BOOGIE WOOGIE BUGLE BOY OF COMPANY “B”

The Andrew Sisters—LaVerne, Maxene, and Patty--were a popular singing group from the 1930s through the 1950s. As with many other entertainers during World War II, they pitched in to help the war effort, selling war bonds and entertaining the troops. The song comes from a musical sub-genre of big band music known as “jump blues” and was featured in the movie “Buck Privates” of 1941, where it garnered an Academy Award nomination for best original song.



TOPIC 9:
“THE GOOD FIGHT”—AMERICA IN WORLD WAR II

LECTURE 1:
BATTLE AND DIPLOMATIC FRONTS

DISCUSSION POINTS (WORLD WAR II)

How did the Paris Peace Treaty that ended World War I contribute to the outbreak of World War II?

How did the Great Depression contribute to World War II?

Why were the world's major democracies, including France, the United Kingdom and the United States, unwilling to confront Hitler in the 1930s?

How did the United States prepare—or not--for World War II?

How did the war affect the home front, including women, African Americans, and others?

What did the United States contribute to the Allied war effort in World War II?

How did the major Allies—the United States, the United Kingdom, and the Soviet Union—cooperate to win World War II?

What were the different agendas of the major allies for the postwar world? And how did these clash?

Why did the United States drop the atom bombs on Japan at the end of World War II?



PARIS PEACE CONFERENCE SIGNATORIES, 1919

NAZI PROPAGANDA





Dolchstosslegende: Stabbed-in-the-Back Myth

The Eternal Jew

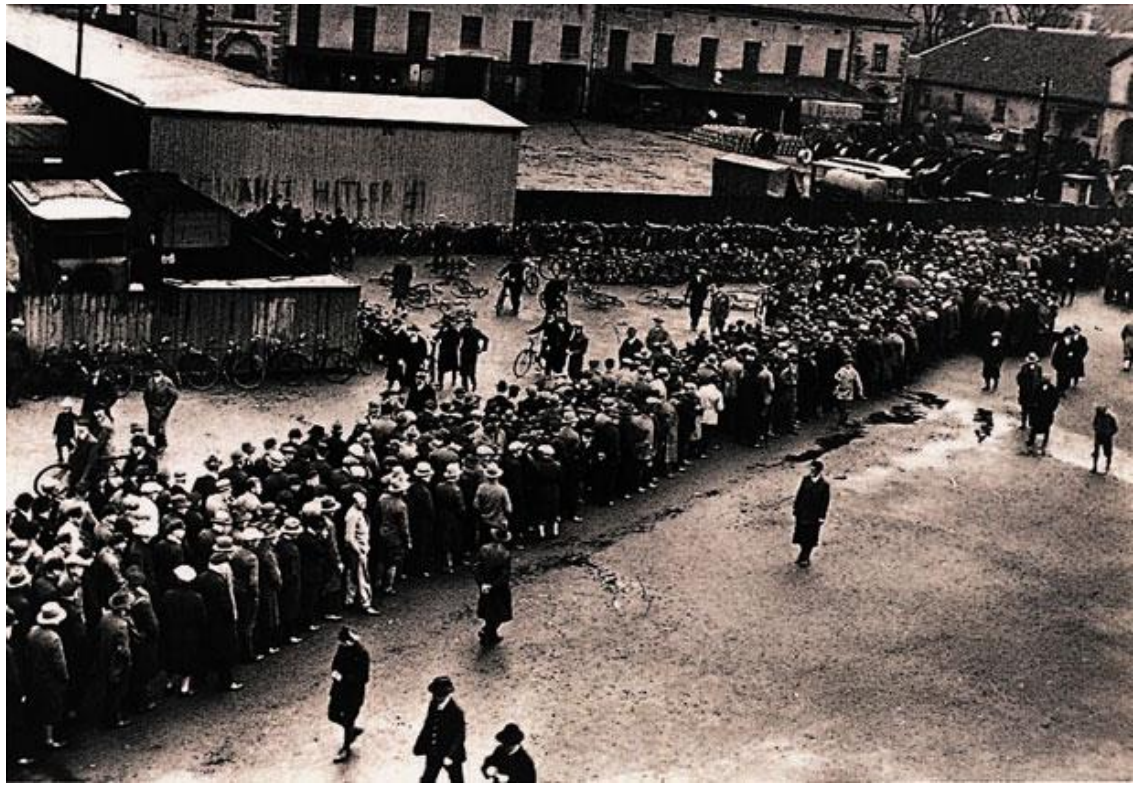
COMMUNISTS IN THE WEIMAR REPUBLIC





"Down with this Rabble: Choose Communists"

Great Depression Spreads: Germany and Japan



Great Depression: Germans Waiting in a Bread Line
Note: Hitler graffiti on wall in upper left

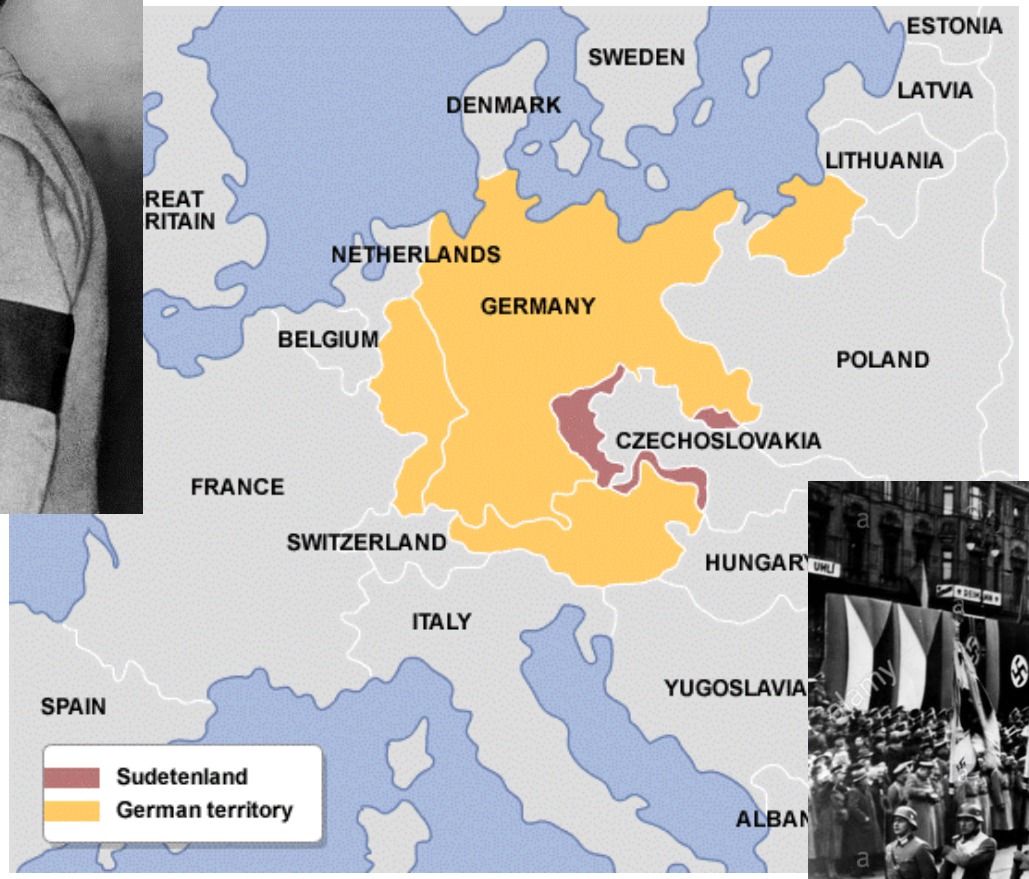


Great Depression: Workers Protesting Layoffs in Japan

Appeasement in Action



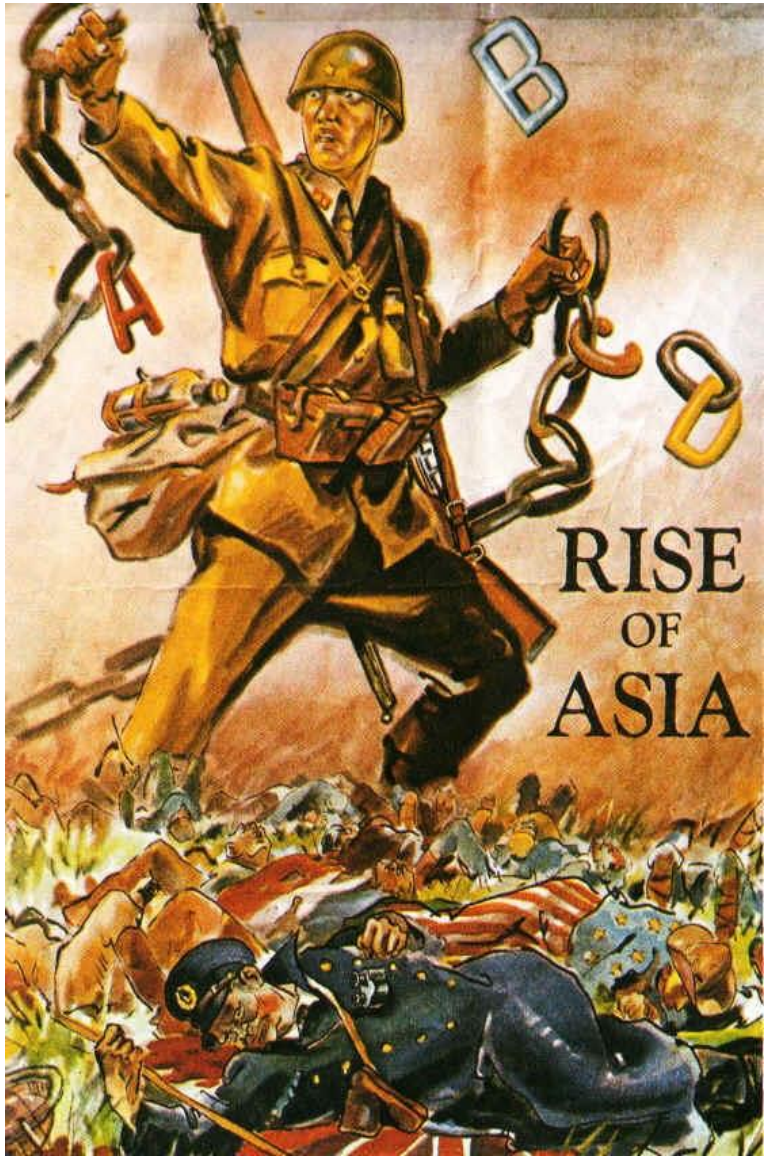
Munich Conference (September 1938)
UK Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain
and German Fuhrer Adolf Hitler





