

## Preventative Steps Taken



<u>League of Nations 1920</u> – international peacekeeping organization

Washington Naval Conference 1921-22 – reduced size of navies of leading powers

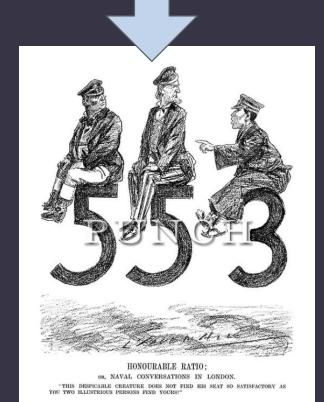


**U.S. Goal** 



**Isolationism** 

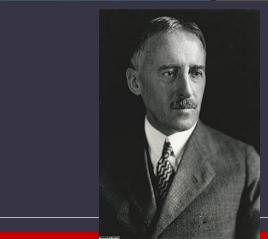
Kellogg-Briand Pact 1928 – Outlawed war forever



# 1st Major Challenge Develops

- Japan Invades Manchuria Sept. 1931
  - What did this violate?
- China asks League of Nations for help
  - Japanese condemned & leave the League
- Attempts made to place embargo on Japan, but US refuses (doesn't want war with Japan) & instead issues Stimson Doctrine (U.S. won't recognize any territorial acquisitions made by force)
  - Basically, US will be neutral, Japan did nothing to threaten America & U.S. will not police the world
- Sends a poor message to dictators that America will do very little to get involved





### London Economic Conference

- •66 nations (1933)
  - Great Depression impacting world
  - Currency issues main topic
    - Exchange rates (value of dollar)
    - Tariff rates
  - USA represented by Secretary of State Cordell Hull
- FDR backs out
  - Why?
    - Decisions at conference may not be in our best interest
  - Impact on world?
    - Effects of Great Depression linger on





Philippines and Soviet Union

Philippines: viewed as financial liability to USA

- Tydings-McDuffie Act 1934
  - Prepare for independence in 10 yrs.
    - New constitution
      - USA keeps military bases
      - Japan sees vulnerability
- Formally recognized Soviet Union in 1933
  - Numerous protests
    - Catholics and Conservatives
  - Benefits?
    - Offset growing German and Japanese power
    - Future partnership?



Commonwealth President Manuel L. Quezon with United States President Franklin D. Roosevelt in Washington, D.C.



# Good Neighbor Policy

 1933 Pan-Am Conference denounced Roosevelt Corollary (bayonet politics) to Monroe Doctrine:

- 1. Haiti: Marines left
- 2. Cuba: eases Platt Amendment restrictions
- 3. Panama Canal eased grip
- Mexico: oil crisis
  - FDR viewed as eagle not vulture

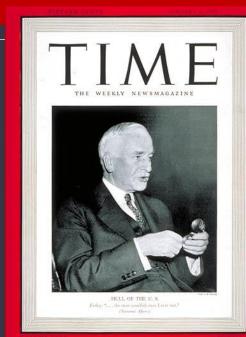


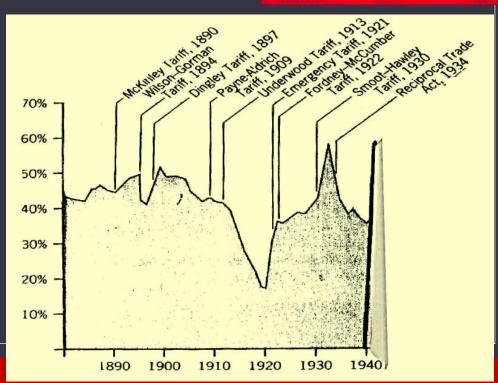
### Reciprocal Trade Agreements

- Cordell Hull and FDR believed "trade wars lead to shooting wars"
  - Wishes to lower tariff schedules to promote trade



- Agreements signed with 21 nations by end of 1939
  - Paved way for international economic system after WW2 (world trade)



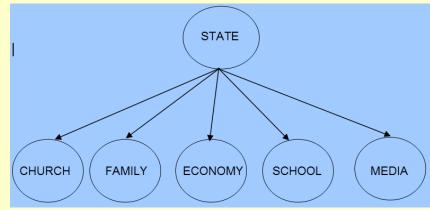


### Totalitarianism grows

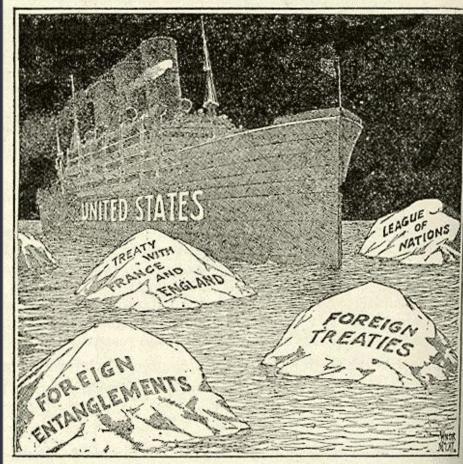
Totalitarian: "One political group maintains complete control, especially

through a dictator." (see image)

- Can be any of these government types:
  - Communism, socialism, fascism
- Spread and appeal of totalitarian systems?
  - Leaders will provide stability and restore glory:
    - USSR—Joseph Stalin-Purges enemies and collective farms to ensure enough food for everyone
    - Japan—Hidecki Tojo (Prime Minister) and (Emperor) Hirohito-invade Manchuria and China for resources
    - Italy—Benito Mussolini-attack Ethiopia to put together Roman Empire
    - Germany—Adolf Hitler-moved into Rhineland, Austria, Czech to demonstrate German power
    - Spain—Francisco Franco-Emerged winner in Civil War/Revolution



### Isolationism



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BETTER KEEP TO THE OLD CHANNEL

-McCay in the New York American.

#### Why didn't America act?

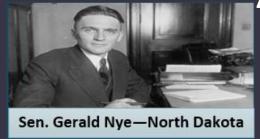
- Distracted by the depression
- Vividly recall the losses of WWI
- Feel safe behind the protection of two oceans
- Largely believed that what happened in the rest of the world didn't effect them.
- Rise of fascists increased desire to avoid entanglement.



