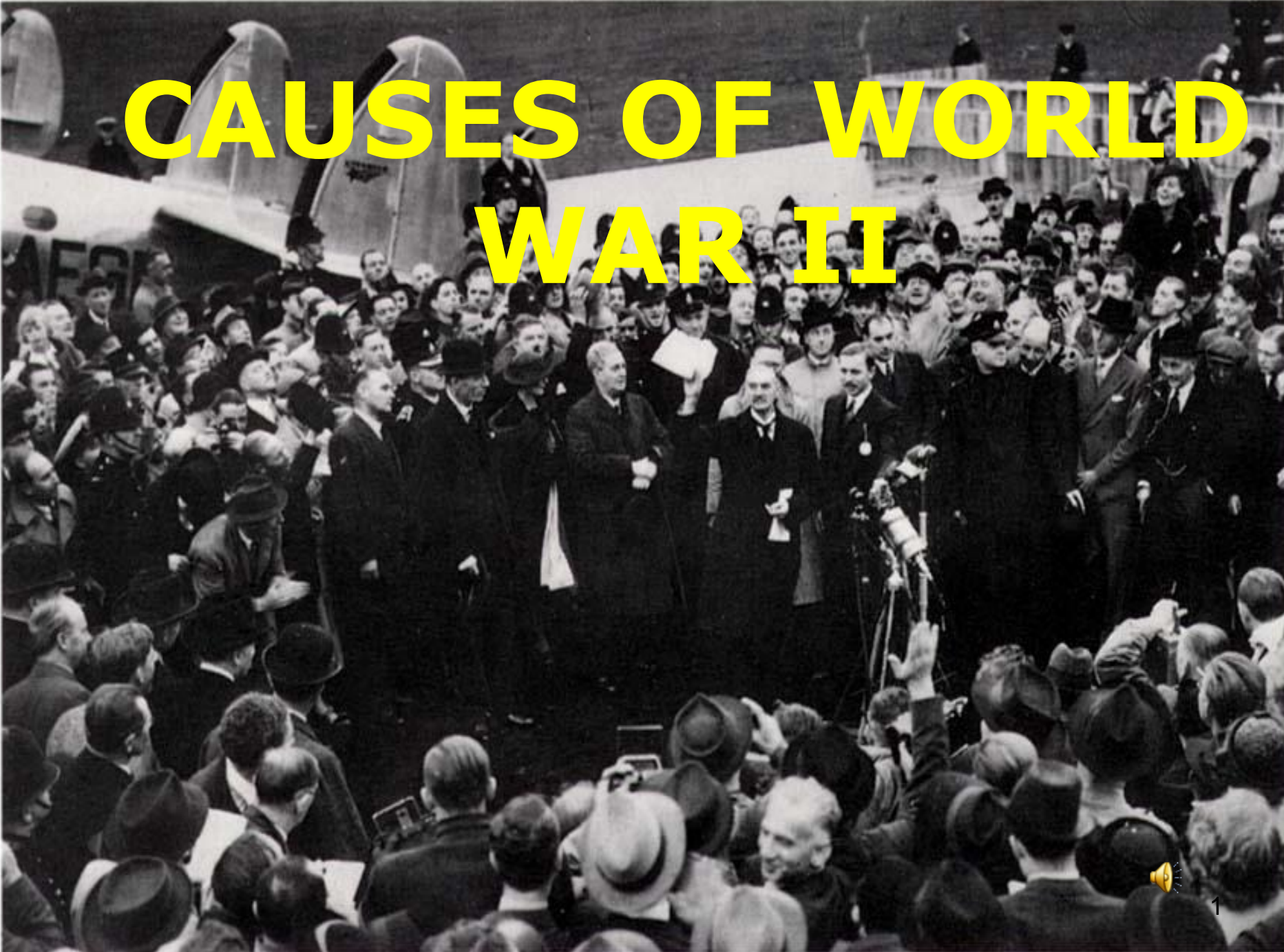


# CAUSES OF WORLD WAR II



# LEGACY OF WORLD WAR I

- **HORRORS OF WWI**
- **FLAWED TREATY OF VERSAILLES**
- **GERMAN ECONOMIC PROBLEMS**
- **WAR DEBTS**

# HORRORS OF WORLD WAR I



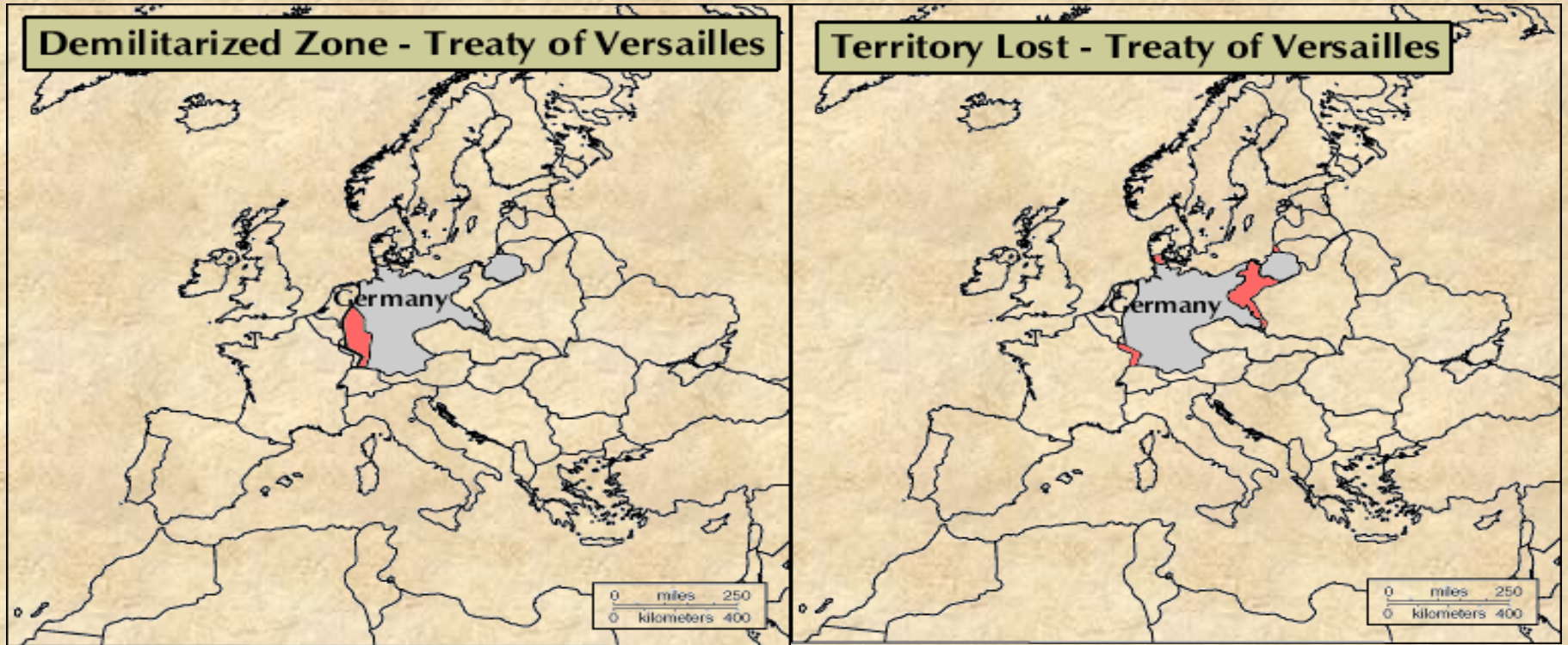
# **TREATY OF VERSAILLES:**

## **GERMAN RESENTMENT**

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- **LAND TAKEN FROM GERMANY**
- **WAR REPARATIONS**
- **TINY GERMAN ARMY ALLOWED**
- **WAR GUILT CLAUSE**
- **NO LEAGUE OF NATIONS MEMBERSHIP**

# TREATY OF VERSAILLES, GERMAN BITTERNESS



**TREATY OF VERSAILLES,  
GERMAN ARMY LIMITATIONS**

<b>TYPE</b>	<b>AMOUNT ALLOWED</b>
<b>PLANES</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>WARSHIPS</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>SOLDIERS</b>	<b>100,000</b>
<b>CONSCRIPTION</b> (DRAFTING AN ARMY)	<b>BANNED</b>

# TREATY OF VERSAILLES, GERMAN WAR GUILT

## SECTION I, GENERAL PROVISIONS.

### Article 231.