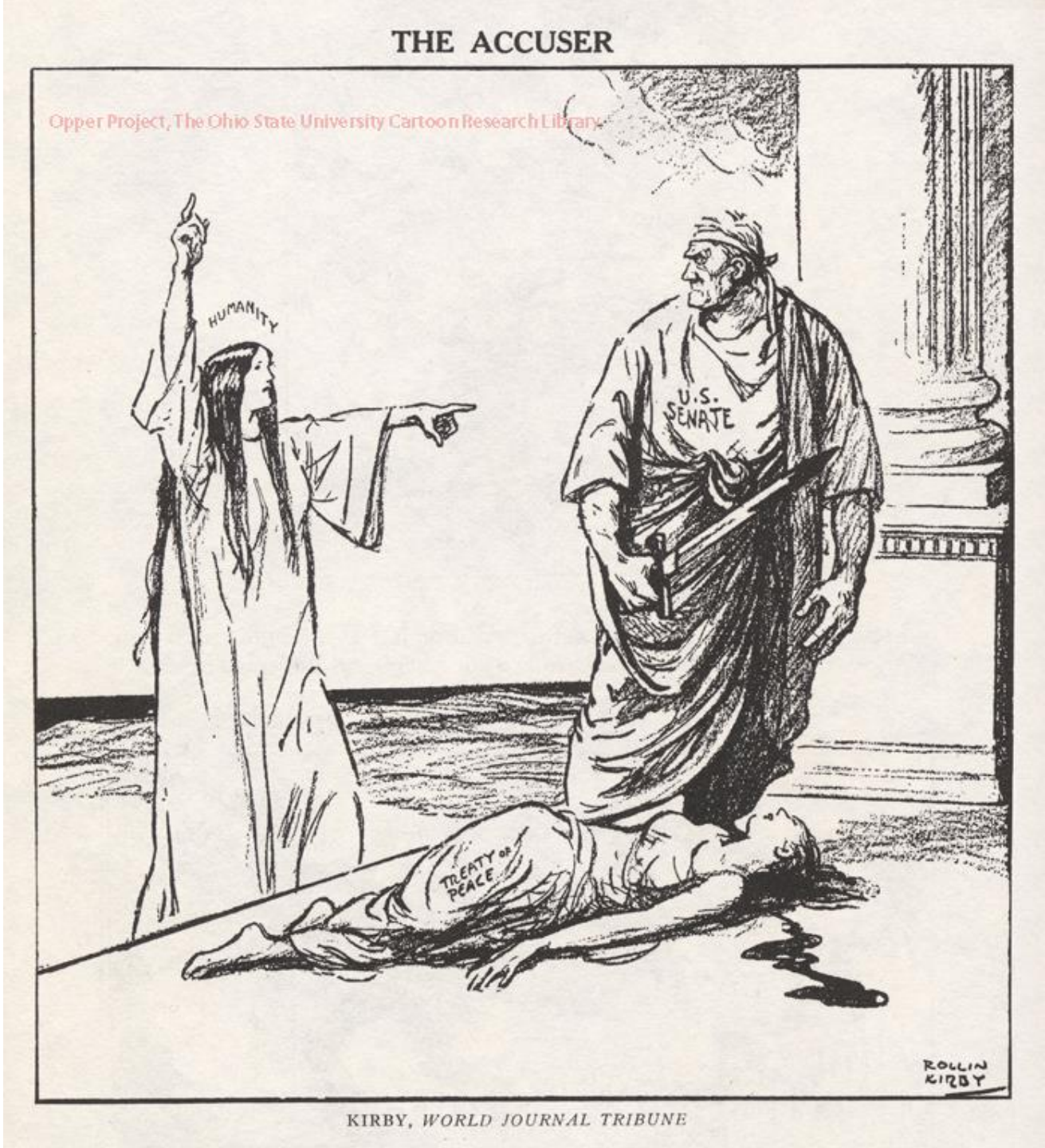
German Troops March into Czechoslovakia,
March 1939

RISING SUN: JAPAN'S EMPIRE







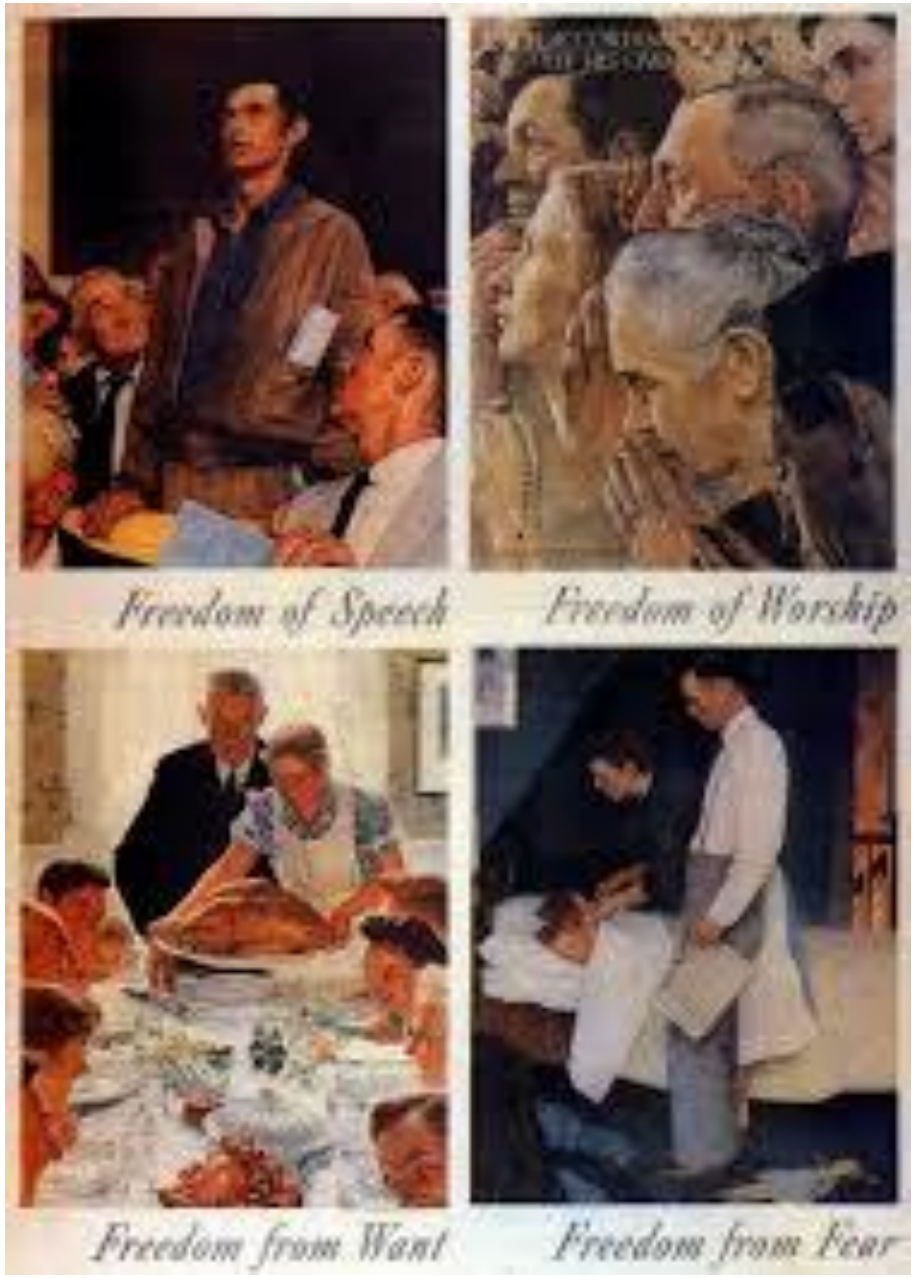


SENATE VOTES DOWN US MEMBERSHIP IN THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS, NOVEMBER 1919

ROOSEVELT'S FOUR FREEDOMS

JANUARY 1941





FOUR FREEDOMS SPEECH: ISOLATIONISM NOT AN OPTION, WE MUST HELP FELLOW DEMOCRACIES

During sixteen long months this assault has blotted out the whole pattern of democratic life in an appalling number of independent nations, great and small. And the assailants are still on the march, threatening other nations, great and small.

Therefore, as your President, performing my constitutional duty to "give to the Congress information of the state of the Union," I find it, unhappily, necessary to report that the future and the safety of our country and of our democracy are overwhelmingly involved in events far beyond our borders…

No realistic American can expect from a dictator's peace international generosity, or return of true independence, or world disarmament, or freedom of expression, or freedom of religion–or even good business.

I also ask this Congress for authority and for funds sufficient to manufacture additional munitions and war supplies of many kinds, to be turned over to those nations which are now in actual war with aggressor nations. Our most useful and immediate role is to act as an arsenal for them as well as for ourselves. They do not need man power, but they do need billions of dollars worth of the weapons of defense.