Congress Legislates Neutrality

#### 1934 Nye Committee Findings

- Profiteering drew US in WW1
- "Merchants of Death"—companies that made \$
   off loans and contracts to supply warring nations
- Neutrality Acts
  - Series of laws passed 1935, 1936, and 1937
  - Forbade actions if involved in conflict:
    - Americans can't travel on ships of belligerent nation
    - Banned munitions sales to belligerent nations
    - Barred loans to belligerent nations
- Take moral high ground
  - Wise choice? No, problems got worse





# Spanish Civil War 1936-1939

**Loyalist Spain** 

V.

Gen. Francisco Franco's rebels

- Dress rehearsal for WW2 as German forces aid Franco
- Embargo placed on both sides
  - FDR later comments that policy towards Spain "had been a grave mistake"

"Roosevelt behaved in the manner of a true gentleman"



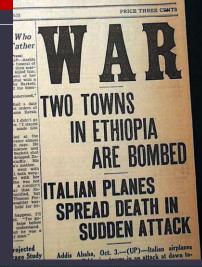
The Fighting in Spain



FDR frustrated by inability to help Loyalist Spain

# Quarantine Speech

- Response to Italian (Ethiopia) and Japanese (Manchuria) recent actions
- Japan bombed U.S.S. Panay and Standard Oil tankers on Yangtze River
  - 2 Americans died, 30 wounded
- "Sorry, not sorry"
  - Japan apologizes and makes payments, but then mistreats Americans working in China
- FDR reaction: Quarantine Speech
  - Criticized by isolationists at home







It seems to be unfortunately true that the epidemic of world lawlessness is spreading. When an epidemic of physical disease starts to spread, the community approves and joins in a quarantine of the patients in order to protect the health of the community against the spread of the disease.

(Franklin D. Roosevelt)

### Hitler on the Rise

- 1935 breaches Versailles treaty by reintroducing the military draft.
- 1935 Nuremberg Laws: Hitler begins to persecute and discriminate against the Jews.
- 1936 marches troops into the demilitarized region Rhineland (along FR/GER border)
  - Britain and France reaction-did nothing
- March 1938 Hitler marches without resistance into Austria





### Sudetenland

Hitler wants to reunify all German speaking people

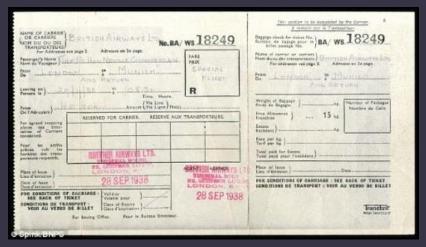
- Seeks to add region in Czechoslovakia
  - Sudetenland
    - Formerly part of Germany, population has strong German cultural ties
- Czechoslovakia balks at Hitler's attempts
  - Britain and France come to Czechoslovakia's aid



### Munich Conference



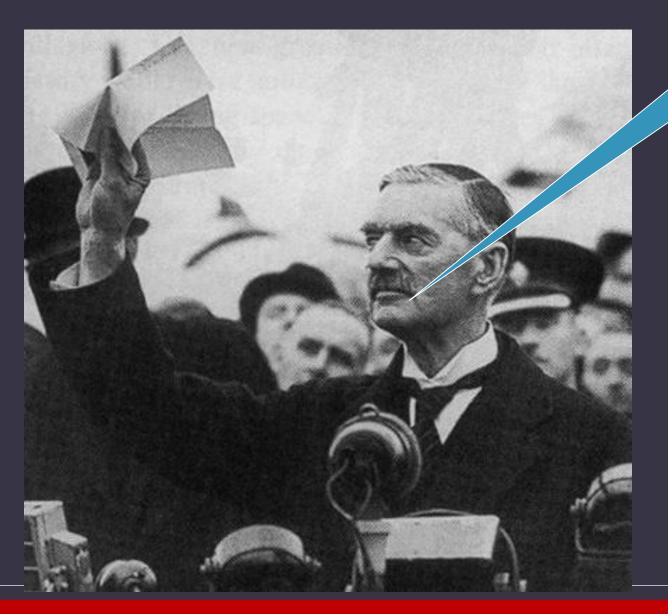




Chamberlain's plane ticket-1<sup>st</sup> time flying ever

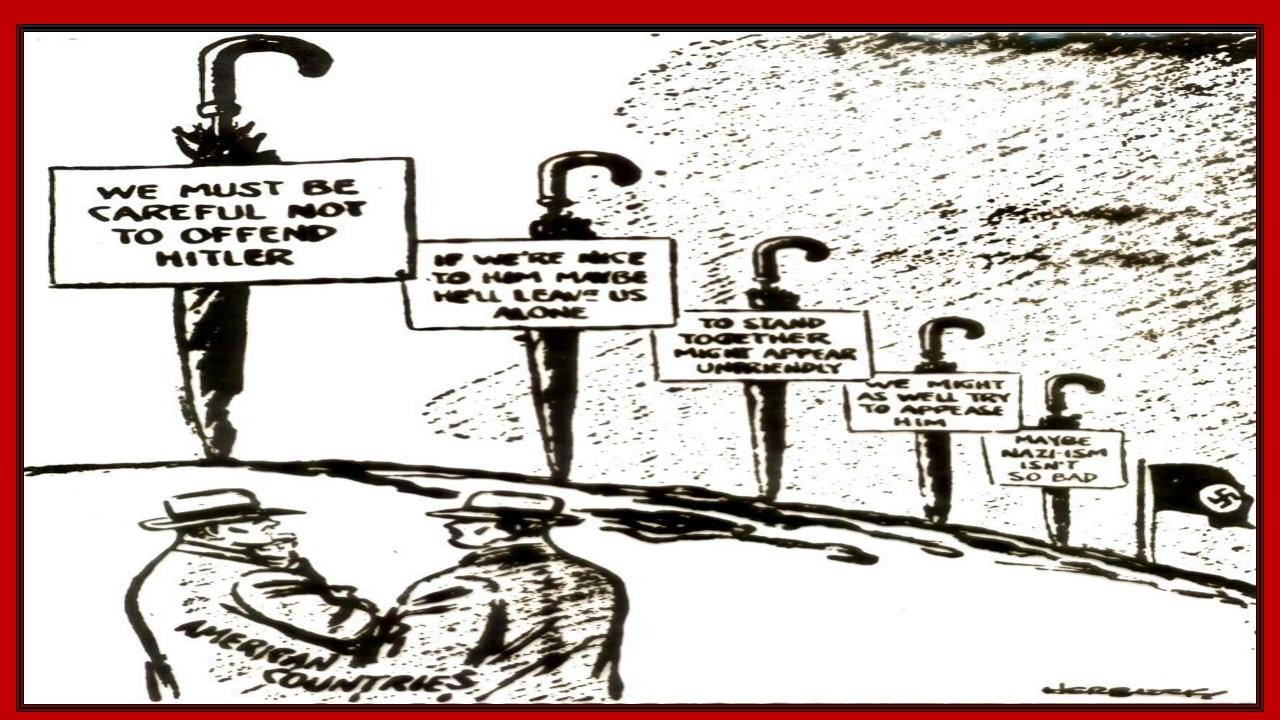
- Hitler graciously hosts meeting in 1938
  - British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain speaks for Czechoslovakia
- Chamberlain appeases Hitler by giving him Sudetenland in exchange for promises of peace and no further land claim

