



WWII in America

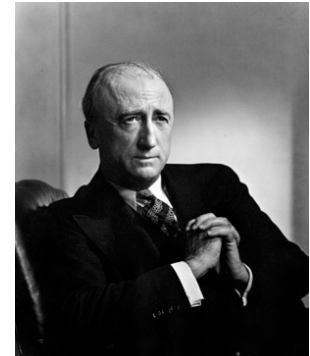
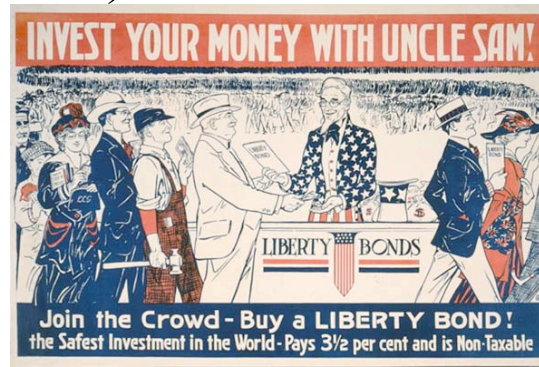
Organization

- After Pearl Harbor, mil. Spending \$2B/mo.
- **War Production Board (WPB) (1942)**
 - Convert to a war economy → Production ↑ to \$100B
 - Allocation of resources a priority (oil, rubber, etc.)
 - Food allocation and science/tech boosted as well
 - BLUM: Success b/c allowed US to out-produce the rest of the world in a short period of time.



How do you pay for that?

- GDP \$99B in 1940 to \$211B in 1945
- \$320B spent by US (2x as much as all US history); \$280B debt
- Solution:
 - By 1944 – Rise in surtaxes (94% on top bracket); \$130B
 - **War Bonds** – \$100B sold
 - 1941 – **Office of Price Adm. (OPA)** – tries to control “inflationary gap”; really hard w/ 15%↑ in cost of living
 - Price controls and rationing
 - **War Labor Board** (1942) – Just raise wages!
 - Sec. of State **Byrnes** put in charge of making this work→
Stablization Act (1942)→ BLUM: Although unpopular, successful



Byrnes

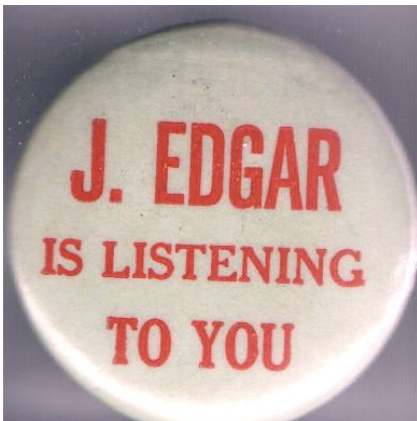
And, Of Course, Canada

- Enters war 9/10/1939 to support UK
- RCAF plays major role in **Battle of Britain**
- 1.1M CAN soldiers fought
- **W.L. MacKenzie King** tries to mediate WC & FDR
 - But, shockingly, no one listens to him
- **Ogdensburg Agreement** (1940) – Plan w/ FDR in case N. America attacked
- **Hyde Park Declaration** (1941) – Coordination of purchasing b/t US (needed stuff) & CAN (needed \$\$)



Domestic Changes

- FBI gets permission to wiretap
 - GER & ITA Americans treated mostly ok
 - Japanese internment camps established; 100K interned
- Only accepted 1K Jewish immigrants; **War Refugee Board** (1944) too little too late
- 6.5 women worked b/c of shortage of labor
 - Paid less, but didn't figure they'd stay in workforce
 - Discrimination faded during war, but picked up after



Canadian Homefront

- 1940 – 47%↑ in CAN production
- By 1944 – 1M women in factories
- **Marsh Report** (1943) – Commitment to full employment, social programs, family allowances to keep CAN out of postwar depression
 - Rich didn't like this idea, and stalled its effectiveness
- More socialist policies follow WWII & rise of CCF
 - Law in 1943 to right to organize
 - King takes more liberal socialist platform to win in 1945
 - Family: Vets' Land Act housing, rehab, farm subs, export insurance
 - Admin: National Health & Welfare, Veterans' Affairs



