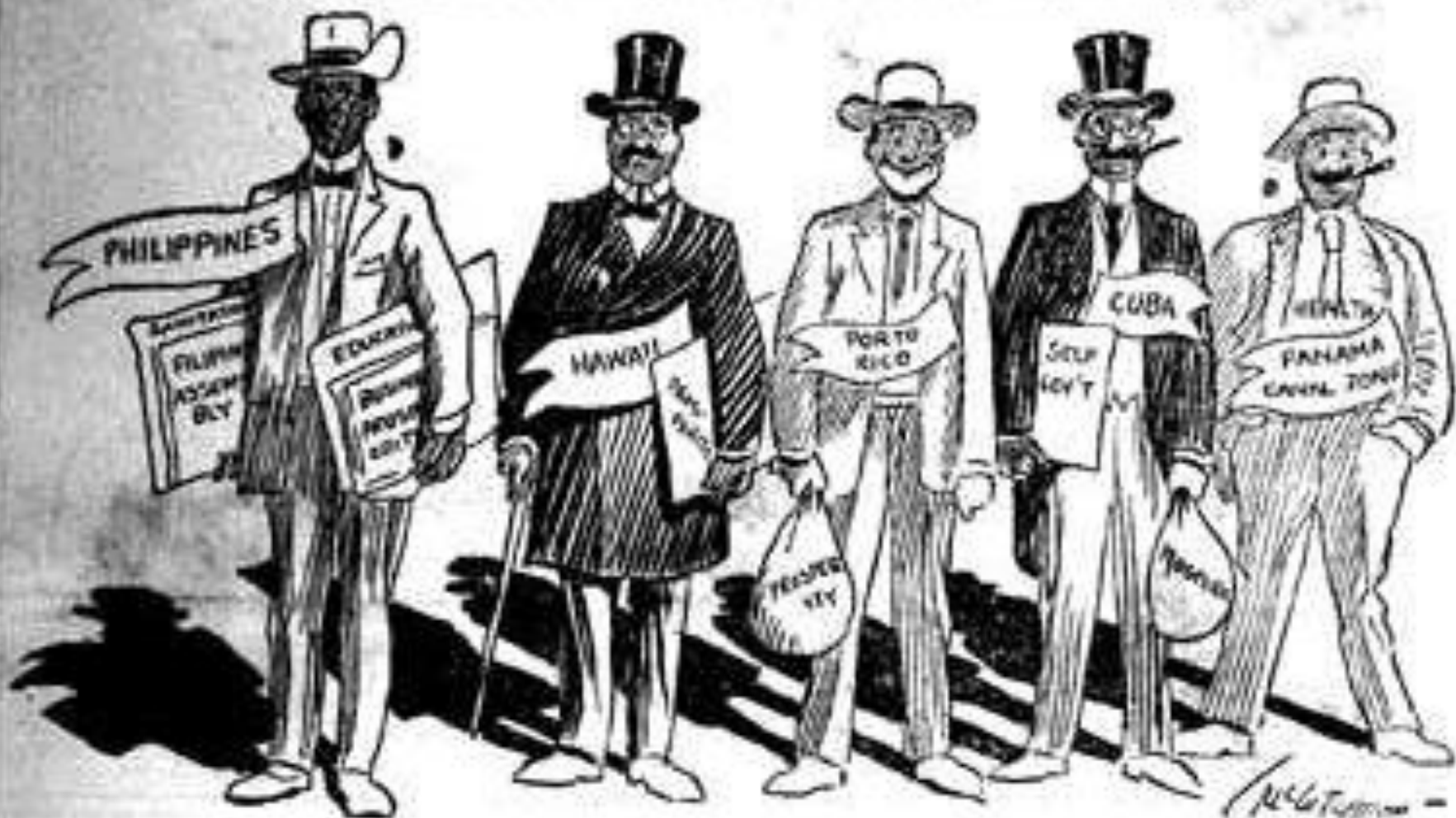
(Copyright 1914. By John T. McCutcheon.)



Before the United States intervened in behalf of these oppressed people.



After the United States had rescued them from their oppression.



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## Reasons for Imperialism:

2) **DUTY** – many Europeans believed that it was their duty to spread Christianity and culture to other “backward” people.