## Munich Conference



"Peace in Our Time"

Chamberlain speech in London after "successfully" negotiating with Hitler to avoid war (000ps)

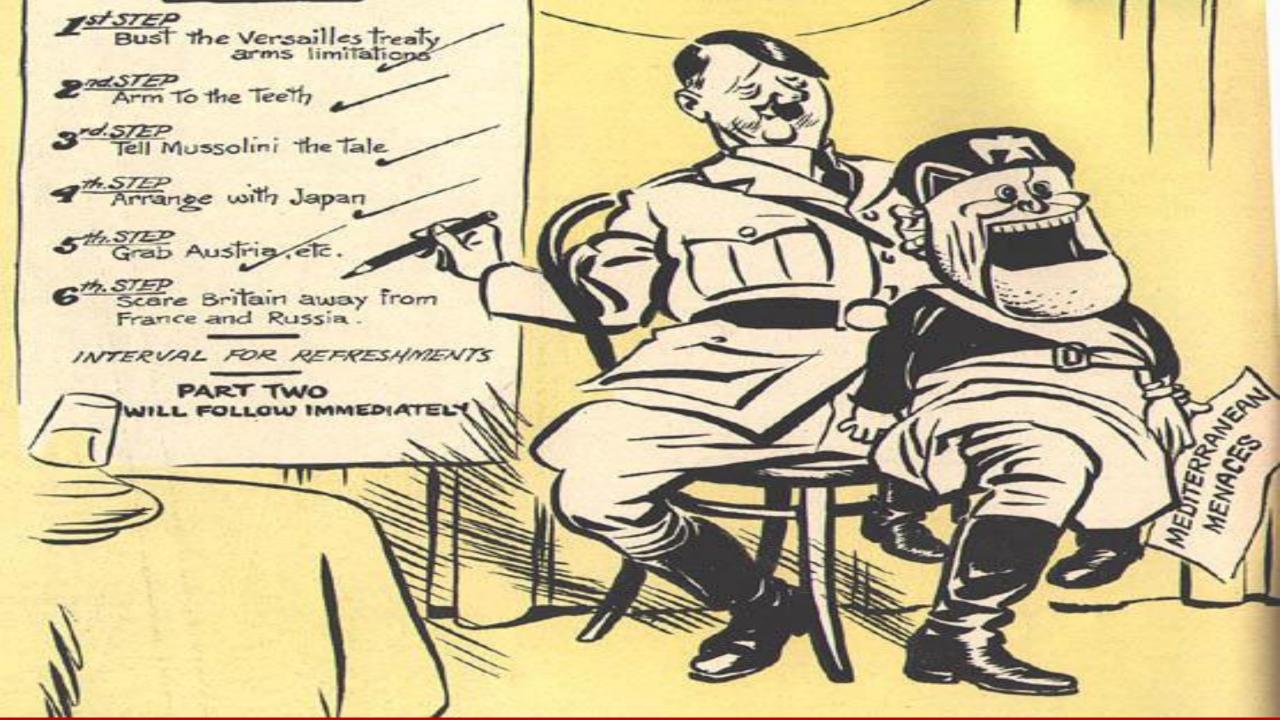


# Molotov – Ribbentrop Pact 1939



- Hitler wants to avoid 2 front war
  - Soviet Union and France (problem from WW1)
- Seeks non-aggression pact with Soviet Union
  - Agree to not engage in war against each other
  - Mutually recognize former territory that is presently part of Poland







- Germany unleashes Blitzkrieg on Poland 9.1.39
  - falls in under 6 weeks
- Neutrality Act of 1939 (a.k.a. Cash and Carry program)
  - nations must pay first and provide own transport for goods



[ 1.] (U.S. Oct 3 '30) Do you think the United States should do everything possible to help England and France win the war, except go to war ourselves? (APO)

Yes 62% No 38%

[2.] (U.S. Oct 3 '30) If it appears that Germany is defeating England and France, should the United States declare war on Germany and send our army and navy to Europe to fight? (APO)

National total	Yes 29%	No 71%
BY GEOGRAPHICAL SECTION		
New England	33%	87%
Middle Atlantic	27	73
Bast central	26	75
West central	26	74
South	47	63
West	28	72
(Jan 30 '40) National		
total	23%	77%



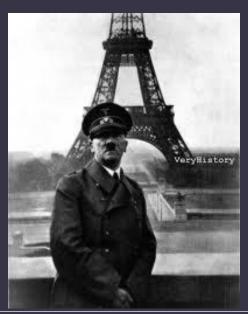


### Hitler Runs Amok

- Spring 1940 Hitler attacks and defeats: Denmark, Norway, Netherlands and Belgium
- June 1940 France is forced to surrender
- Miracle of Dunkirk
  - Evacuation of thousands of British troops
     from beaches in France
  - Very significant because saves a huge chunk of British army to fight and defend nation.
- US shocked by quick fall of France
  - Impact on public attitude
  - Threat to US of German domination Europe









## US Begins to Arm

[3.] (U.S. May 20 '40) If the question of the United States going to war against Germany came up for a national vote to go to war (go into the war or stay out of the war)? (AIPO)

Yes 16% No 84%

(June 11 '40) . . . . Go in 19%

Stay out 91%

- FDR calls for building of huge air fleet and a two-ocean navy that would check both Germany and Japan.
  - Congress approves 37 Billion
    - More than the cost of WWI and 5-times larger than any annual budget for New Deal.
- Congress passes Conscription Law, Sept. 1940.
  - America's first peace-time draft.
- Havana Conference of 1940
  - Discuss future of Latin America after fall of France, Netherlands, and Denmark
  - FDR pledged to uphold Monroe Doctrine



ANSWERING CALL IN AMERICA'S FIRST

Among those who registered were the following: (1) Young Amish of Pennsylvania, whose religious teachings forbid military service. Capuchin Fathers register at New York. (3) Warren Pershing, & General Pershing. (4) Bob Feller, pitcher of the Cleveland in proudly displays his registration certificate. (5) A midget answers the NEWS FLASS!