The time is near when they will not be able to pay for them all in ready cash. We cannot, and we will not, tell them that they must surrender, merely because of present inability to pay for the weapons which we know they must have.

Let us say to the democracies: "We Americans are vitally concerned in your defense of freedom. We are putting forth our energies, our resources and our organizing powers to give you the strength to regain and maintain a free world. We shall send you, in ever-increasing numbers, ships, planes, tanks, guns. This is our purpose and our pledge." …

I have called for personal sacrifice. And I am assured of the willingness of almost all Americans to respond to that call…

FOUR FREEDOMS SPEECH: A BETTER POSTWAR WORLD

In the future days, which we seek to make secure, we look forward to a world founded upon four essential human freedoms.

The first is freedom of speech and expression–everywhere in the world.

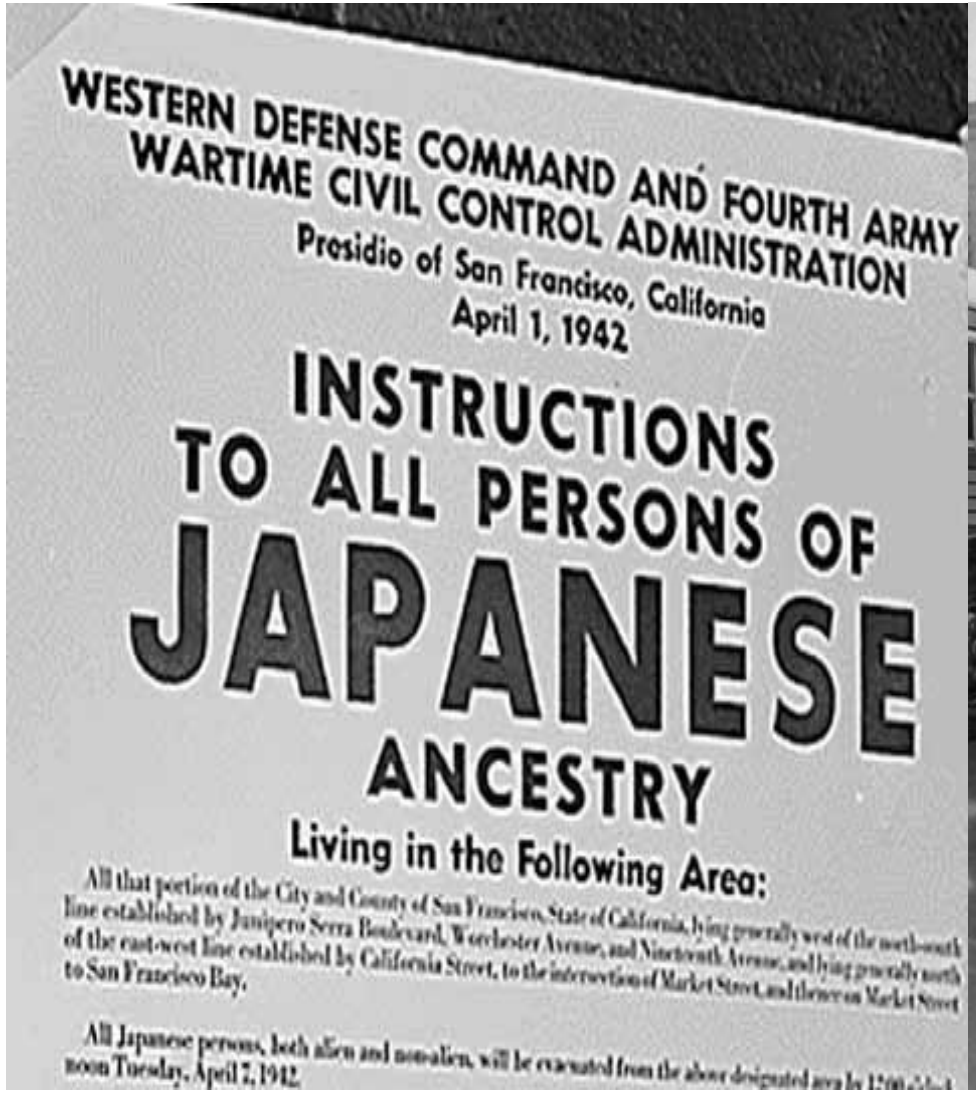
The second is freedom of every person to worship God in his own way–everywhere in the world.

The third is freedom from want–which, translated into world terms, means economic understandings which will secure to every nation a healthy peacetime life for its inhabitants-everywhere in the world.

The fourth is freedom from fear–which, translated into world terms, means a world-wide reduction of armaments to such a point and in such a thorough fashion that no nation will be in a position to commit an act of physical aggression against any neighbor–anywhere in the world.


JAPS
KEEP OUT
YOU ARE
NOT WANTED
JAPS KEEP MOVING
THIS IS A WHITE MAN'S NEIGHBORHOOD.


SCRAP
DOWN WITH
THE JAPS
THE RATS



WESTERN DEFENSE COMMAND AND FOURTH ARMY
WARTIME CIVIL CONTROL ADMINISTRATION
Presidio of San Francisco, California
April 1, 1942

INSTRUCTIONS TO ALL PERSONS OF JAPANESE ANCESTRY

Living in the Following Area:

All that portion of the City and County of San Francisco, State of California, lying generally west of the north-south line established by Junipero Serra Boulevard, Worchester Avenue, and Nineteenth Avenue, and lying generally north of the east-west line established by California Street, to the intersection of Market Street, and thence on Market Street to San Francisco Bay.

All Japanese persons, both alien and non-alien, will be evacuated from the above designated area by 12:00 [illegible] noon Tuesday, April 7, 1942.