The Allied and Associated Governments confirm and Germany accepts the responsibility of Germany and her allies for causing all the loss and damage to which the Allied and Associated Governments and their nationals have been subjected as a consequence of the war imposed upon them by the aggression of Germany and her allies.

# TREATY OF VERSAILLES, LEAGUE OF NATIONS





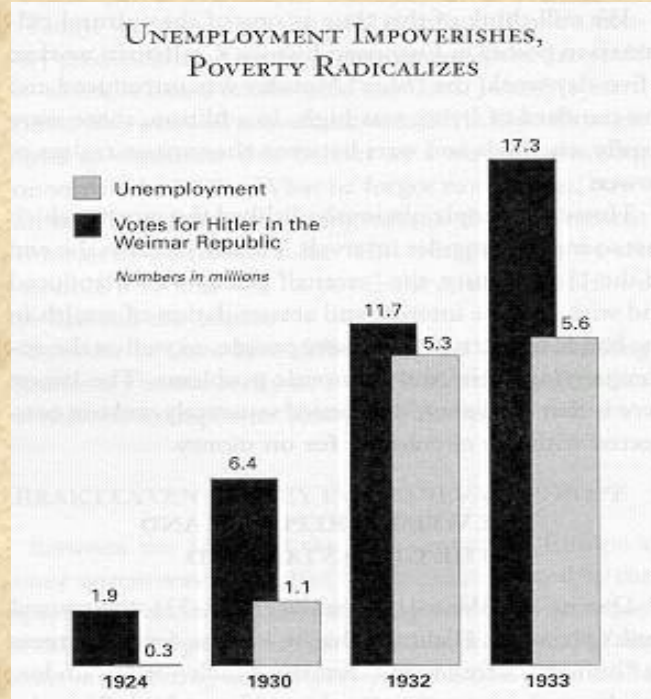
# GERMAN ECONOMIC PROBLEMS AFTER WORLD WAR I

1. In 1918, WWI ENDS
2. In 1921,
3. In 1923

4 Marks to the Dollar.

## PRICE OF A LOAF OF BREAD

1. In 1918 a loaf of bread cost just over half a mark.
2. By 1922 the cost had risen
3. By 1923 a loaf of bread cost



# Hemingway visits Germany in 1923

- “A couple of days later, from the banks of the Rhine, Hemingway witnessed a group of angry young men fighting six policemen on a bridge. Five of the policemen were thrown from the bridge into the fast moving river leaving one hanging from the rail of the bridge “like a puppet” until one of the men chopped off the policeman’s hands with an axe. The policeman fell to his certain death in a black and freezing Rhine. “Why so much brutality?” Hemingway asked himself.”