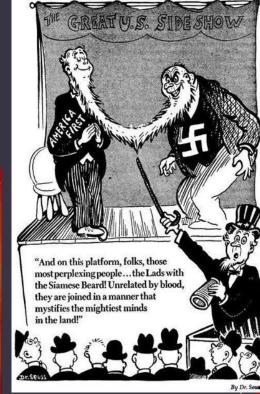
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## Debate over Destroyers

- Two Opposing Forces:
  - 1. America First Committee
  - isolationists group; Charles Lindbergh spokesman
  - 2. Committee to Defend America (by Aiding the Allies)
    - Interventionist group—help Britain
- Transfer of 50 ships for 8 air and naval bases
  - Britain turns over locations in Western Hemisphere
    - Flagrant violation of neutrality obligations







### 1940 Election

- Dark horse candidate Wendell Willkie
  - New Deal too extravagant
  - Attacks FDR as a dictator
  - No 3<sup>rd</sup> term tradition
- Agreement on foreign policy
  - Believed in aid for Britain
- Grave crisis drove FDR to seek 3<sup>rd</sup> term
- FDR win is closer than 1<sup>st</sup> two campaigns
  - 472-59 '32 Hoover
  - 523-8 '36 Landon-largest margin to date
  - 449-82 '40 Willkie
  - 432-99 '44 Dewey



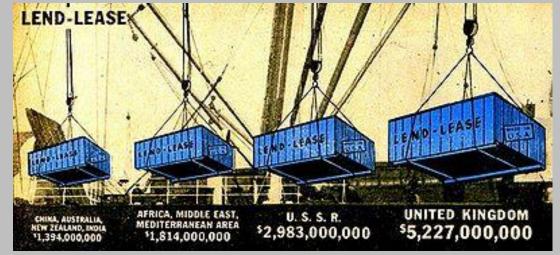




# American Neutrality Changes 1941

- Fall of France and Britain near defeat causes shift in thinking
  - USA changes policy from Cash and Carry to Lend-Lease
    - FDR proposes making the US the great "arsenal of democracy"
  - End pretense of neutrality between Britain and Germany
- Indirect method of fighting the aggressors
  - Criticized by conservative Sen. Robert Taft
- Clashes with Subs
  - 9/41—Greer attacked without damage





10/41—Reuben James sunk with loss of more than 100.

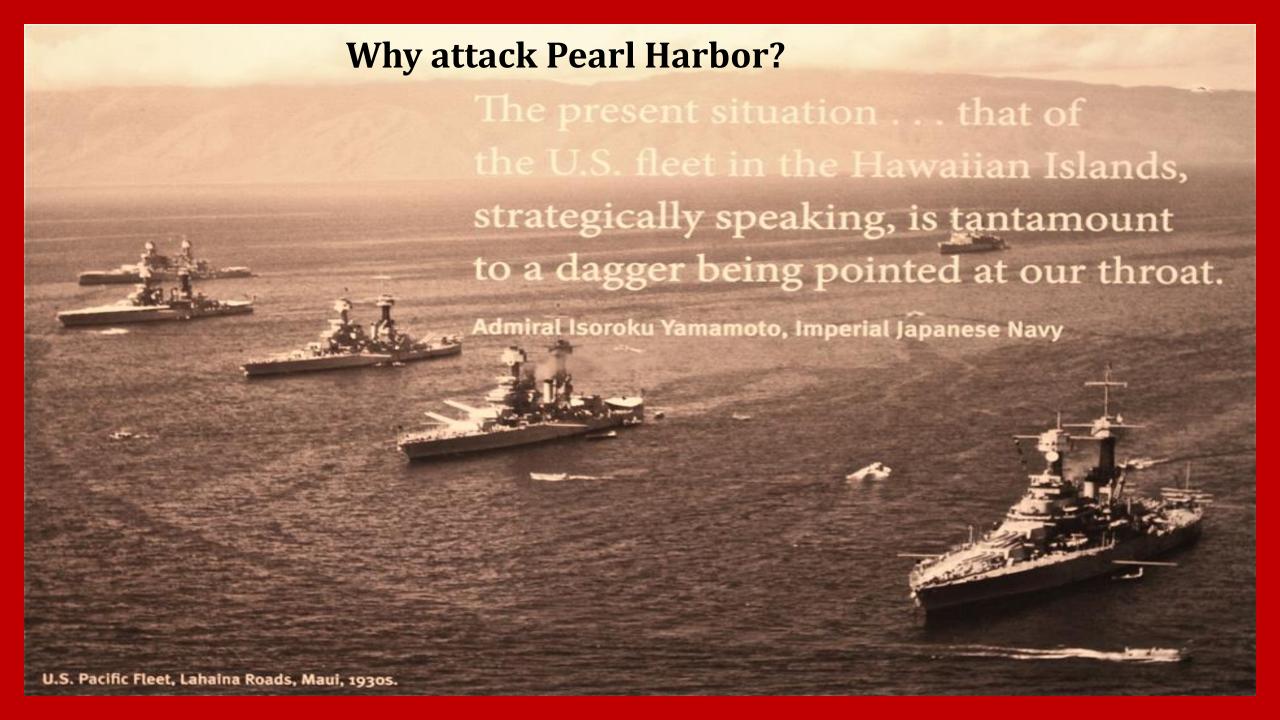
### **Atlantic Charter**

- August 1941 meeting leads to 8point plan for post-war world.
- Similar to Wilson's 14 points:
  - Pledges that countries will not have borders changed
  - Self determination and return to pre-war governments
  - League of nations type organization.
    - Etc.