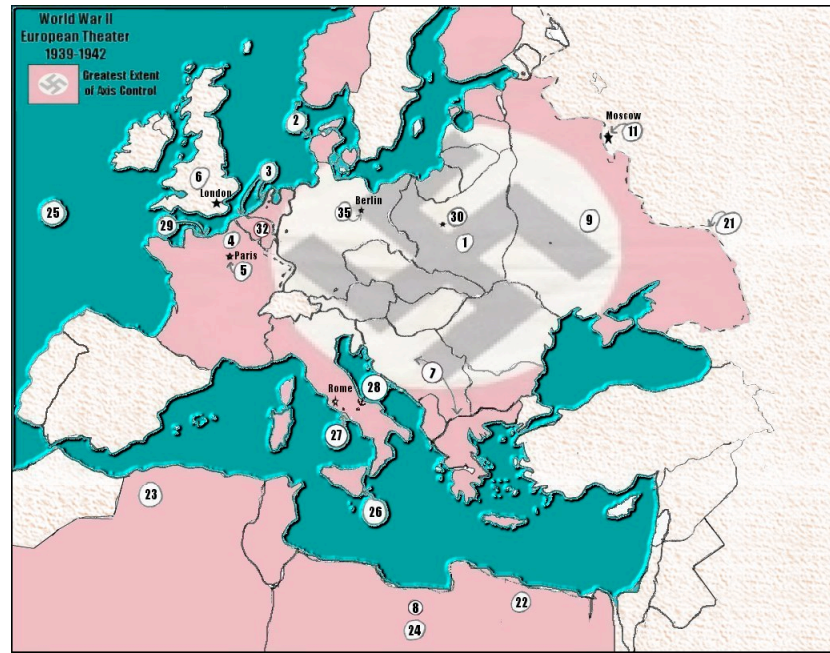
Minorities at War

- African-Americans still unequal at work
 - Segregated in army, unions
 - Lower wages
 - Tougher to find work
 - Orgs. created to prevent discrimination; **CORE & FEPC**
- **Zoot Suit Riots (1943)** – 200 sailors attack 12yo. Mexicans in LA → race riot possibly encouraged by Nazis → More race riots in NYC & Detroit



US Strategy

- Defeat Hitler, then focus on the Pacific – WHY?
 - Closer to W. Hemisphere
 - Closer to WMDs
 - Choose UK over CHN b/c more fragile
 - GER attack of USSR give Allies more of a chance
 - Defeat of GER will lead to JPN collapse, not v.v.



European Plans

- AMBROSE: “Strange Alliance” – Mistrusted each other, but each knew they needed both others (15)
 - **Churchill**: Red Army to do most of the fighting vs. GER and let US/UK create a 2nd Front (16)
- Two choices for US offensive in late 1942
 - **Marshall**: SLEDGEHAMMER – suicide mission to take pressure from USSR
 - **Churchill**: TORCH – Invade French N.Africa
 - **FDR**: Chooses TORCH & explains to Stalin (20)
 - FDR gets US involvement in EUR & WC gets Mediterranean support
 - Works under **Eisenhower & Montgomery** → **Rommel** surrenders '43





Interlude: France (22-23)

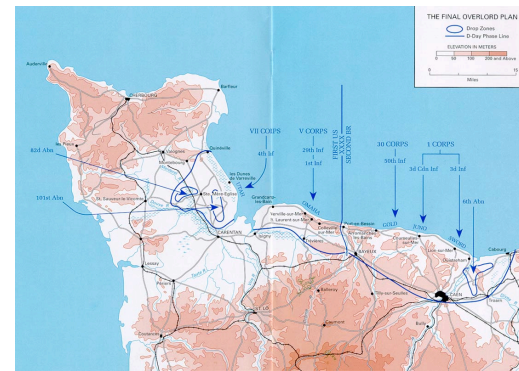
- **Marshal Petain** – Hitler's fascist puppet and in control of Vichy France
 - Controlled most of FR army
- **Charles de Gaulle** – pre-War president & leader of Free France
 - Led Resistance in exile from London
 - Leads N. Africa campaign in '43
- **Jean Francois Darlan** – Anti-British & Anti-Semitic, but hates Petain.
 - Allies to go against all principles to give him N. Africa, which was a PR disaster, but Darlan is assassinated
- **Casablanca Conference (1943)** – Big 3 – Unconditional surrender becomes Allied policy. AMBROSE: FDR brilliant!