# FRENCH TROOPS ENTERING GERMAN RUHR, 1923

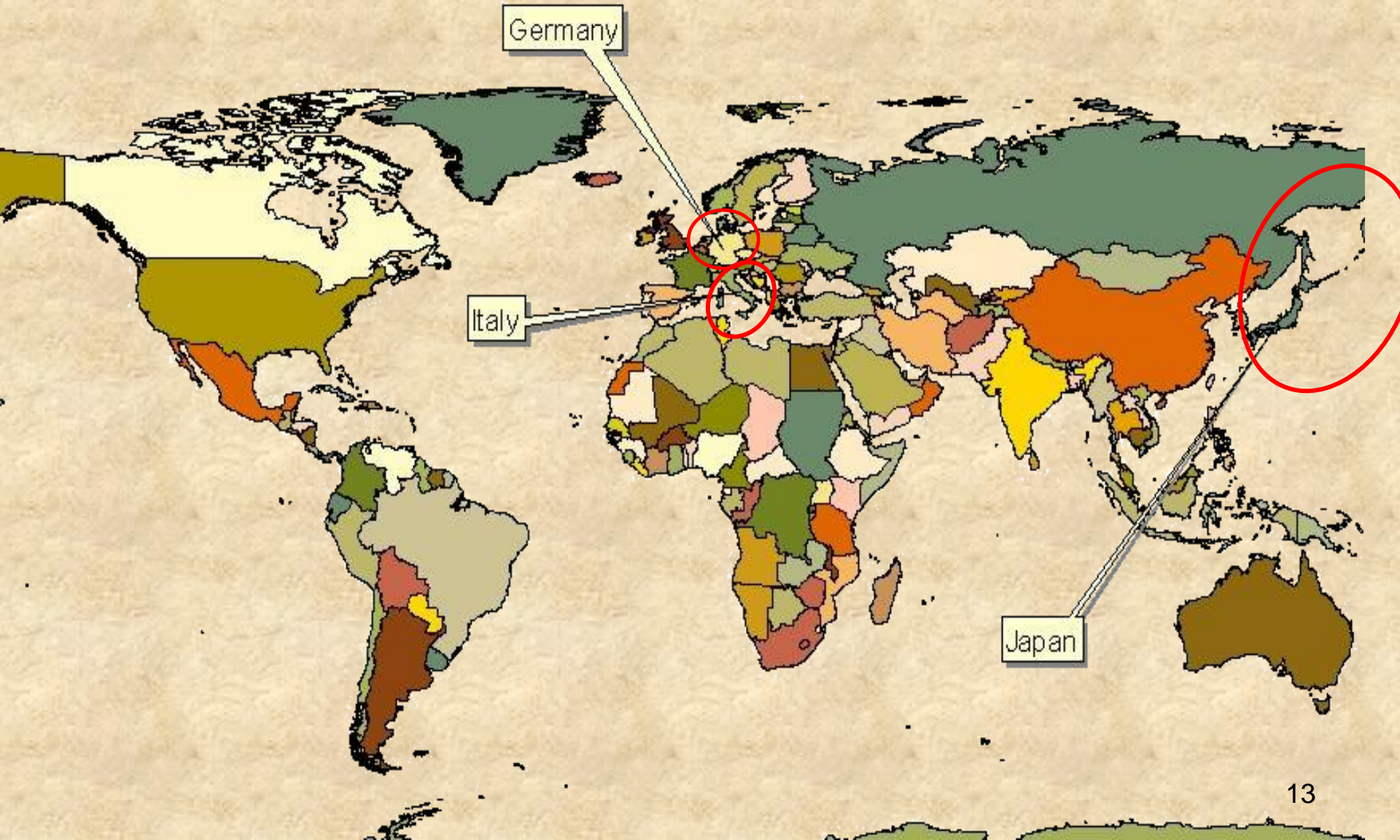
- **SEE THE 1923 HANDOUT**



# **RISE OF TOTALITARIAN REGIMES**

- **ITALY--**                      **Mussolini**
- **GERMANY--**                **Hitler**
- **JAPAN--**                    **Tojo**
- **USSR--**                      **Stalin**

# AXIS POWERS





***AXIS  
POWER:  
ITALY***

# TREATY OF VERSAILLES, ITALY CHEATED?



- In the treaty, France and Britain agreed that Italy would be given the Adriatic coast (GREEN). Instead, Italy only got the PINK.
- Many Italians felt betrayed.