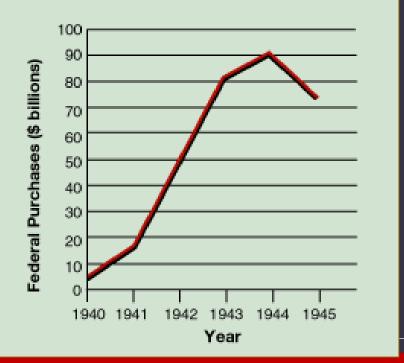
## War Strategy

- ABC-1 Plan (1941)
  - USA and GB secretly meet (Jan. Mar.) and agreed: "Europe First"
    - Germany must be main focus of the fighting
    - Knock out Italy early
    - Defensive war against Japan
- Why do many Americans object to this approach?
  - Americans want revenge vs. Japan
  - Was it smart choice?
    - Yes, defeating Japan would take time as we had to rebuild much our navy. Fighting vs Japan would rely more on navy than army



- 1. Industrial Production
- War Production Board (later: Office of War Mobilization)
  - "cost-plus" basis provided incentive (profits) to meet/exceed goals
  - By 1944, war production 2x that of all Axis powers





- 2. Office of Price Administration (O.P.A.)
- Rationing
- Price Controls
- Scrap Drives



- 3. Controlling Labor
- "no-strike" pledges
- Smith-Connally Anti-Strike Act 1943
- union membership: major increase









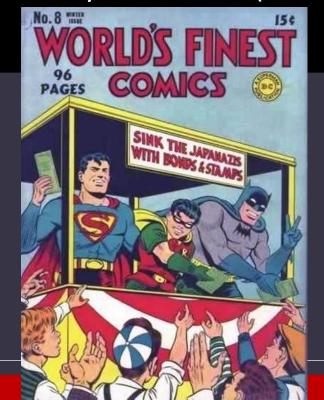
4. Farmers — farm income doubled, as in World War I

5. Financing the War: \$321 billion total! cost \$100 billion for 1945 alone

Income Tax (Revenue Act of 1942 – richest paid 94%!, everyone paid some,

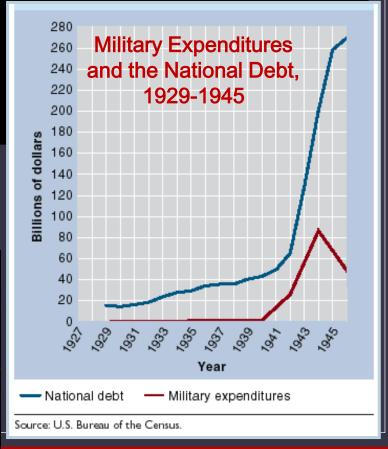
withholding system)

Liberty Bonds sold (debt grows)







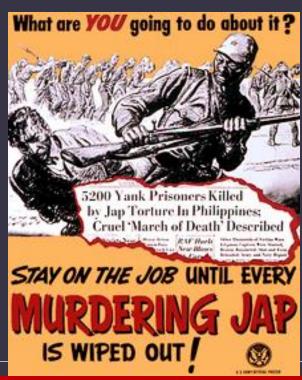


#### 6.Propaganda

- Office of War Information
  - Result: largely avoided anti-German hysteria of WWI and anti-Japanese hysteria on West Coast
  - Patriotic reminders of how we should behave on the homefront





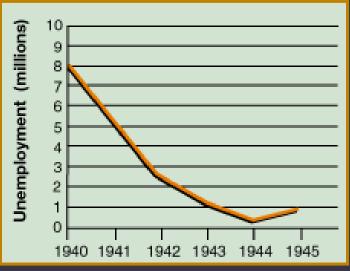




#### **EFFECTS ON THE HOME FRONT: IMPACT ON THE ECONOMY**

### End of the Depression

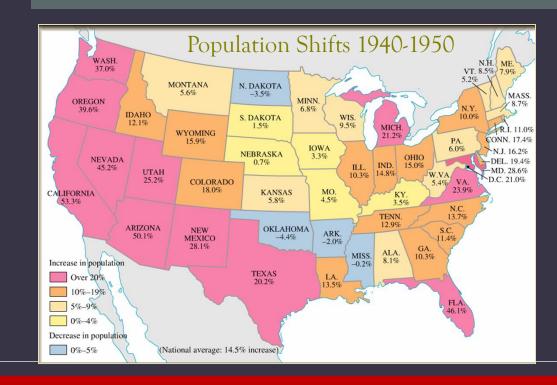
- Low unemployment
- GNP (GDP) on the rise
- Farm crisis ended
- Personal income (wages) and savings on rise





### **EFFECTS ON THE HOME FRONT:** Demographic Shifts

- Urbanization
- Migration to West, esp. California
  - rapid industrialization of some western states (California)
  - Henry J. Kaiser Kaiser Steel
- South –military posts and defense installations





Wartime Army Camps, Naval Bases, and Airfields

### **EFFECTS ON THE HOME FRONT:** WOMEN, WORK AND FAMILY

- Armed Forces 200K+ women; non-combat roles: clerical jobs in WAACS and WAVES.
- Work Force 6.5 million women entered (57% increase)
  - Many in government clerical jobs
  - "Rosie the Riveter" worked in defense plants (constructed tanks, airplanes etc.)
- Surveys of time: real concern that families were negatively impacted by war
  - "8-hour orphans", kids felt robbed of childhood (dad in service and mom working constantly), many forced to move; crime rates, school truancy rates and STD rates increased





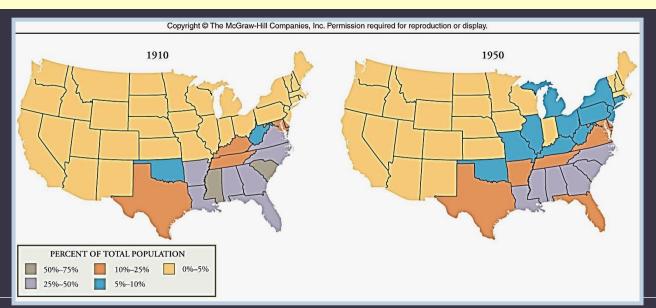


### **IMPACT ON SOCIETY: Minorities & Rights**

- Second Great Migration
- Race riots Detroit and New York (1943)
- Armed Forces: Million+ served; in segregated units
- Efforts to end discrimination: black unions, threatened protests (A. Philip Randolph March on Washington 1942) pressure on companies with gov't contracts
- FDR's response: concessions to A-A leaders
  - Executive Order 8802 prohibiting discrimination in defense plants
  - Fair Employment Practices Commission to investigate discrimination

#### **Results:**

- Significant decrease in number willing to accept status of second class citizens.
- Repudiation of Nazi racism strengthened civil rights efforts