Example: “White Man’s Burden”, poem by Rudyard Kipling

3) **COMPETITION** – European countries wanted to take over an area before their competitors were able to



# Sea Power

Captain Alfred Mahan believed the following:

- Future US prosperity depended on foreign trade.
- We would need a large navy in order to protect their trading vessels.
- The U.S. would need to acquire naval bases throughout the world.



\* As a result, the U.S. had a large, powerful navy by the late 1890's known as the Great White Fleet.



*Teddy Roosevelt succeeded in sending his Great White Fleet around the globe in 1908 to demonstrate American naval power.*





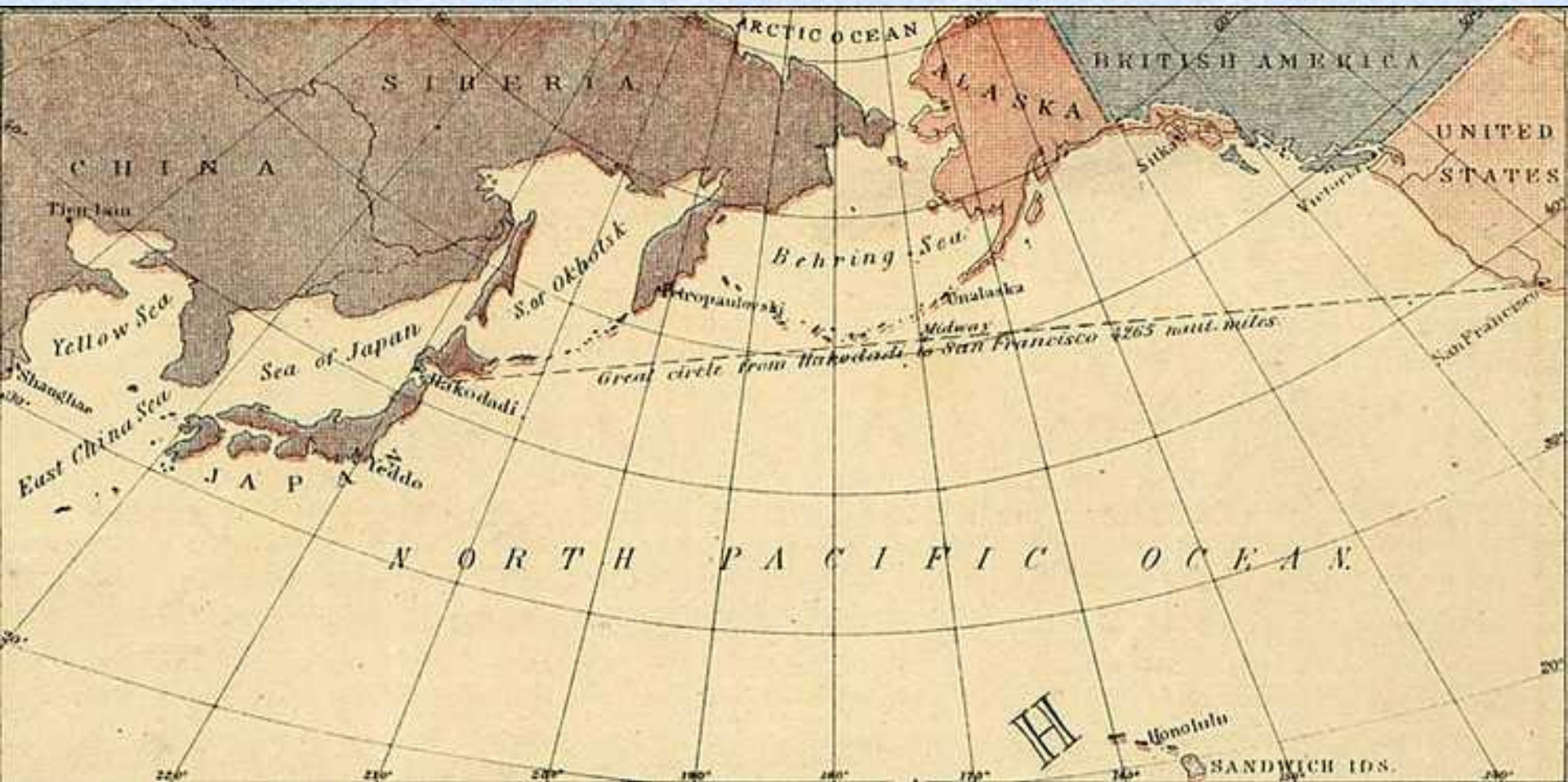
## Alaska

- Secretary of State **William Seward** bought **Alaska** from **Russia** for **\$7.2** million in 1867.