# BENITO MUSSOLINI AT THE HEIGHT OF HIS POWER

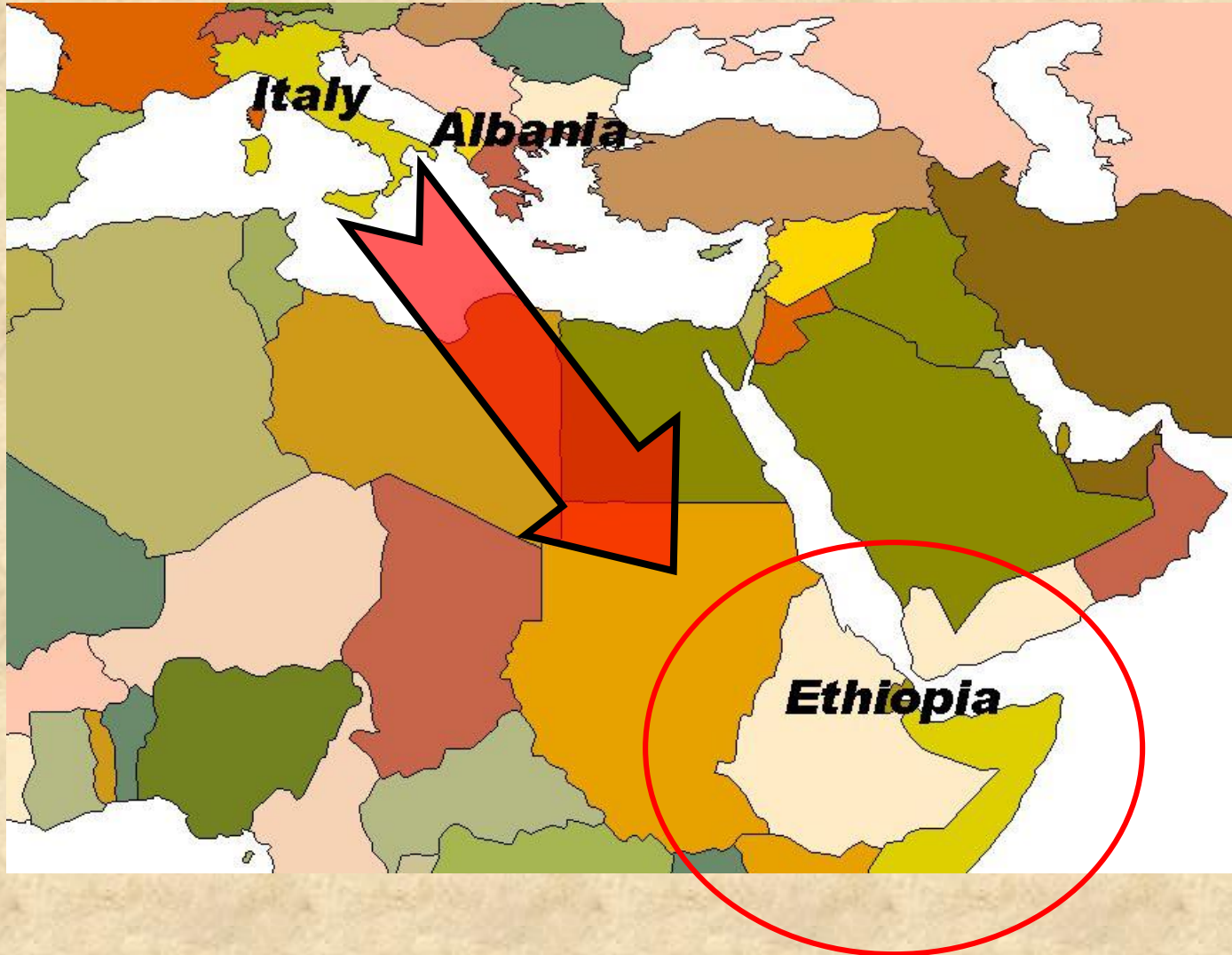








# ITALIAN AGGRESSION IN ETHIOPIA



# ETHIOPIAN ARMY



# HAILE SELASSIE: EMPEROR OF ETHIOPIA



**Sellassie pleads for help  
from the League of  
Nations, 1936**

**None Comes.**



**"It is us today, it is you tomorrow"  
Ethiopian King, Haile Selassie (with gun) to League of Nations, 1935**

**"Should it happen that a  
strong government  
finds it may... destroy a  
weak people, then the  
hour strikes for ... the  
League of Nations to  
give its judgment ..."**



***AXIS  
POWER:  
GERMANY***

# **WHY WAS ADOLF HITLER SUCCESSFUL IN TAKING OVER GERMANY?**

- **Nazis gave Germans a sense of pride**
- **People feared the Communist alternative**
- **Mass unemployment- Nazis put people to work**
- **Hitler was a popular speaker**
- **Weimar Government was hated while the Nazis stood up to the West**

# HITLER AS A SOLDIER IN WWI





## HITLER ADDRESSING AN EARLY NAZI PARTY GATHERING



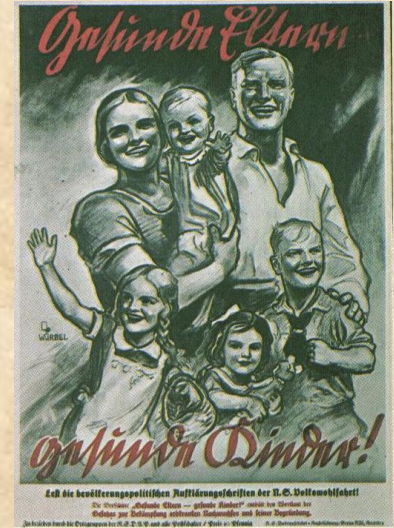
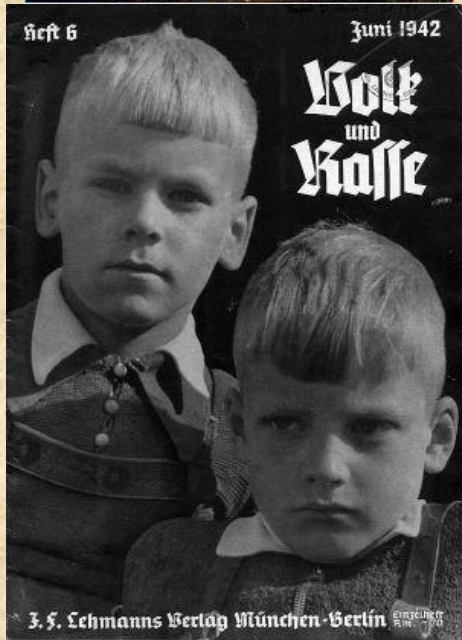


**Cover of *Mein Kampf*, written in 1924 while Hitler was imprisoned for staging a revolt**



Und Ihr habt doch gesiegt!