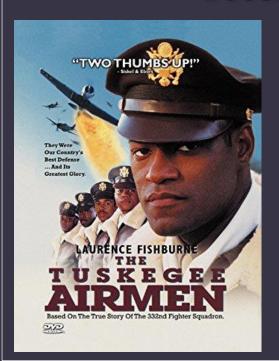


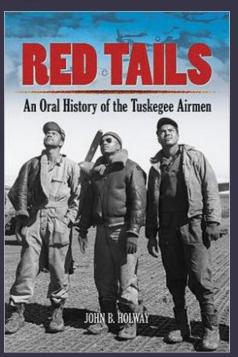
**Roy Wilkins-NAAC** 

# **Segregated Units**

**Most Famous** Tuskegee Airmen

Noted for their great flight record







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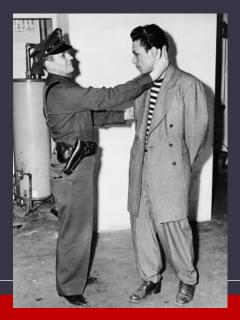
► *Braceros*-150,000 Mexican laborers brought in to work on farms





- Increased racial tension
  - Zoot Suit Riots 1943 in LA racially motivated fights: Hispanic young men and local whites/sailors

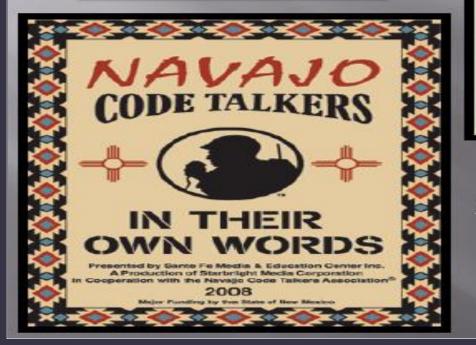




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# Navajo Code Talkers

Native Americans
also made
contributions to
the war effort

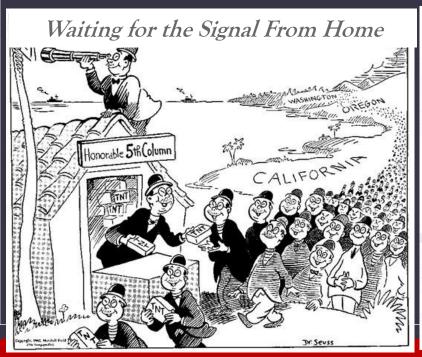




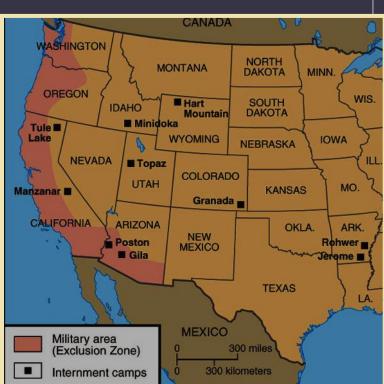
A group known as the Navajo
Code Talkers were U.S. Marines
of Native American descent
who used their native language
as code during the war

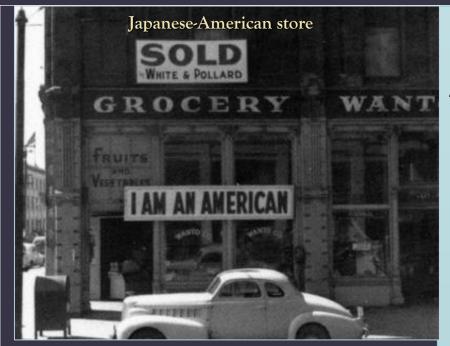
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- Japanese Americans sent to internment camps via Executive Order 9066
  - FDR did this out of security concerns for USA and personal safety for Japanese Americans
- Korematsu v. U.S. (1944)—SCOTUS said this was lawful action





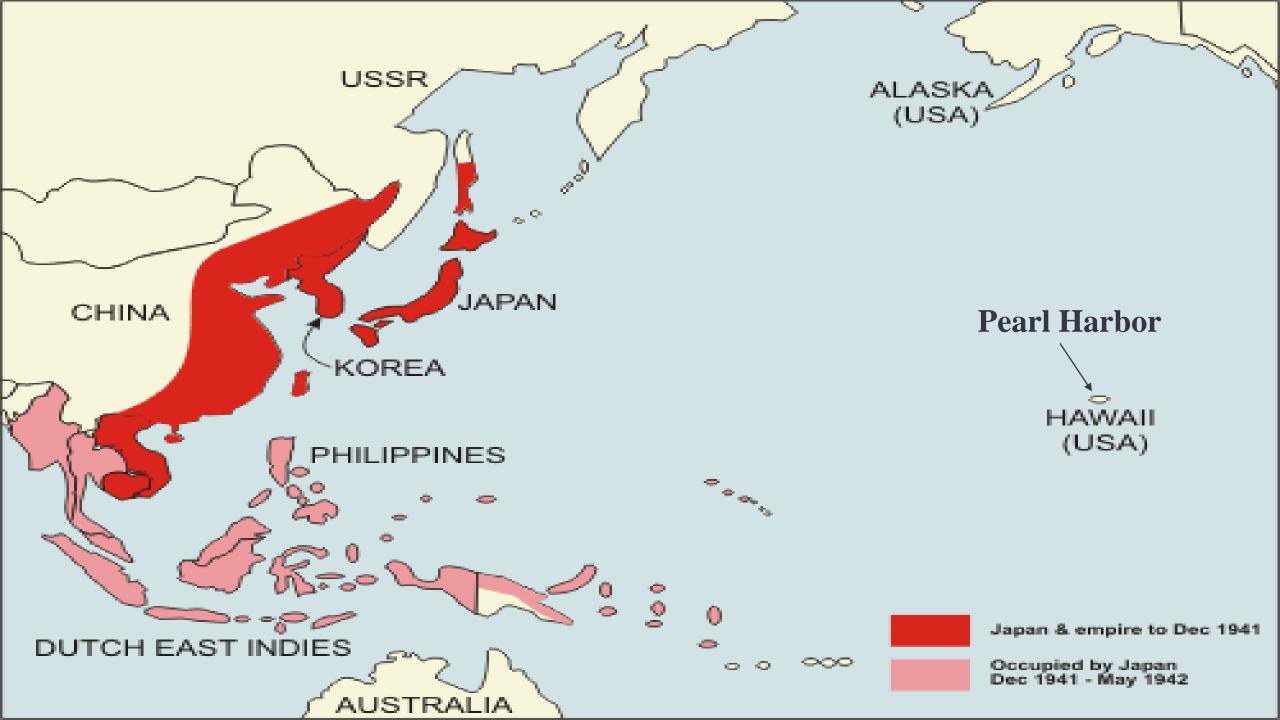






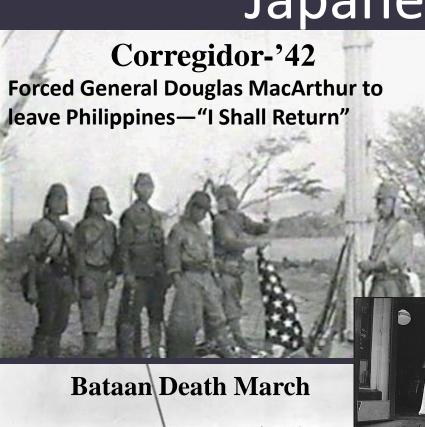
**Synthesis American reaction** towards Japanese **Americans** was similar to reactions towards Muslims living in places like **Dearborn after** 9/11. In both cases there were threats made against Americans without any evidence they did anything wrong in connection with terrorist attacks on American soil.