*Secretary of State  
William Seward*



- Many Americans referred to the purchase as “**Seward’s Folly**” or “Seward’s Icebox”, thinking Alaska was a barren wasteland.



*1867 map from U. S. Coast Survey Office*





***On March 30, 1867, the United States agreed to purchase Alaska from Russia for \$7.2 million dollars, about two cents an acre; "Seward's Folly" many called it, after Secretary of State William H. Seward. A check for \$7,200,000.00 was issued on August 1, 1868.***





**"THE BIG THING."**

OLD MOTHER SEWARD. "I'll rub some of this on his sore spot: it may soothe him a little."

*Thomas Nast ridicules the purchase of Alaska from Russia by depicting Secretary of State William H. Seward as an elderly mother caring for her child, a small version of Pres. Andrew Johnson dressed as Uncle Sam. On the wall poster in the cartoon's background, Uncle Sam is shown trudging in snowshoes across the icy tundra, planting American flags on Alaskan mountaintops, as polar bears and walruses watch. A picture of an Eskimo family is sarcastically labeled "One of the Advantages."*





\* Alaska, however, turned out to be rich in **fish, gold, copper, timber, oil** and coal.

*The Trans-Alaska Pipeline transports oil, Alaska's most important export.. It runs 800 miles, from the Arctic Ocean to the Gulf of Alaska at Valdez.*