# NAZI PROPAGANDA DEPICTING THE MASTER RACE



# EXAMPLES OF NAZI ANTI-SEMITISM



• How would this picture of a Jew threaten many Germans?



**FINAL SOLUTION TO THE JEWISH PROBLEM**



**HITLER ELECTED CHANCELLOR OF GERMANY 1933**

# **VOLKSWAGEN: A CAR FOR ALMOST EVERY GERMAN**



## STATEMENTS FROM MEIN KAMPF

- **All Germans should have the right to live in Germany.**
- **Treaty of Versailles was unfair.**
- **German blood is a requirement for German Citizenship.**
- **Only citizens can hold public office.**
- **If there isn't enough food or work for the German people, foreigners must leave.**
- **No new immigrants.**
- **Newspapers must publish in German only.**

# KRISTALLNACHT: HITLER ATTACKS THE JEWS





# HITLER BEGINS HIS MARCH TO WORLD WAR II

- 1935: HITLER DECLARES THAT GERMANY WILL REARM, IN VIOLATION OF THE TREATY OF VERSAILLES
- MARCH 1936: HITLER REOCCUPIES THE RHINELAND NEAR FRANCE
- MARCH 1938: HITLER TAKES OVER AUSTRIA
- SEPTEMBER 1938: HITLER DEMANDS CZECH SUDETENLAND
- MARCH 1939: HITLER TAKES OVER THE REST OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA
- SEPTEMBER 1, 1939: HITLER INVADES POLAND
- SEPTEMBER 3, 1939: BRITAIN AND FRANCE DECLARE WAR

## CZECHOSLOVAKIA'S MAIN DEFENSES WERE IN THE SUDETENLAND



**The Munich Conference gave Sudetenland to Hitler.  
An example of appeasement. Czechoslovakia wasn't invited to attend.**



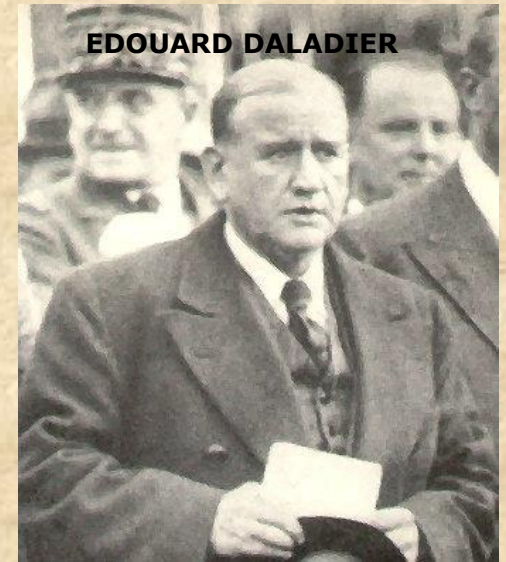
**NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN**



**SPEECH BY HITLER**



**EDOUARD DALADIER**





GERMANY

POLAND

SUDETENLAND  
OCT. 1938

HITLER TAKES THE  
REST OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA  
MARCH, 1939