Japanese Expansion

ATAAN COLLAPSES!





BATAAN CORREGIDOR

Triumphantly returns to Philippines and defeats Japanese



Island Hopping Campaign

- Victory at Guadalcanal provided key to launching attacks on island of Japan
  - Resorted to Kamikaze fighters late '44 as supplies are short and ability to defend is diminished
- Island Hopping: random efforts to free Japanese held islands
  - Control of Guam and Marianas Islands led to round the clock bombing of Japan
    - Tokyo '45 killed 80,000 and destroyed ¼ city with fire bombs
- Dug in at Iwo Jima and Okinawa
  - Casualties high
  - Impacted decision to invade Japan









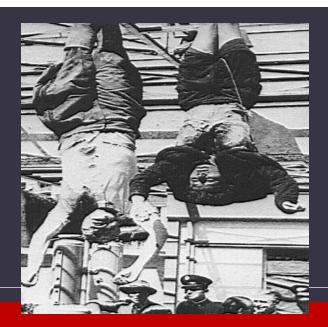




# Italian Campaign



- Italian campaign begins in Sicily and works its way up the boot towards Rome
- Rome taken in June of 44'
- Mussolini eventually taken by mobs of Italians



## Tehran Conference

- Big 3 meet and finalize plans:
  - U.S. and Britain open 2<sup>nd</sup> front in France (future D-Day)
  - Stalin insists on this as Germany is attacking Soviet Union at this time. 2<sup>nd</sup> front in France would force them into a 2 front war.

### The New York Times.

ROOSEVELT, STALIN, CHURCHILL AGREE ON PLANS FOR WAR ON GERMANY IN TALKS AT TEHERAN; 1,500 MORE TONS OF BOMBS DROPPED ON BERLIN

British Reveal Cost 1,000 BIG BOMBERS, Heavy 'Retaliation' AIR BATTLES SHARP 8th Army Drives 6 Miles Up Coast Toward San Vito



### Invasion of Normandy







- Operation Fortitude was an elaborate deception campaign complete with fake army orders, commanders, and inflatable weapons meant to trick the Nazi's into moving troops to defend against the Allies.
- Used to disguise real plans of D-Day to increase chances of success
- Overall: very effective





### Eisenhower's D-day Invasion Of France

Eisenhower is given command of D-day landing.

June 6, 1944. Biggest amphibious invasion in history.

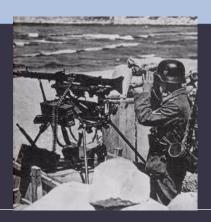
Land near Normandy—less expected

Challenges and mission

**Atlantic Wall** 

Liberate France

Split German forces









# Breaking through the "Atlantic Wall"

To guard against an Allied invasion of Europe, Adolf Hitler ordered the laying of millions of mines and miles of barbed wire and poured tons of concrete to create a defensive barrier along the western coast of Europe. The plan was a sham because the Germans didn't know exactly where an invasion would occur. Yet it cost many Allied soldiers their lives to secure the beaches of Normandy.

High tide

Low tide

#### Belgian gates:

10-foot-high steelframed structures were set parallel to the beach. Antitank mines were attached to the top.

#### Teller mines:

On posts angled seaward. Covered at high tide and placed 200 yards from shore.

#### Ramps:

Mine-tipped logs were driven into the sand.

#### Hedgehogs:

Mine-tipped 6-foothigh obstacles constructed of steel rails welded together to rip the bottom out of landing craft at high tide.

### Seawall

Pillboxes: These small concrete bunkers shielded machine gun nests and antitank guns.

#### Concrete bunkers:

Cliffs hudreds of feet tall

> Steel-reinforced concrete protected 75and 88-mm guns.

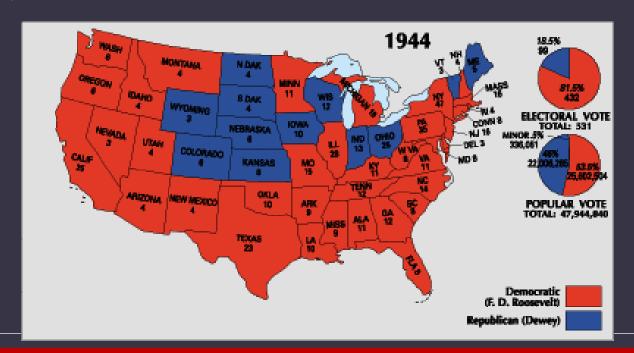
#### Walls of barbed wire and minefields:

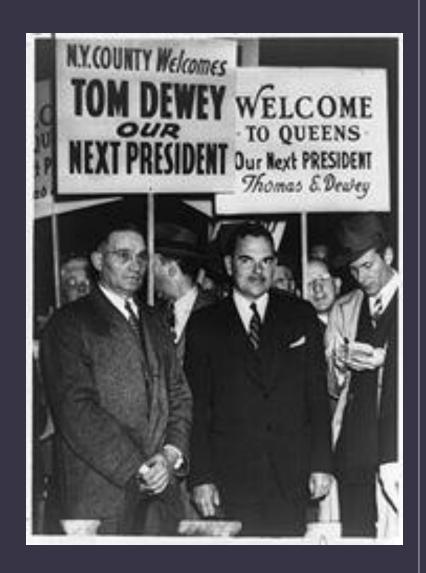
Criss-crossed the beaches and paths leading off the beaches.



### Election of 1944

- FDR is re-nominated but health is questioned
  - VP, Henry Wallace, dumped and replaced by Truman.
- Republicans nominate Thomas Dewey, popular governor of New York.
- Key victories in war make FDR unbeatable.