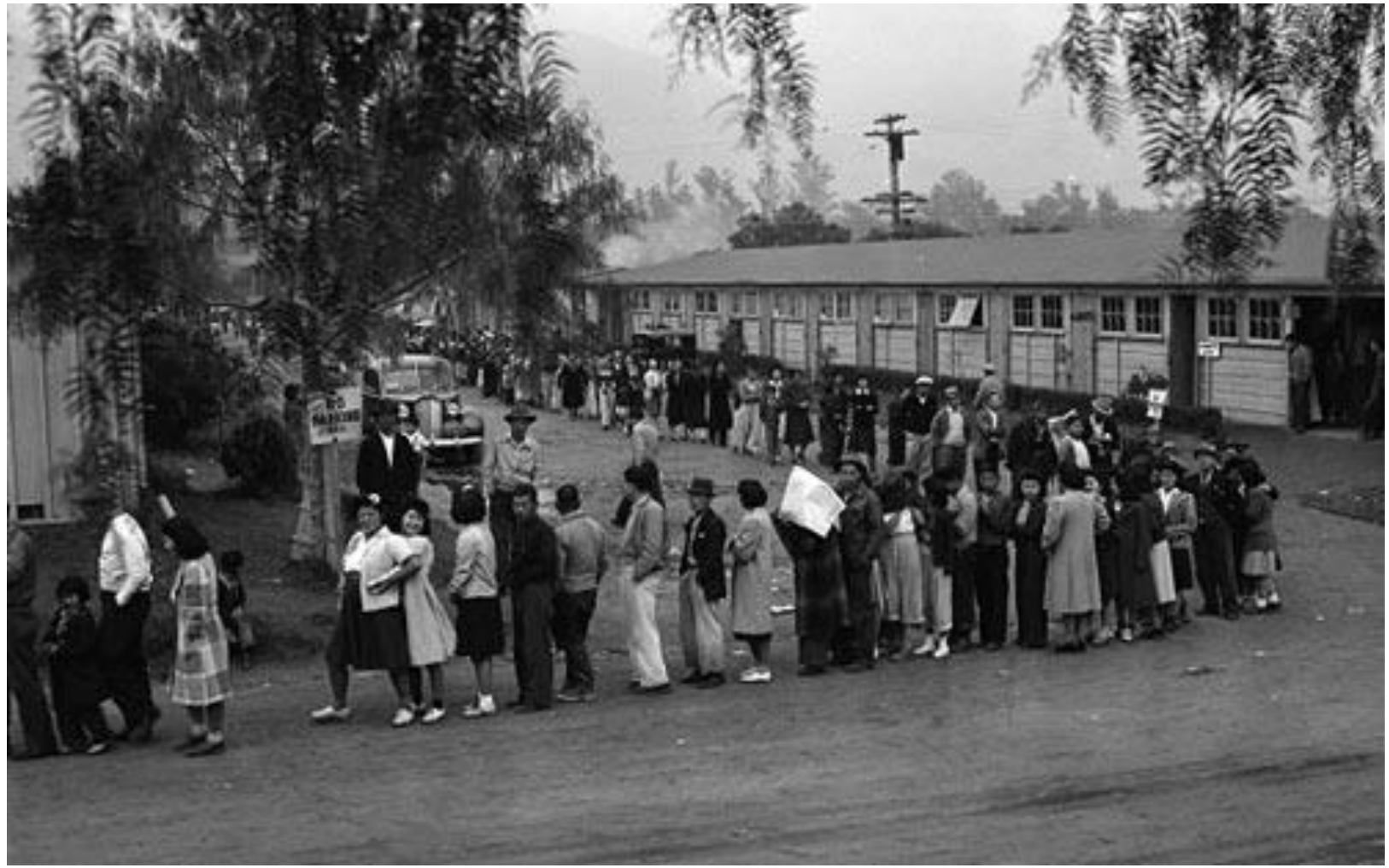
Executive Order 9066, February 19, 1942



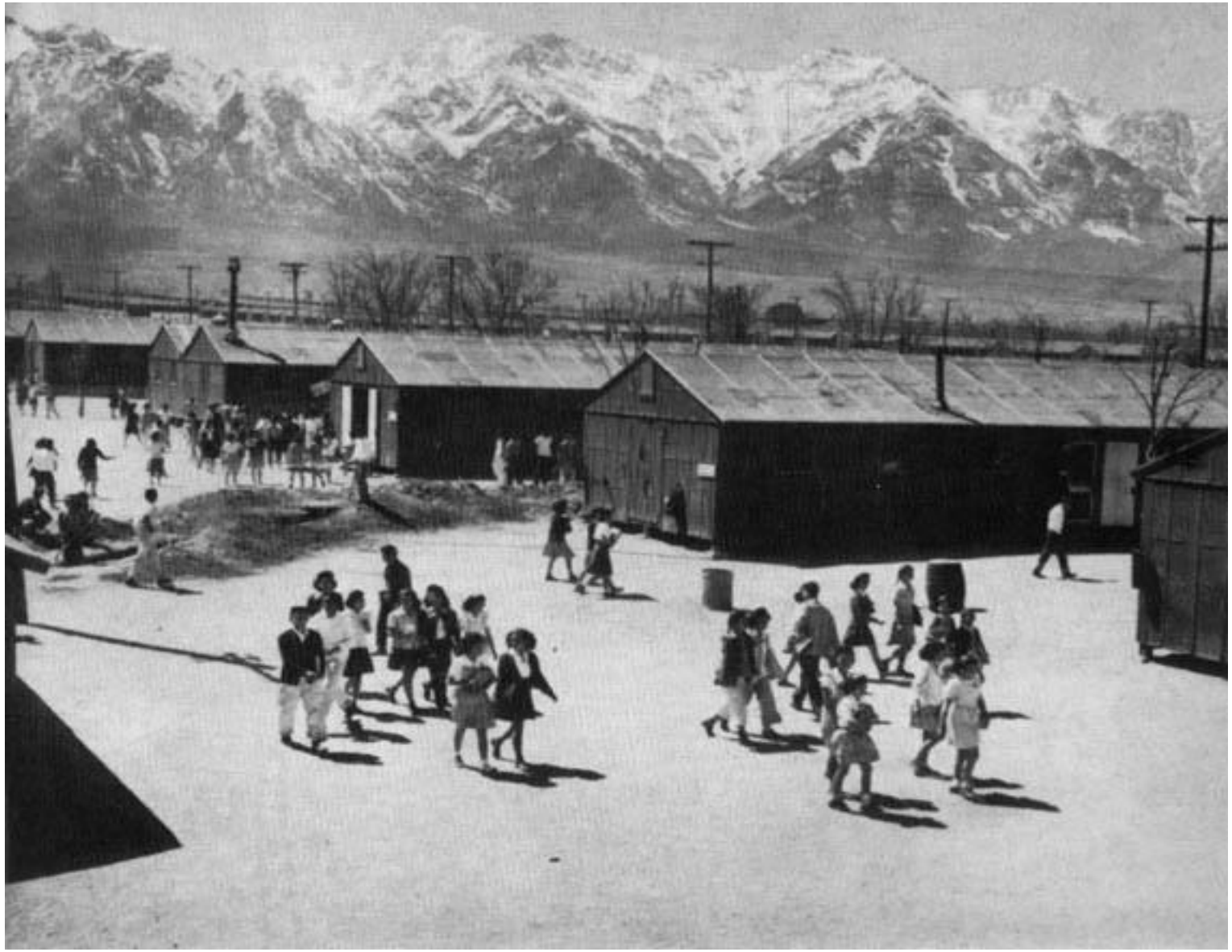
Rounding Up Japanese, Los Angeles



Former Japanese Produce Grocery, 1942



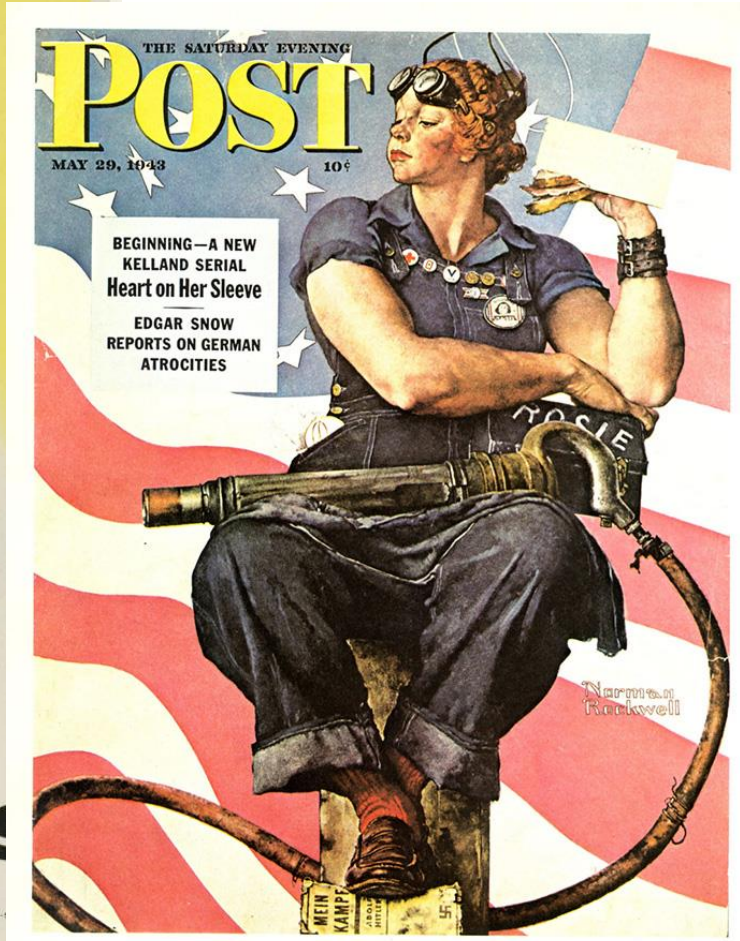
Temporary Internment Camp at Santa Anita Racetrack Stables



Manzanar Internment Camp, California

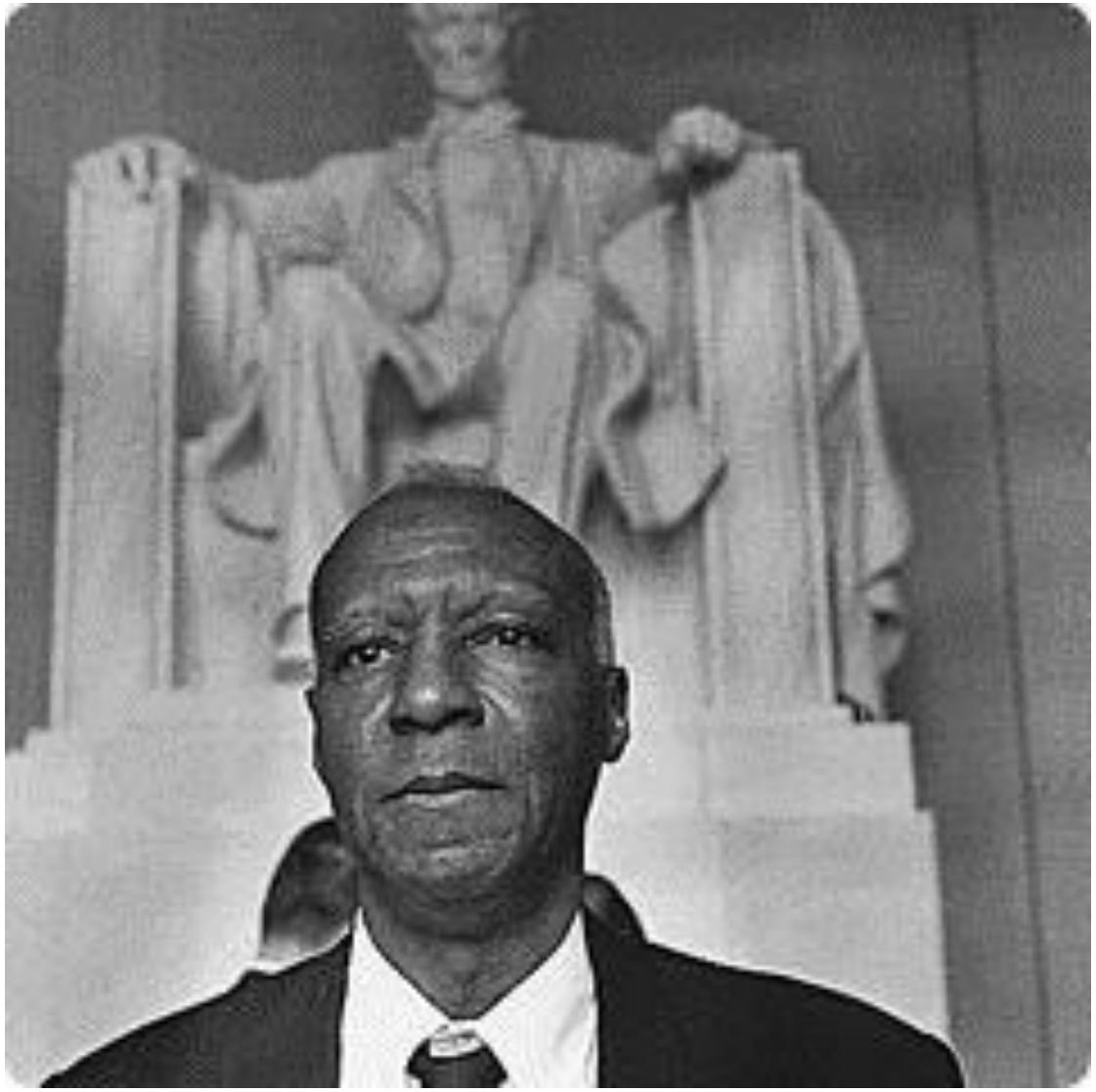
Women on the Home Front: Rosie the Riveter





262. *Rosie the Riveter. Post* cover, May 29, 1943

Double V: Victory against Fascism Abroad and Racism at Home



NEGRO AMERICA!