AUSTRIA

HUNGARY

ROMANIA

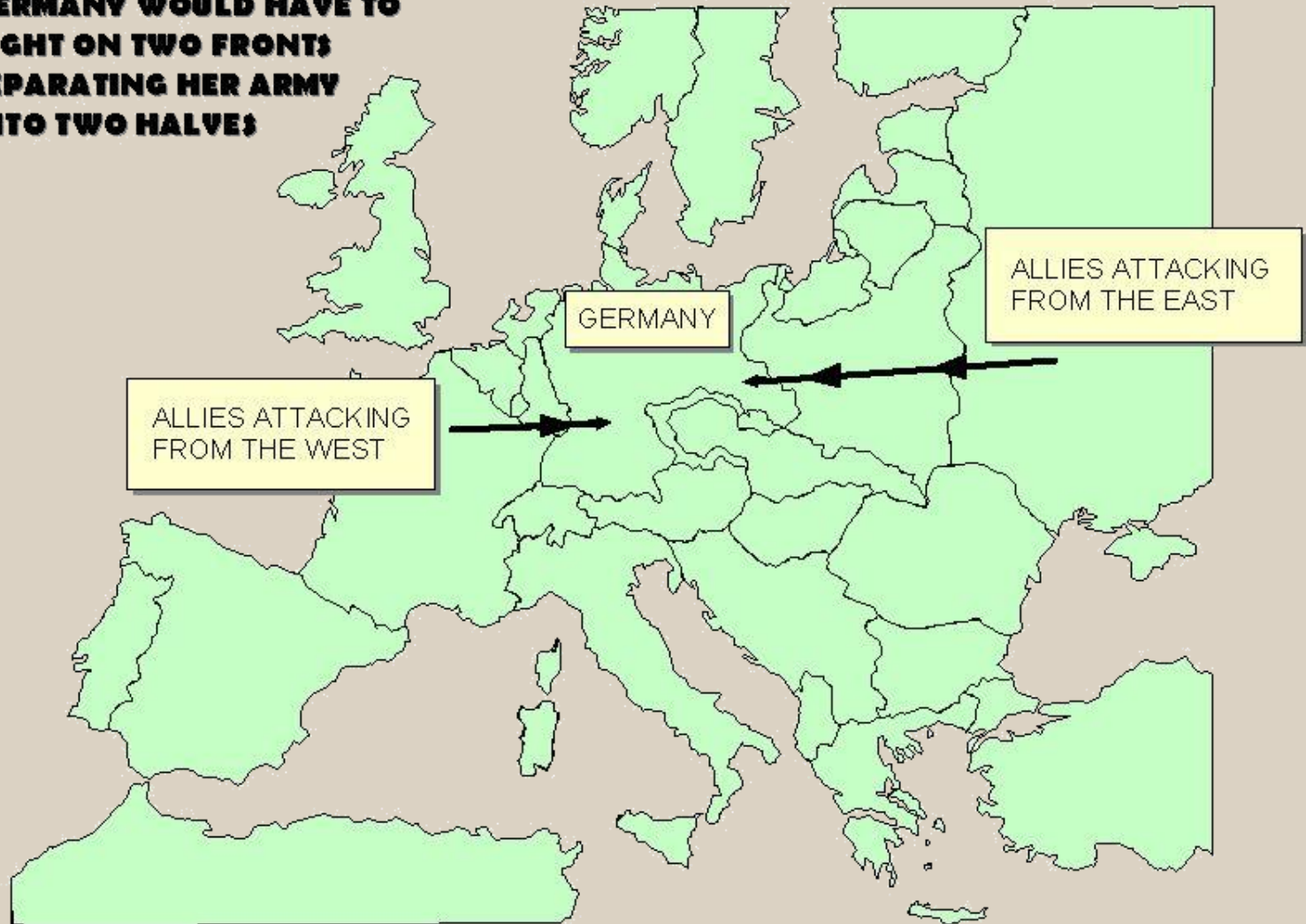
## REACTIONS OF CZECHS TO HITLER'S TAKEOVER



*Banner: German Sudetenland Thanks the Führer October 10, 1939*

# Hitler wanted to avoid fighting on two fronts at one time

**GERMANY WOULD HAVE TO  
FIGHT ON TWO FRONTS;  
SEPARATING HER ARMY  
INTO TWO HALVES**



**THE WORLD IS SHOCKED WHEN TWO BITTER ENEMIES, GERMANY AND THE USSR, SIGN A NONAGGRESSION PACT IN AUGUST 1939 PROMISING NOT TO ATTACK EACH OTHER**



