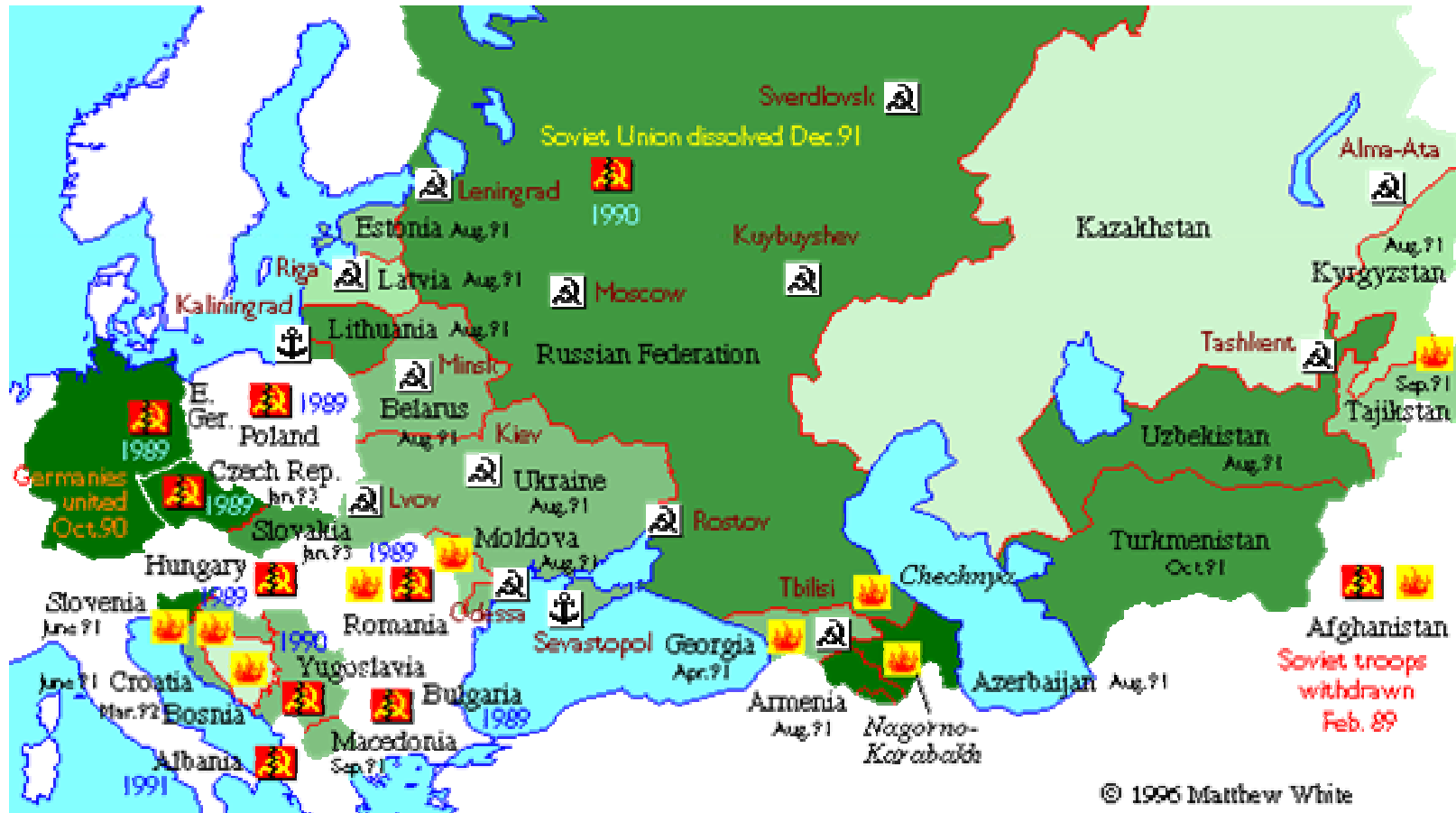


The Fall of the Soviet Union



Chief ethnic group's percentage of the population	1989 Communist monopoly broken	Soviet military district headquarters
90% 80% 70% 60% 50%	— Civil War	— Soviet fleet headquarters
— New national borders	— Aug. 91 Independence	—