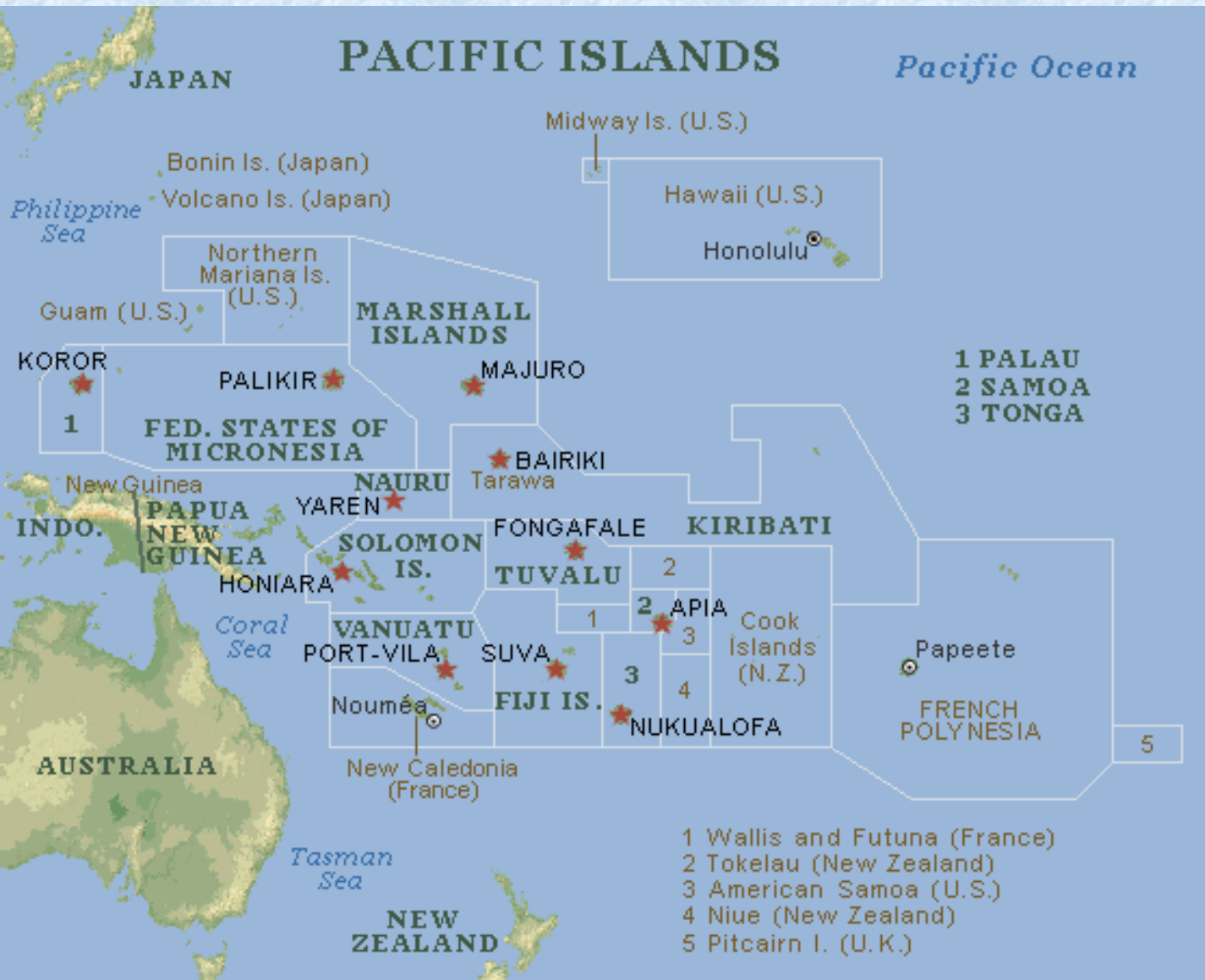




*Trans-Alaska Pipeline System*

# Annexing Hawaii

- The U.S. recognized the strategic importance of Hawaii in the Pacific Ocean.



- In 1875, Hawaii agreed to give the U.S. control of the seaport Pearl Harbor.



- Wealthy American planters, such as Sanford Dole, forced the Hawaiian king, Kalakaua, to adopt a new constitution, giving more control of the kingdom to the planters.



*King Kalakaua*

- For example, foreigners had the right to vote, but most native Hawaiians could not.



*Sanford Dole*



- In 1891, Queen Liliuokalani became the leader of Hawaii and attempted to restore the kingdom's independence.

- However, U.S. Marines forced Queen Liliuokalani to surrender at gunpoint.

*“I yield to the superior force of the United States of America...To avoid any collision of armed forces and perhaps the loss of life, I do this under protest, and impelled by said force, yield my authority.”*

*- Lili’uokalani, letter to the U.S. government, 1893.*



# ***“We Draw The Line At This”***

*On points of bayonets soldiers are holding up a round platform upon which sits a caricature of Lili'uokalani, feathers in her hair, crown askew, barefoot, holding a paper reading "scandalous government", and "gross immorality".*





- Sanford Dole became the temporary president of the “Republic of Hawaii”.



*President Sanford Dole and U.S. Minister Harold M. Sewall at the annexation ceremony on Aug. 12, 1898, fronting Iolani Palace.*





GORMAN'S TRIUMPH—A HUMILIATING SPECTACLE.

*This cartoon depicts the passage of the Wilson-Gorman Tariff in August 1894 as a stunning victory for Senator Gorman, and a degrading defeat for Pres. Cleveland. Gorman is a conquering Roman Caesar who ruthlessly drives the Democratic high-tariff chariot of the "Sugar Trust". Cleveland appears as a vanquished warrior, captured and enslaved.*

- President Cleveland was an anti-imperialist and refused to annex Hawaii.

## ***“His Little Hawaiian Game Checkmated”***



***Uncle Sam and Pres. Cleveland are playing chess with pieces representing the U.S. senators and Queen Lili'uokalani .***

**Uncle Sam: "Grover this game has been too deep for you. Every move you've made has been a blunder, and now you've lost your Black Queen and the game."**



• **Hawaii was annexed in 1898** when President McKinley took office and became the fiftieth state in 1959.

## “Another Shotgun Wedding”

A woman (Hawaii) and Uncle Sam are getting married, kneeling before the minister (Pres. McKinley) who is reading from a book entitled "Annexation Policy". The bride seems ready to bolt.