There's A Job For You Now . . .

We're tired of a lot of talk with no action to back it up, this is what we're going to do about it!

JOIN IN THE
March On Washington For
Jobs and Equal Participation
In National Defense
JULY 1st

This means your security . . . your right to earn a decent living.
This is a crisis for the whole of Negro America with thousands of others you will march

WE WILL MARCH . . .

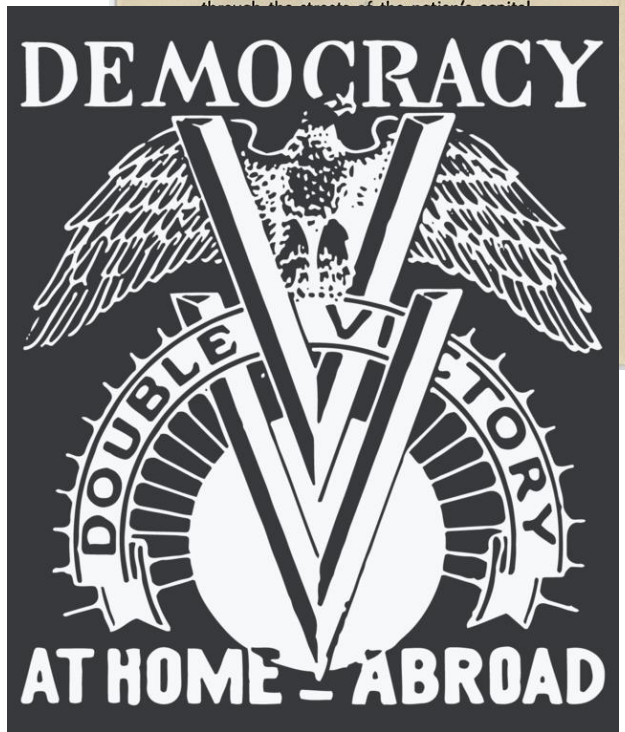
On July 1, Black Americans coming from all parts of the country - will march from the Nation's Capitol down Constitution Avenue, past the White House and the War Department to the Lincoln Memorial where President Roosevelt has been asked to answer the mightiest protest ever made by a loyal minority group.

The march will be a silent, dignified, determined challenge to the democracy for which we have fought through the centuries.

All Negroes will march! Laborers, Domestics, Mechanics, Professionals will join together that America and the world may know and heed a solemn and determined . . .

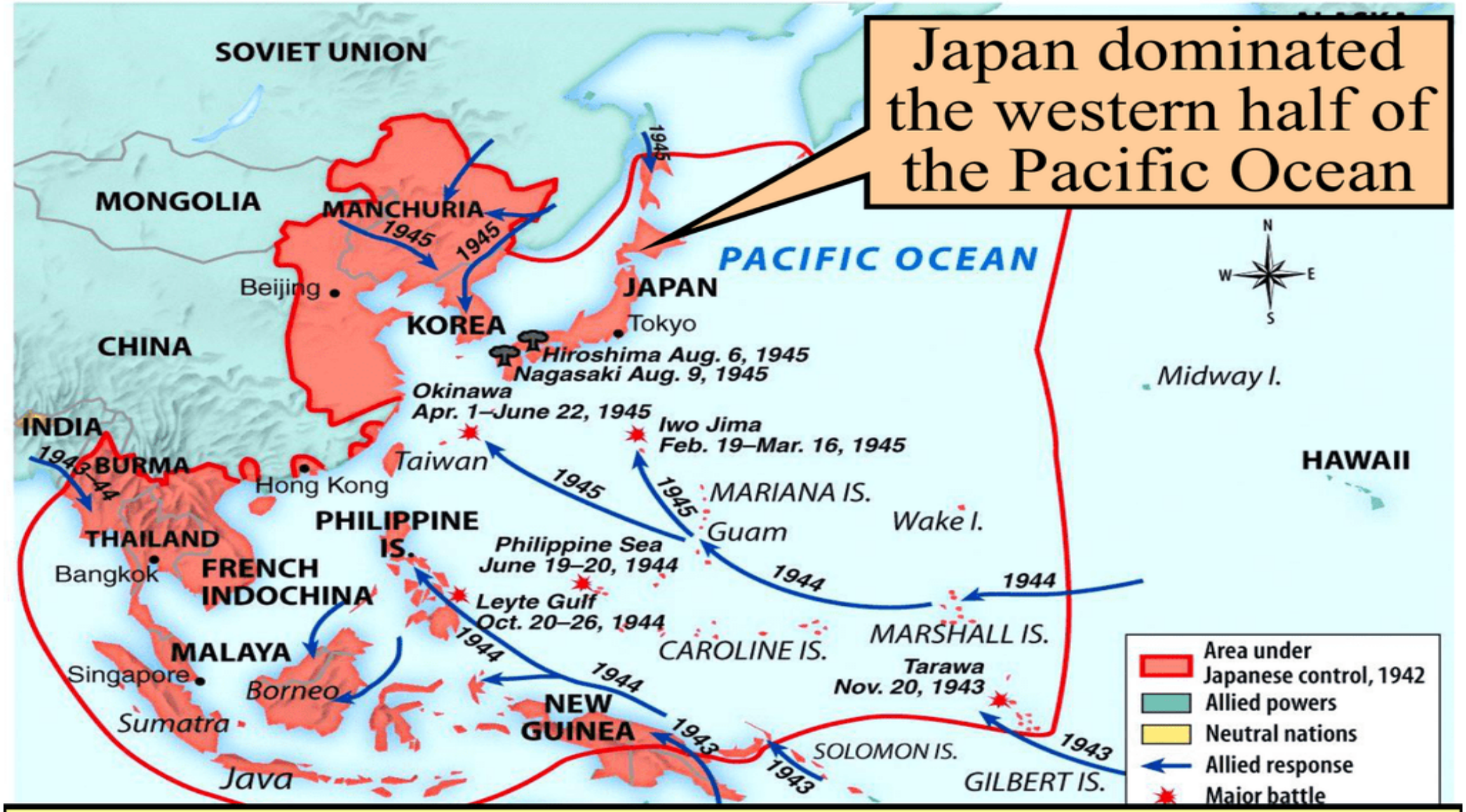
FIGHT FOR
REAL DEMOCRACY!