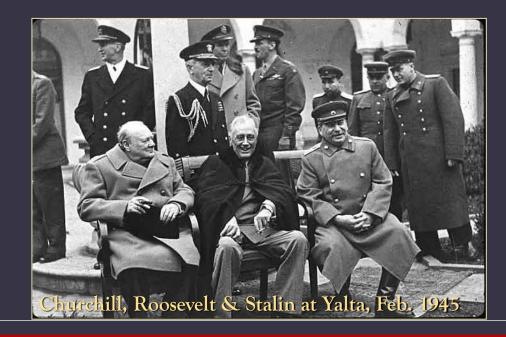


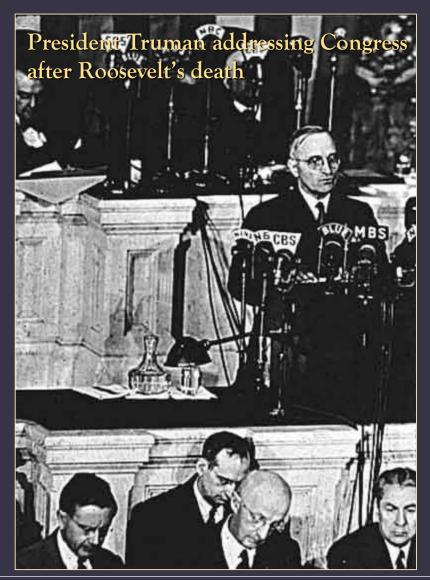
- Battle of the Bulge
  - German Offensive
  - Largest land battle of war

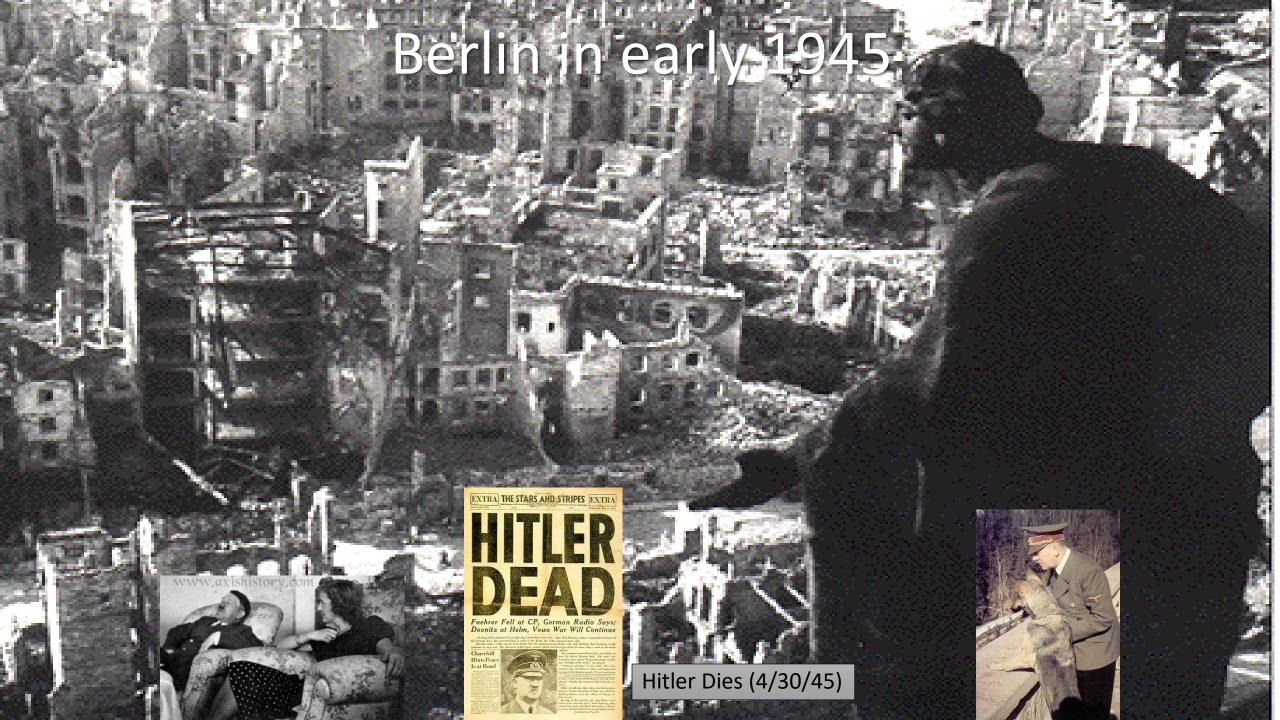


# Critical Stage

- Yalta Conference decisions:
  - Germany split 4 zones
  - Poland redrawn and independent
- FDR death (Warm Springs, GA, April 12, 1945)
- What concerns would this raise?
  - Difficult time to break in new President
  - Might give Germany and Japan renewed hope?







# V-E Day

- May 8, 1945
- Victory in Europe Day: Germany surrenders





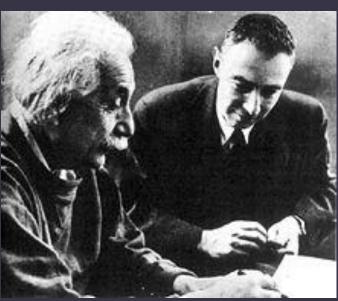


# Manhattan Project

- Urged by Einstein letter
  - Robert Oppenheimer --Director
- 2 billion spent on program
  - Concerns?
    - Will it work? Are we willing to use it if it does? What will others think?
- Atomic bomb tested in Alamogordo, NM
- Potsdam Conference
  - Unconditional Japanese surrender or face "utter destruction"









Col. Paul W. Tibbets, Jr., & the ENOLA GAY





# Why Does Truman Use the Bomb?



George Mendonsa

# V-J Day

**August 15<sup>th</sup> 1945 Day that Japan Surrenders** 







# Unconditional Surrender

- Douglas MacArthur and Emperor Hirohito sign peace treaty aboard USS Missouri 9/2/45
- Emperor remains on throne, but stripped of political power







#### **RESULTS OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR**

- Only major power without significant physical damage
  - 1 of 2 Superpowers (Soviet Union)
    - 300,000 dead, over 800K wounded
- End of Depression
  - National debt rose from \$50 Billion in 1941 to \$250 billion by 1945! \$320 billion cost
    - Keynesian Economics is here to stay
- Joined United Nations—ending isolationism
- 8 Future presidents