LITTLE GOLDILOCKS RIDING HOOD

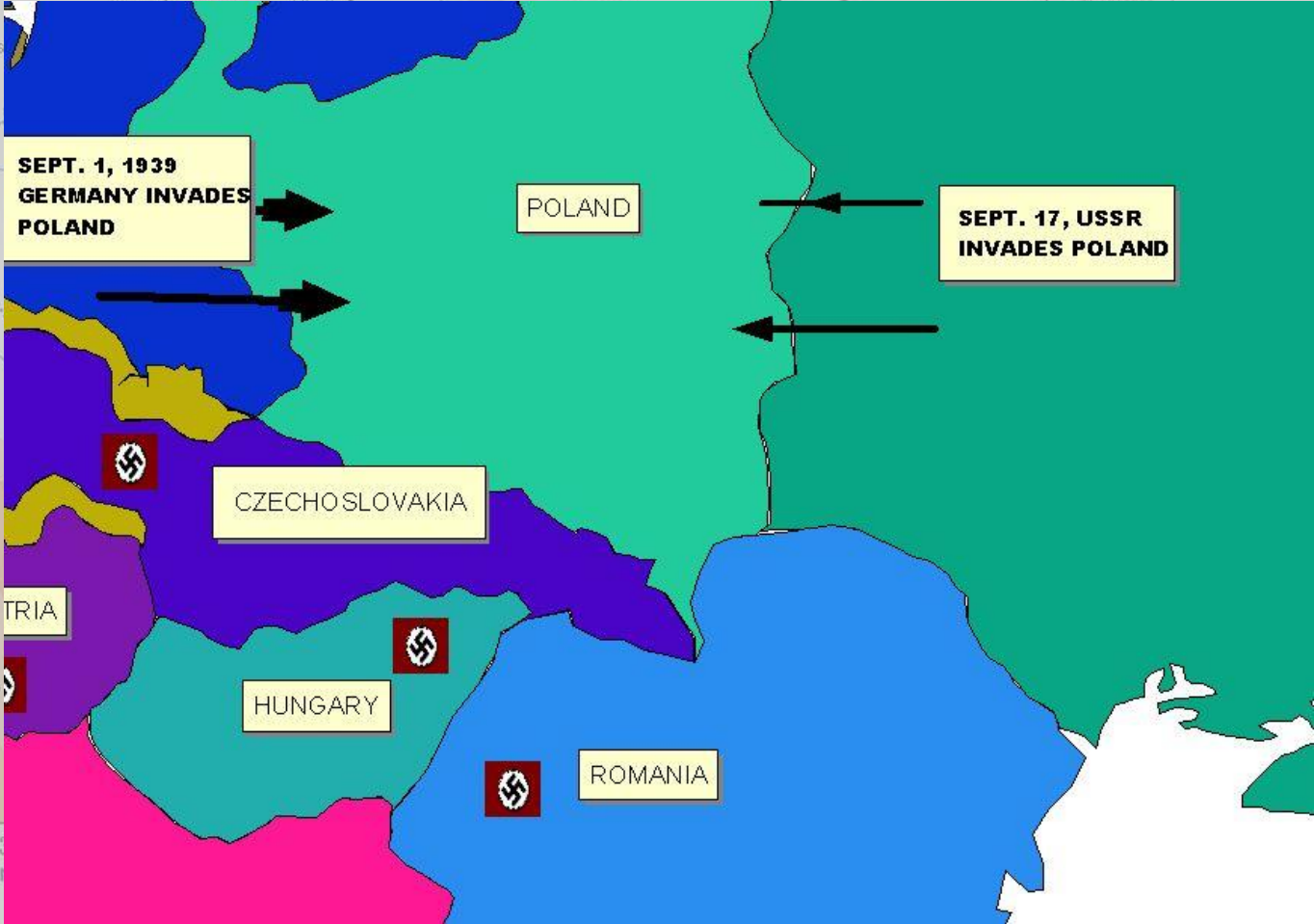




# ITALY CONQUERS ALBANIA, 1939



# HITLER INVADES POLAND: SEPTEMBER 1, 1939



POLAND, 1939  
CAMPAIGN IN POLAND



# THE POLISH ARMY WAS NO MATCH FOR THE GERMANS

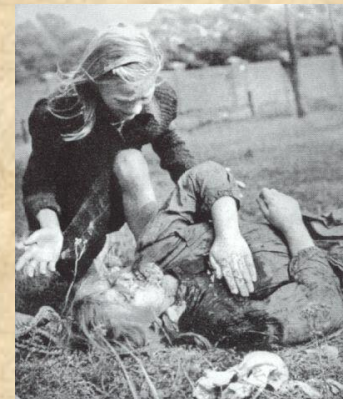


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- Michael Preisler, a Polish Catholic survivor:

**"The Germans created a new kind of war for Poland. Instead of army fighting army, the Germans started killing innocent civilians the moment they arrived."**



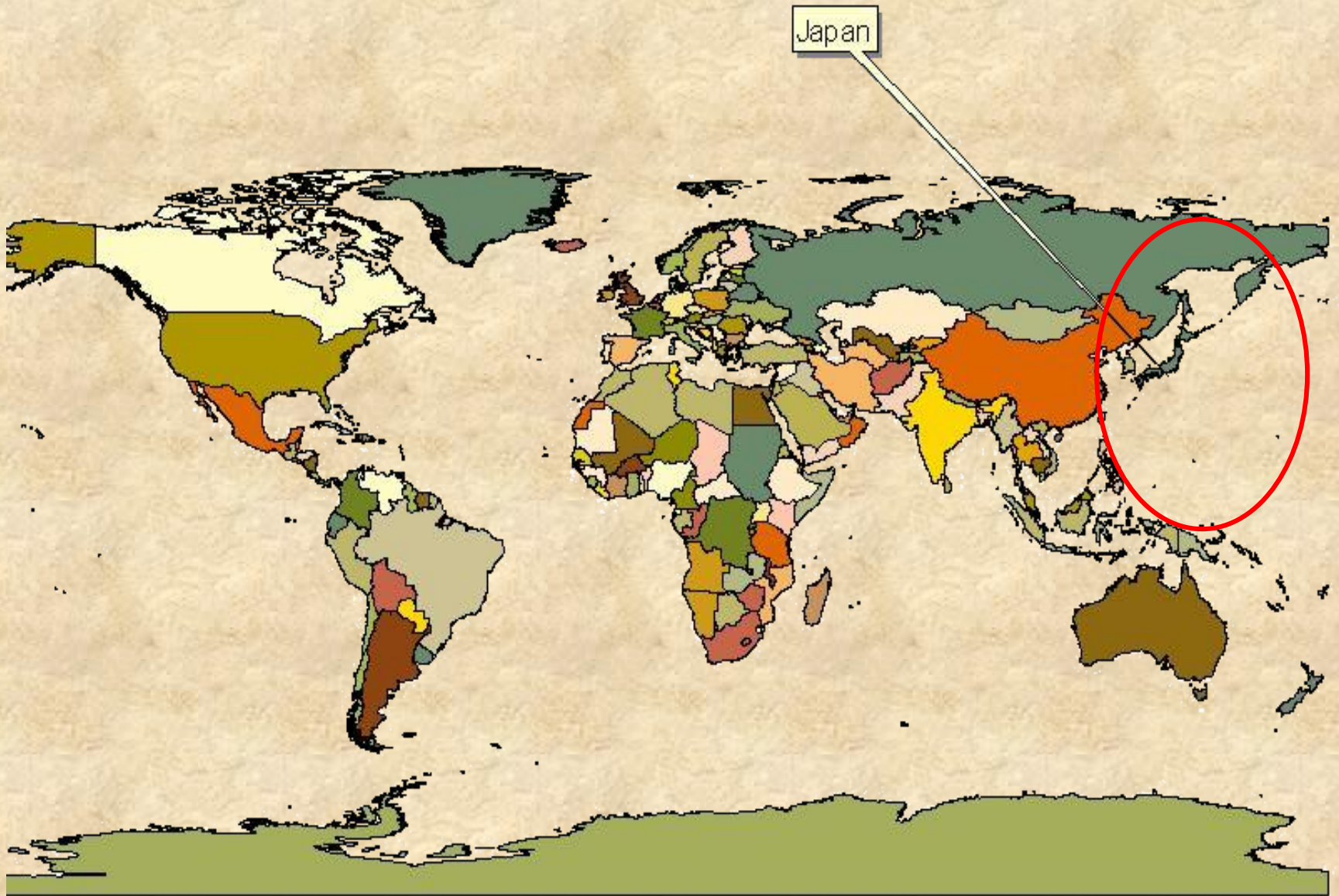
## Military Comparison: Germany vs. Poland (1939)