JOIN NEGRO MARCH
FOR
JOBS and JUSTICE



Allied Advances, 1944-1945




Japan dominated the western half of the Pacific Ocean
SOVIET UNION
MONGOLIA
MANCHURIA
1945
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Beijing
CHINA
KOREA
JAPAN
Tokyo
PACIFIC OCEAN
Hiroshima Aug. 6, 1945
Nagasaki Aug. 9, 1945
Okinawa
Apr. 1–June 22, 1945
Iwo Jima
Feb. 19–Mar. 16, 1945
Midway I.
INDIA
1942–44
BURMA
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Guam
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HAWAII
PHILIPPINE IS.
THAILAND
Bangkok
FRENCH INDOCHINA
Philippine Sea
June 19–20, 1944
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Oct. 20–26, 1944
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CAROLINE IS.
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Singapore
Borneo
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SOLOMON IS.
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GILBERT IS.
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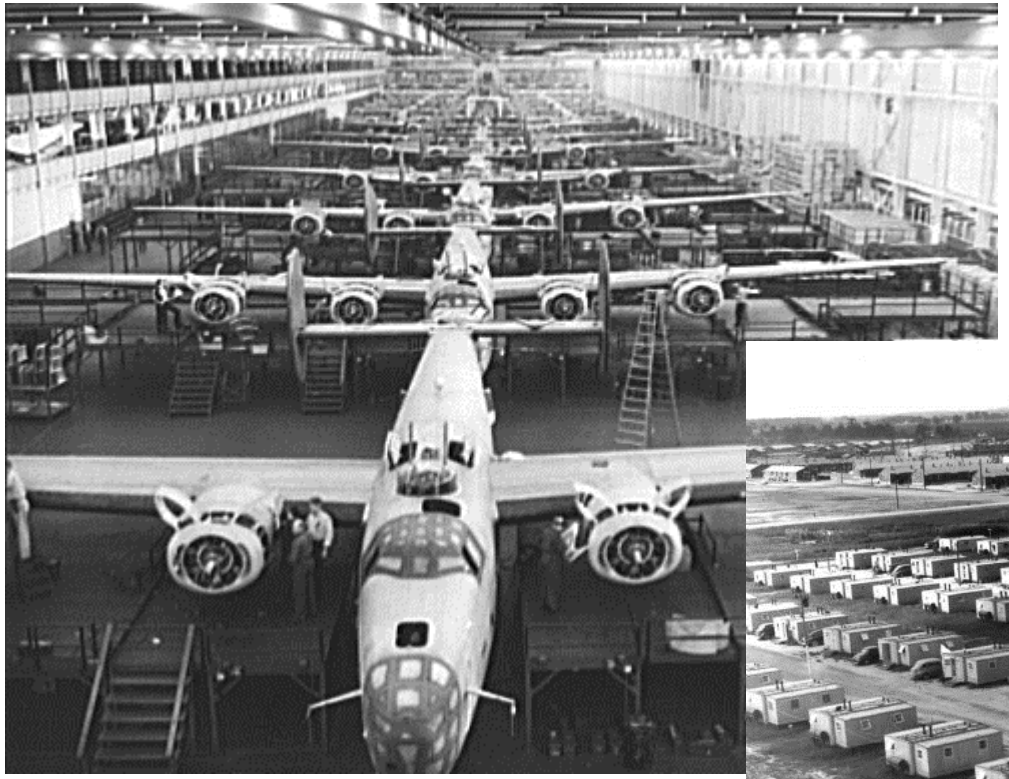
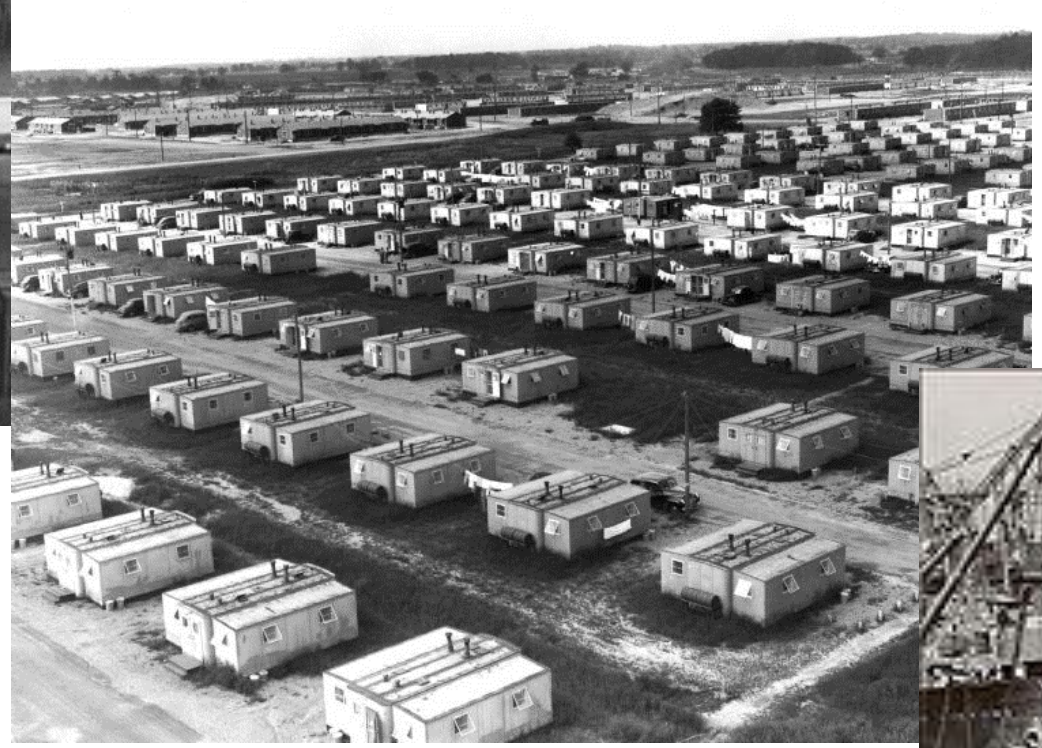
Area under Japanese control, 1942
Allied powers
Neutral nations
Allied response
Major battle
But…over the next 2 years, the U.S. & the Allies began to win the wars in Europe & the Pacific

“ARSENAL OF DEMOCRACY”

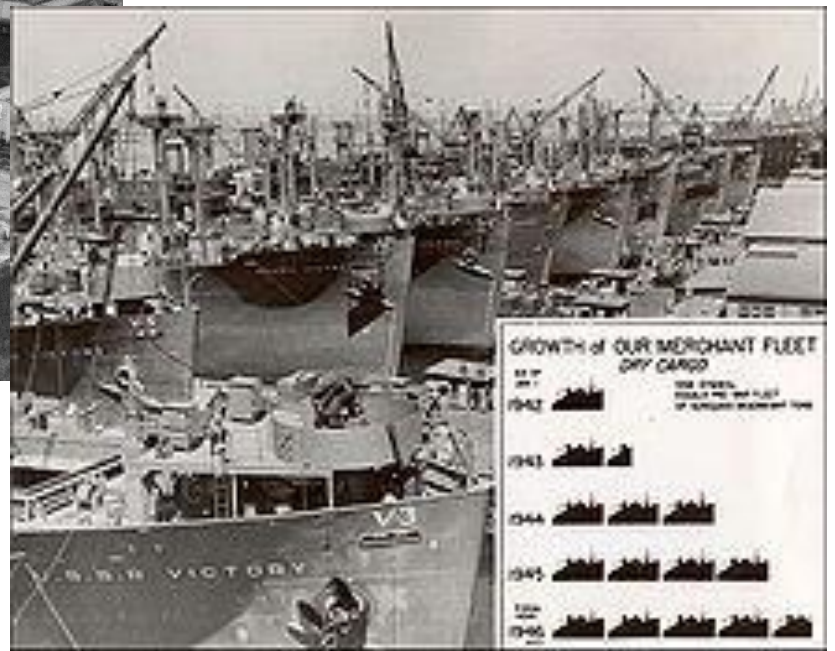


Willow Run Aircraft Plant



Worker Housing at Willow Run

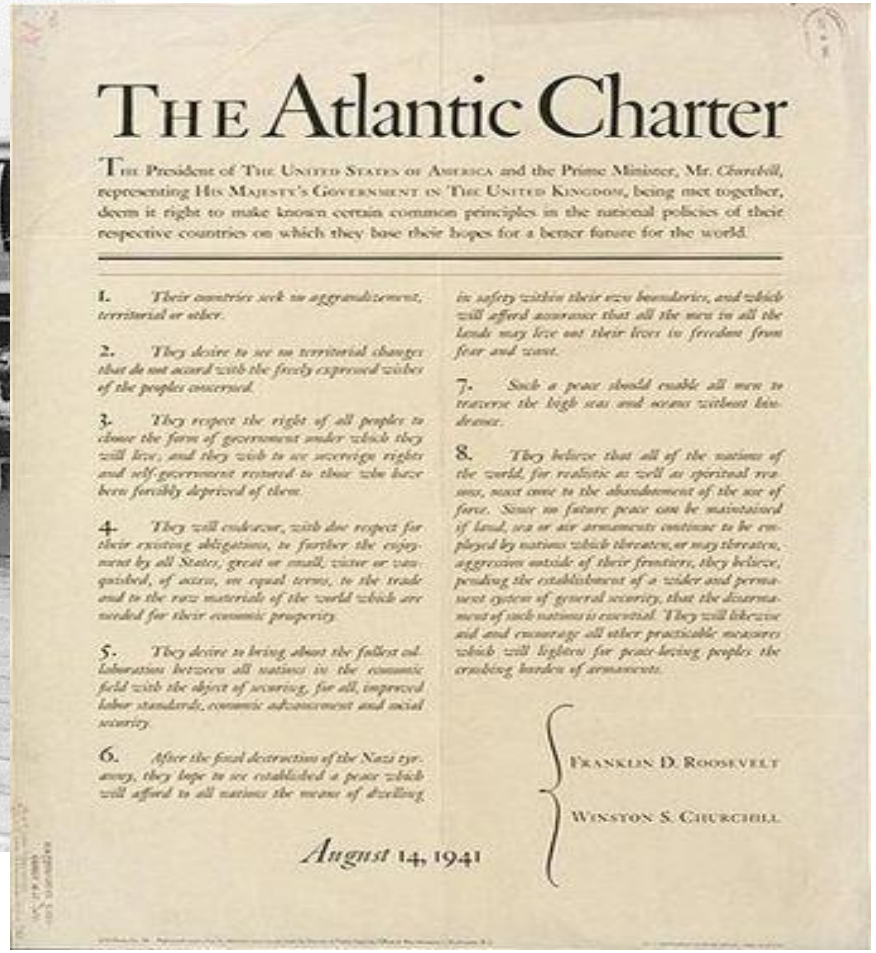
Construction of Liberty Ships





Roosevelt and Churchill Aboard *HMS Prince of Wales*

Placentia Bay, Newfoundland, August 1941



The Atlantic Charter

The President of the United States of America and the Prime Minister, Mr. *Churchill*, representing His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom, being met together, deem it right to make known certain common principles in the national policies of their respective countries on which they base their hopes for a better future for the world.

1. *Their countries seek no aggrandizement, territorial or other.*

2. *They desire to see no territorial changes that do not accord with the freely expressed wishes of the peoples concerned.*

3. *They respect the right of all peoples to choose the form of government under which they will live; and they wish to see sovereign rights and self-government restored to those who have been forcibly deprived of them.*

4. *They will endeavor, with due respect for their existing obligations, to further the enjoyment by all States, great or small, victor or vanquished, of access, on equal terms, to the trade and to the raw materials of the world which are needed for their economic prosperity.*

5. *They desire to bring about the fullest collaboration between all nations in the economic field with the object of securing, for all, improved labor standards, economic advancement and social security.*

6. *After the final destruction of the Nazi tyranny, they hope to see established a peace which will afford to all nations the means of dwelling in safety within their own boundaries, and which will afford assurance that all the men in all the lands may live out their lives in freedom from fear and want.*