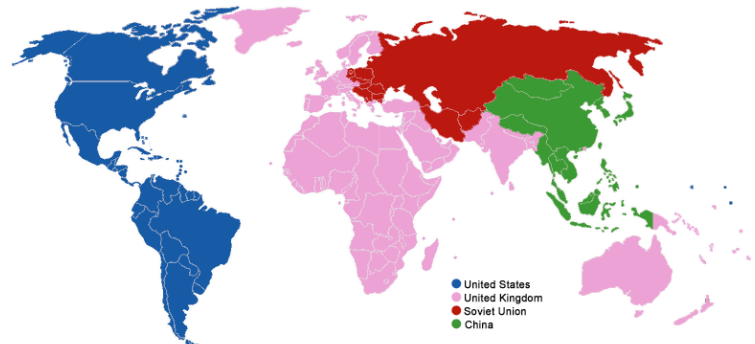
D-DAY

- After Allied invasion of **Sicily** expels GER from ITA
- Jan. '44 – US @ largest all-time mobilization
 - DDE in UK preparing OVERLORD (Marshall's cross-channel assault plan from '42)
- AMBROSE: Supreme mil & pol act of WWII. USFP goal was firmly to maintain balance of power (26); US has replaced UK as dominant world power (27)
- **6/6/1944** – Direct invasion of Normandy great trick of intelligence.
 - Air raids & USSR attack in East severely weakens GER



Aftermath (28-30)

- Dispute over location: S. FRA (US) vs. YUGO (UK)
 - WC couldn't justify it to Stalin, so S. FRA invaded→
 - GER just about surrounded
- Plan of Attack
 - **DDE**: Broad front of US/UK; **BM**: Quick UK-led strike
 - Choice of broad front took longer, allowed USSR to acquire E. Europe sphere of influence.
 - WC & JS meet→ USSR domination of East unavoidable
- FDR: Doesn't care. USSR has right to East. Wants to create UN and BoP led by “Four Policemen”



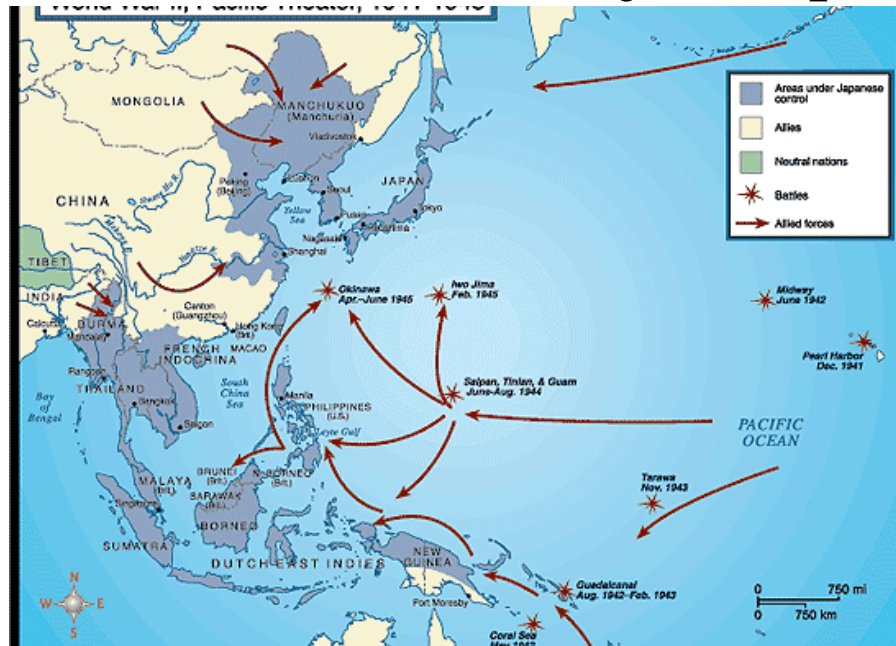
End of European War

- DDE stops @ Elbe when he realizes how many lives he'd be saving in not invading Berlin. Lets Red Army do it→
- Reds suffer 100K casualties, and give W. Berlin to UK/FRA/US w/out any losing a single life.
- AMBROSE: War ended without sharp break w/ USSR (33)
- **5/8/1945 – VE Day**



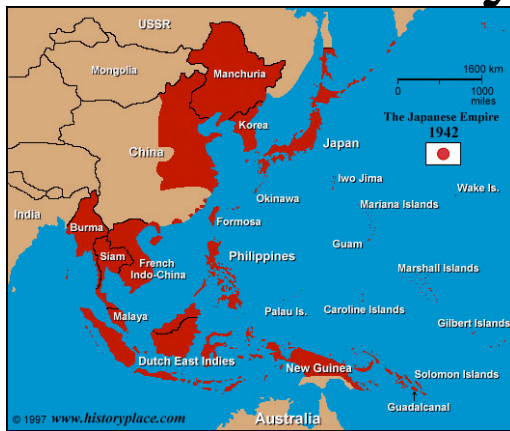
War in the Pacific

- 40% of US war effort to Pacific
- FDR wants to destroy JPN, but \$ went a lot further in EUR due to shipping costs.
 - US only controls periphery and never really fights
 - Doesn't want status quo of colonialism in Asia
 - Worries that USSR/Mao would just replace JPN (36)



Island Hopping

- Win, est. base, move to next island, repeat.
- **Leapfrogging** – jumping over major JPN bases to make quick attacks, then continue advance.
- JPN takes early lead in Pacific
 - Wants to form **Greater E. Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere** to mobilize behind navy & army wall
- After Pearl Harbor, Allies ok because no aircraft carriers were destroyed & supply lines remained



Dark Before Dawn...