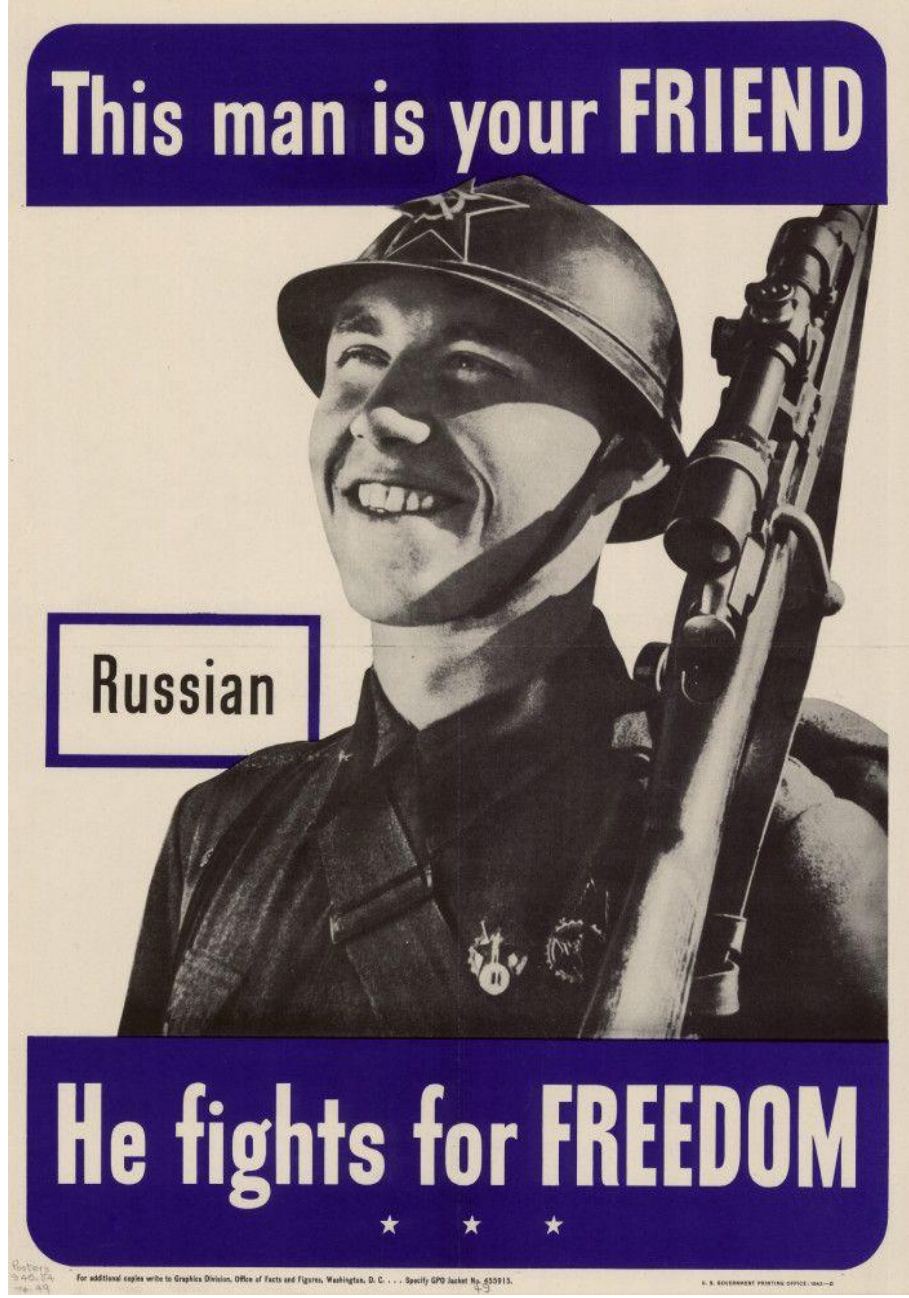
7. *Such a peace should enable all men to traverse the high seas and oceans without hindrance.*

8. *They believe that all of the nations of the world, for realistic as well as spiritual reasons, must come to the abandonment of the use of force. Since no future peace can be maintained if land, sea or air armaments continue to be employed by nations which threaten, or may threaten, aggression outside of their frontiers, they believe, pending the establishment of a wider and permanent system of general security, that the disarmament of such nations is essential. They will likewise aid and encourage all other practicable measures which will lighten for peace-loving peoples the crushing burden of armaments.*

Franklin D. Roosevelt

Winston S. Churchill

August 14, 1941

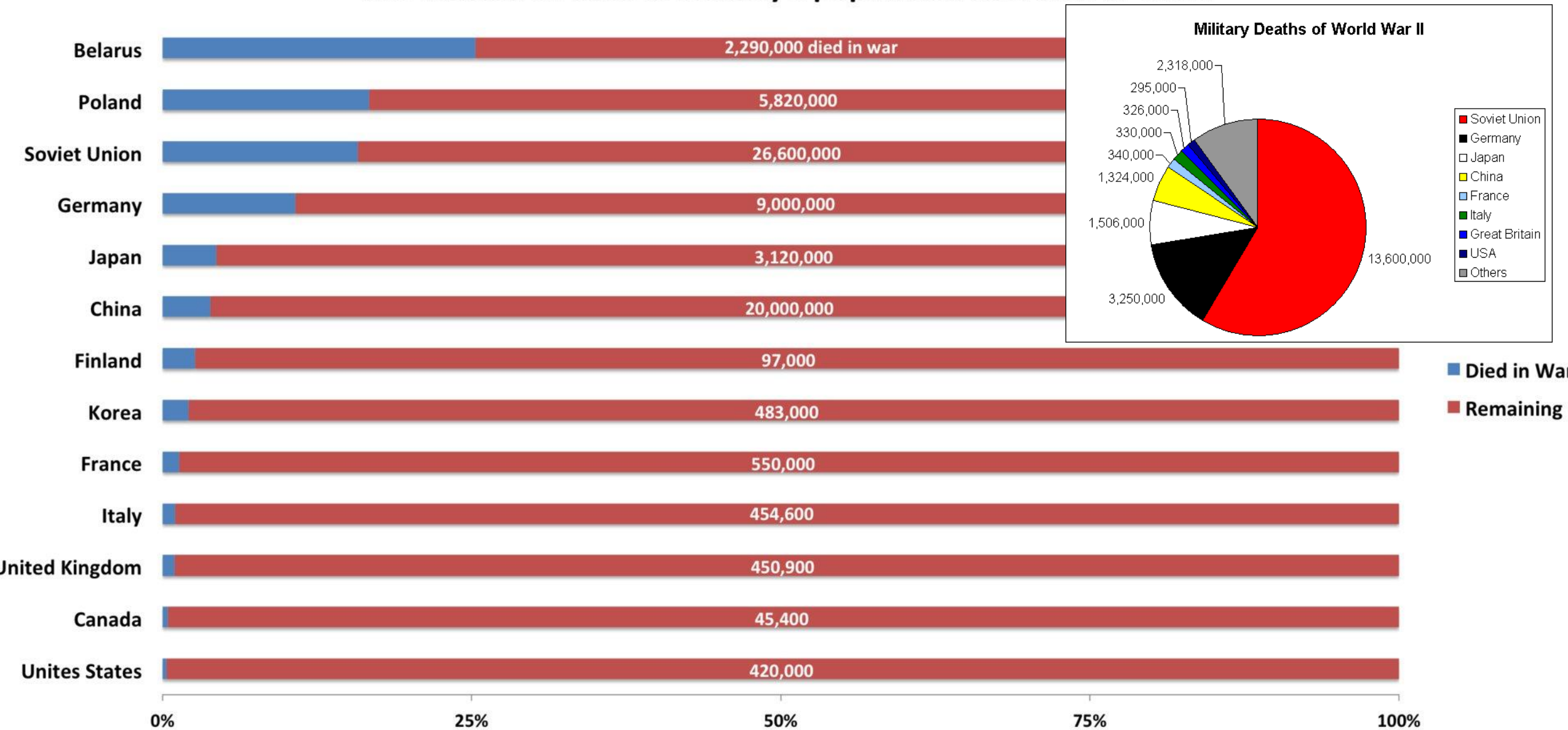


Propaganda Poster



Movie Poster

The fraction of various country's population that died in WWII



“Unconditional Surrender”



Roosevelt and Churchill Meet in Casablanca, Morocco (with Free French Forces leaders Henri Giraud and Charles de Gaulle)
January 1943



Battle of Stalingrad

August 1942-February 1943
Largest Battle of World War II,
1.1 million casualties





SECOND FRONT

Teheran, Iran, Conference November 1943

Joseph Stalin,
Franklin Roosevelt,
Winston Churchill

D-DAY, June 6, 1944



The Largest Maritime Invasion in History Opens the Second Front



Sharing a Last Laugh

Churchill,
(A very sick) Roosevelt,
and Stalin
Meet for last time at

Yalta (Crimea) Russia,
February 1945

Agendas at Yalta:

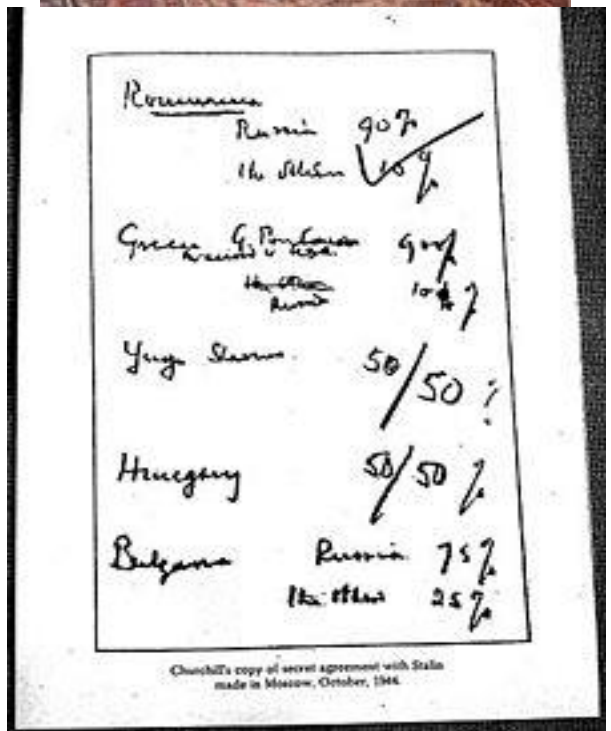
United Kingdom: Keep the British Empire, Continued influence in world affairs

United States: Help in War with Japan, United Nations, Free Trade and Open Seas

USSR: Reparations from Germany, Friendly (Obedient) Eastern European Regimes

All: A disarmed and divided Germany





Churchill's copy of secret agreement with Stalin made in Moscow, October, 1944.

DEATH OF FDR: APRIL 12, 1945



"All the News That's Fit to Print"

The New York Times.

LATE CITY EDITION
Clearing and warm today. Fair, continued warm tomorrow.
Temperatures Yesterday—Max., 74; Min., 54
Sunrise today, 6:21 A. M.; Sunset, 7:38 P. M.

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U. S. AND RED ARMIES DRIVE TO MEET

Americans Across the Elbe in Strength Race Toward Russians Who Have Opened Offensive From Oder

WEIMAR TAKEN, RUHR POCKET SLASHED

Third Army Reported 19 Miles From Czechoslovak Border—British Drive Deeper in the North, Seizing Celle—Canadians Freeing Holland

By DREW MIDDLETON
By Wireless to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

PARIS, April 12—Thousands of tanks and a half million doughboys of the United States First, Third and Ninth Armies are racing through the heart of the Reich on a front of 150 miles, threatening Berlin, Leipzig and the last citadels of the Nazi power.

The Second Armored Division of the Ninth Army has crossed the Elbe River in force and is striking eastward toward Berlin, whose outskirts lie less than sixty miles to the east, according to reports from the front. [A report quoted by The United Press placed the Americans less than fifty miles from the capital.] Beyond Berlin the First White Russian Army has crossed the Oder on a wide front and a junction between the western and eastern Allies is not far off.

[The Moscow radio reported that heavy battles were raging west of the Oder before Berlin, indicating that Marshal Gregory K. Zhukoff had launched his drive toward the Reich's capital. The Soviet communiqué announced further progress by the Red Army forces in and around Vienna.]

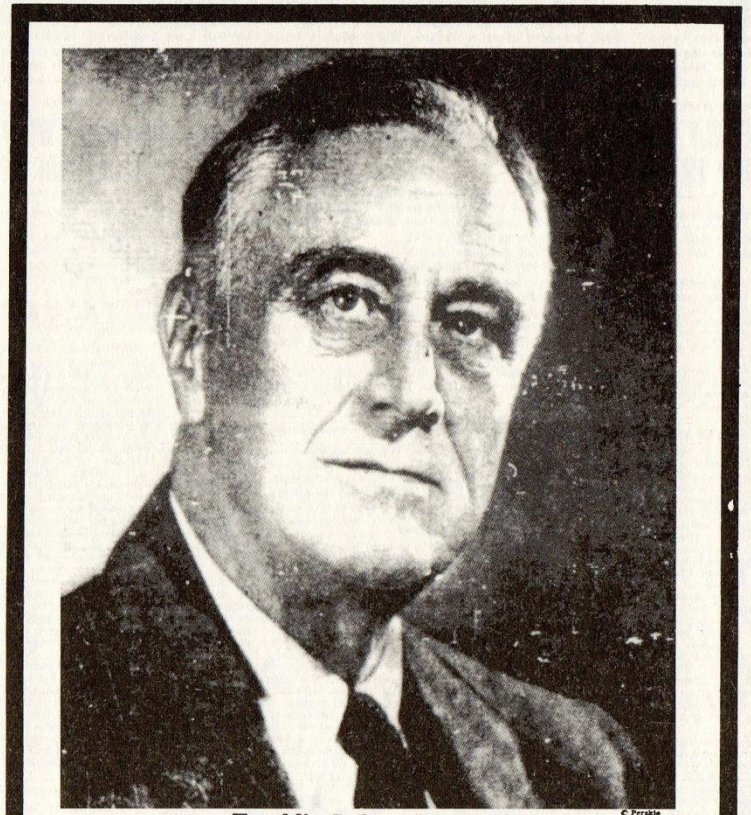
Paris is wild with excitement tonight. A special edition of the newspaper France-Soir carries a report by the radio station "Voice of America" that places American forces fifteen and five-eighths miles from Berlin after an airborne landing that had linked up with Lieut. Gen. William H. Simpson's forces advancing eastward on the Elbe. This would put American forces only seventy-five

OUR OKINAWA GUNS DOWN 118 PLANES

Japanese Fliers Start 'Suicide' Attacks on Fleet, Sink a Destroyer, Hit Other Ships

By W. H. LAWRENCE
By Wireless to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

GUAM, Friday, April 13—Japanese attempting to halt the American march to Tokyo, have started "desperate, suicidal" aerial attacks upon our ships and men in the Okinawa area, losing 118 planes on Thursday alone, Fleet Admiral



Franklin Delano Roosevelt
1882-1945

END COMES SUDDENLY AT WARM SP

Even His Family Unaware of Con as Cerebral Stroke Brings Dea to Nation's Leader at 63

ALL CABINET MEMBERS TO KEEP

Funeral to Be at White House Tom With Burial at Hyde Park Home Impact of News Tremendous

By ARTHUR KROCK
Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

WASHINGTON, April 12—Franklin Delano Roose President of the United States and the only Chief Exe history who was chosen for more than two terms, died and unexpectedly at 4:35 P. M. today at Warm Spri and the White House announced his death at 5:48 o'c was 63.

The President, stricken by a cerebral hemorrhag from unconsciousness to death on the eighty-third da fourth term and in an hour of high triumph. The a fleets under his direction as Commander in Chief we gates of Berlin and the shores of Japan's home islan Roosevelt died, and the cause he represented and led wa the conclusive phase o

TRUMAN IS SWORN IN THE WHITE HOUSE

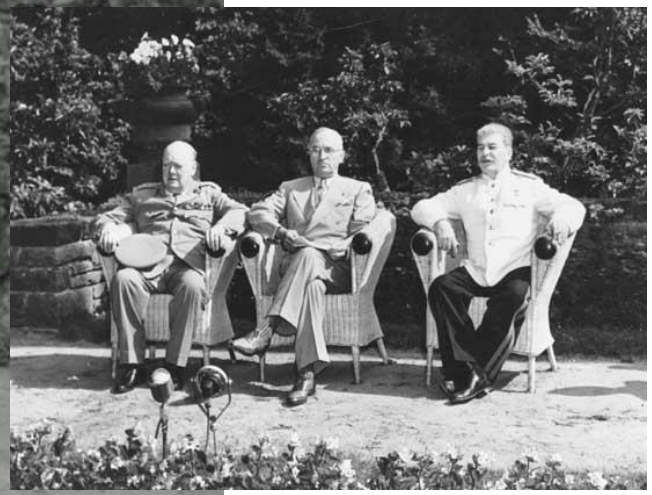
Members of Cabinet on Hand as Chief Justice Stone Administers the Oath

By C. P. TRUSSELL
Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

WASHINGTON, April 12—Vice President Harry S. Truman of Missouri, standing erect, with his sharp features taut and looking straight ahead through his large, round glasses, became the thirty-

Less than two hours official announcement, Truman of Missouri, President, took the oa thirty-second President was administered by Justice of the Unite Harlan F. Stone, in a o ceremony at the Whi Mr. Truman immedia be known that Mr. R Cabinet is remaining in his request, and that h thorized Secretary of ward R. Stettinius Jr. t with plans for the Un tions Confere.ce on tional organization at S cisco, scheduled to be 25. A report was circu

TWO NEW LEADERS:
POTSDAM CONFERENCE,
JULY-AUGUST 1945



FIRST ATOM BOMB TEST, ALAMOGORDO, NEW MEXICO, JULY 16, 1945



”Now I am become Death, the destroyer of worlds.”

--Manhattan Project Leader J. Robert Oppenheimer quotes the Bhagavad Gita after the first test

ATOM BOMB ATTACK ON HIROSHIMA, AUGUST 6, 1945: 120,000 DEAD







FIRE BOMB ATTACK ON TOKYO, MARCH 9-10, 1945: 100,000 KILLED





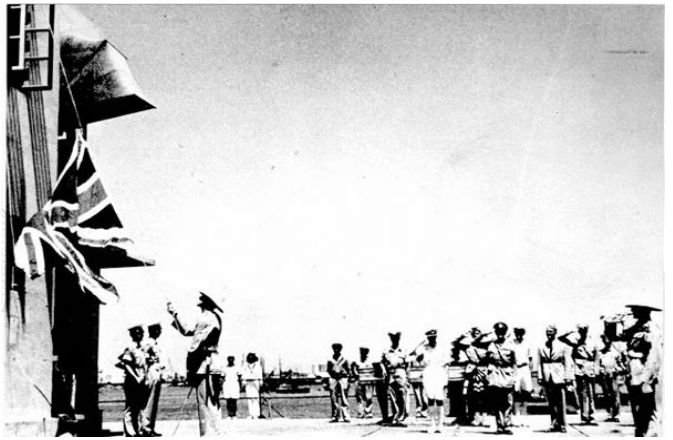


A NEW ERA

1) An ideologically divided world



2) An end to European empires



3) The specter of nuclear Armageddon



Week 10:
“THE GOOD FIGHT”—AMERICA IN WORLD WAR II

LECTURE 2:
THE HOME and DIPLOMATIC FRONTS

The following clip is a later mash up of two World War II-era short films. The live action part comes from Spike Jones and His City Slickers, a big band that specialized in musical parodies, sort of the “Weird Al” Yankovic of its day. The cartoon part is obviously from Walt Disney Studios, featuring its star creation Donald Duck. These shorts would play before feature movies, often times followed by spokespersons, including celebrities, who would address movie audiences, pitching them to buy war bonds and thus support the troops.