- 4/1942 – Philippines lost @**Bataan**; Death March
 - Split in army (MacArthur) & navy (Nimitz) = 2 Theaters
 - Mac from AUS north thru NEI, PHL, FORM, JPN
 - Nimitz from Hawaii to JPN via islands
 - Both used & both work
- 1942 – Allies win 1st battle @**Coral Sea**; JPN stopped @**Midway**
- 1943 – More resources to Pacific war

“I shall return.” - Mac



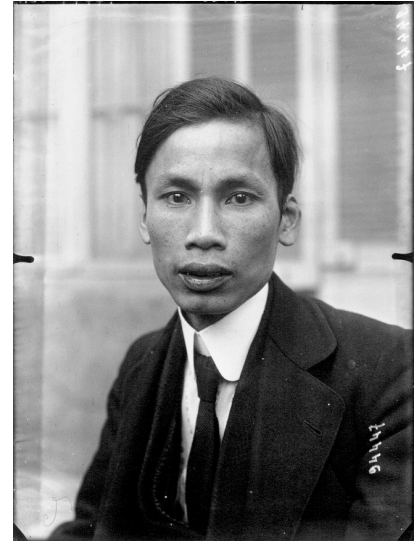
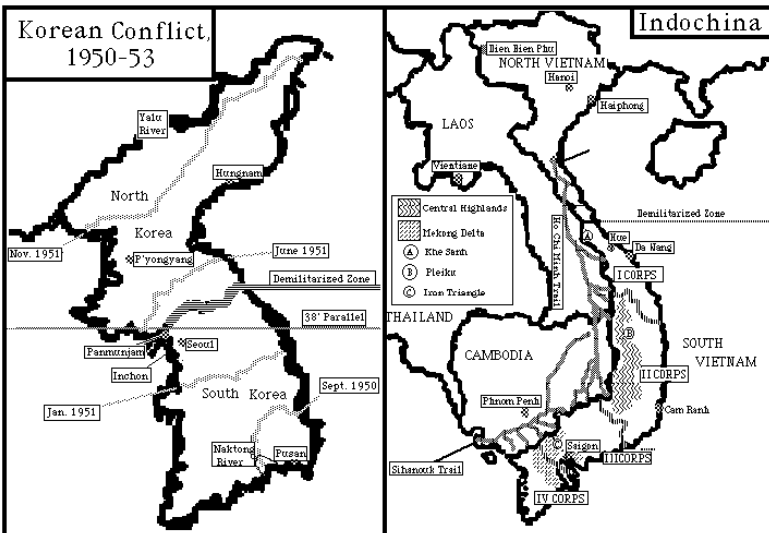
2nd Priority: China (37-41)

- **Chiang Kai-Shek** – corrupt, inefficient, dictatorial, but friendly toward the West (AMBROSE)
- US wanted to get rid of JPN & Mao w/out troops
 - US essentially bribes Chiang to keep him fighting JPN
 - Stalin agrees to support Chiang (hates Mao) in exchange for Port Arthur & part of Outer Mongolia
- FDR (@**Tehran**, 1943) wants SE Asia be controlled by US, CHN, USSR, UK → Stalin agrees



...And Whatever (42-43)

- **Vietnam** – Communist **Ho Chi Minh** wants freedom in 5yrs., writes US- based constitution, wants univ. suffrage → US turns on him to appease FRA & de Gaulle; JPN surrenders @ 17th Parallel
- **Korea** – Divided @ 38th Parallel → US South/USSR North
 - AMBROSE: Decisions made quickly b/c of low priority



End of the Pacific War

- Oct. 1944 – Mac returns to **Leyte Gulf** & destroys JPN navy → completely surrounded w/Nimitz
- Feb. 1945 – **Iwo Jima** – Largest battle in history...
- Apr. 1945 – ... until **Okinawa**
- JPN still held mainland & had most of army & air force; although resorting to *kamikaze*
 - Unconditional surrender necessary
 - If Red Army would fight, US wouldn't need bomb
 - JPN wanted emperor to save face & US would have to destroy JPN...



How to Win a World War

- 8/6/1945 – Hiroshima
- 8/9/1945 – Nagasaki
- 9/2/1945 – VJ Day; End of WWII