<u>MILITARY UNIT</u>	<u>GERMANY</u>	<u>POLAND</u>
<b>INFANTRY DIVISIONS</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>38</b>
<b>MOTORIZED DIVISIONS</b>	<b>50,000 MOTORIZED MEN</b>	<b>11,000 CALVALRY (HORSE MOUNTED MEN)</b>
<b>TANK DIVISIONS</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>NONE</b>
<b>TANKS</b>	<b>3200</b>	<b>600</b>
<b>BOMBERS</b>	<b>1176</b>	<b>146</b>
<b>FIGHTERS</b>	<b>771</b>	<b>315</b>
<b>OTHER PLANES</b>	<b>1337</b>	<b>381</b>

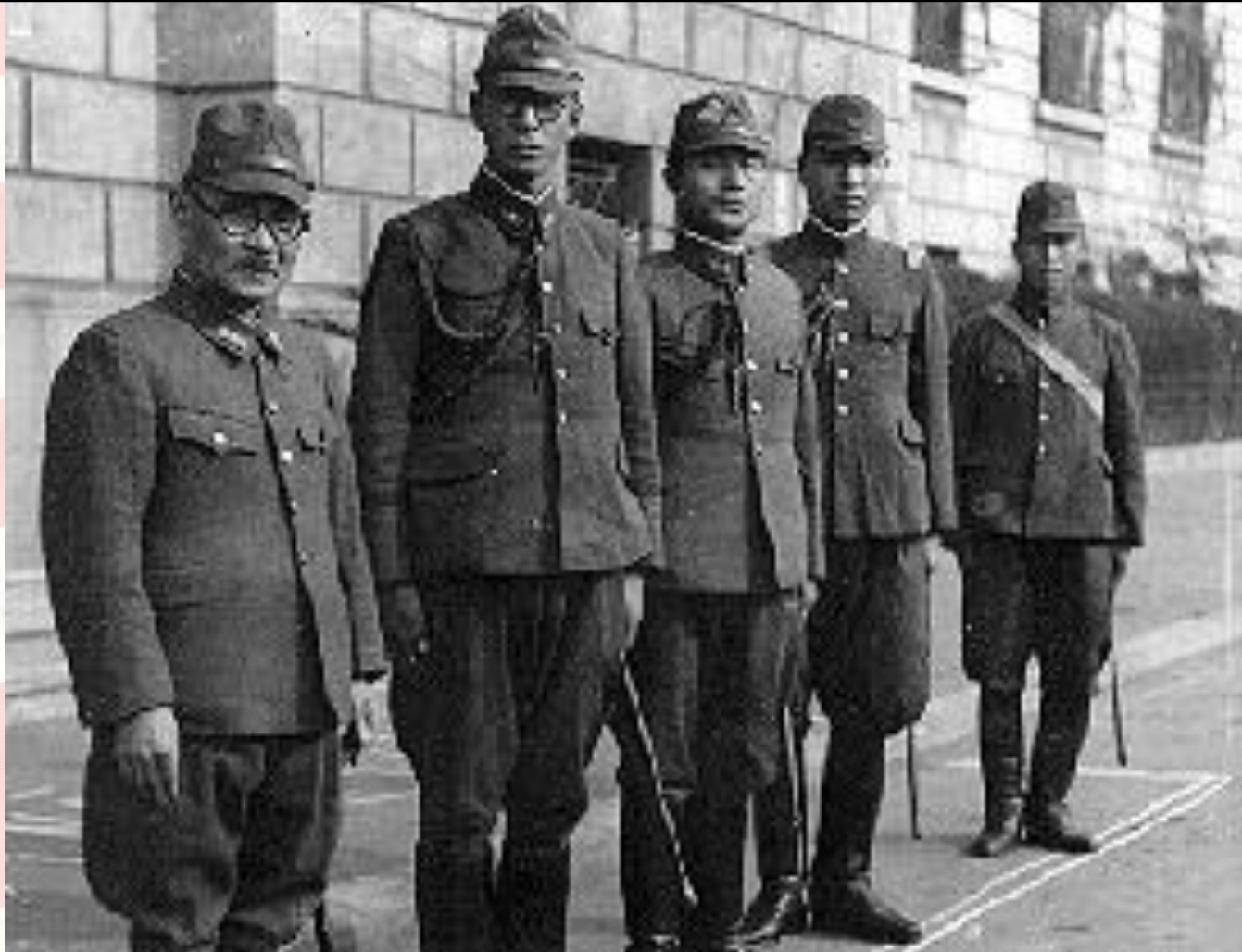
***AXIS  
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JAPAN***

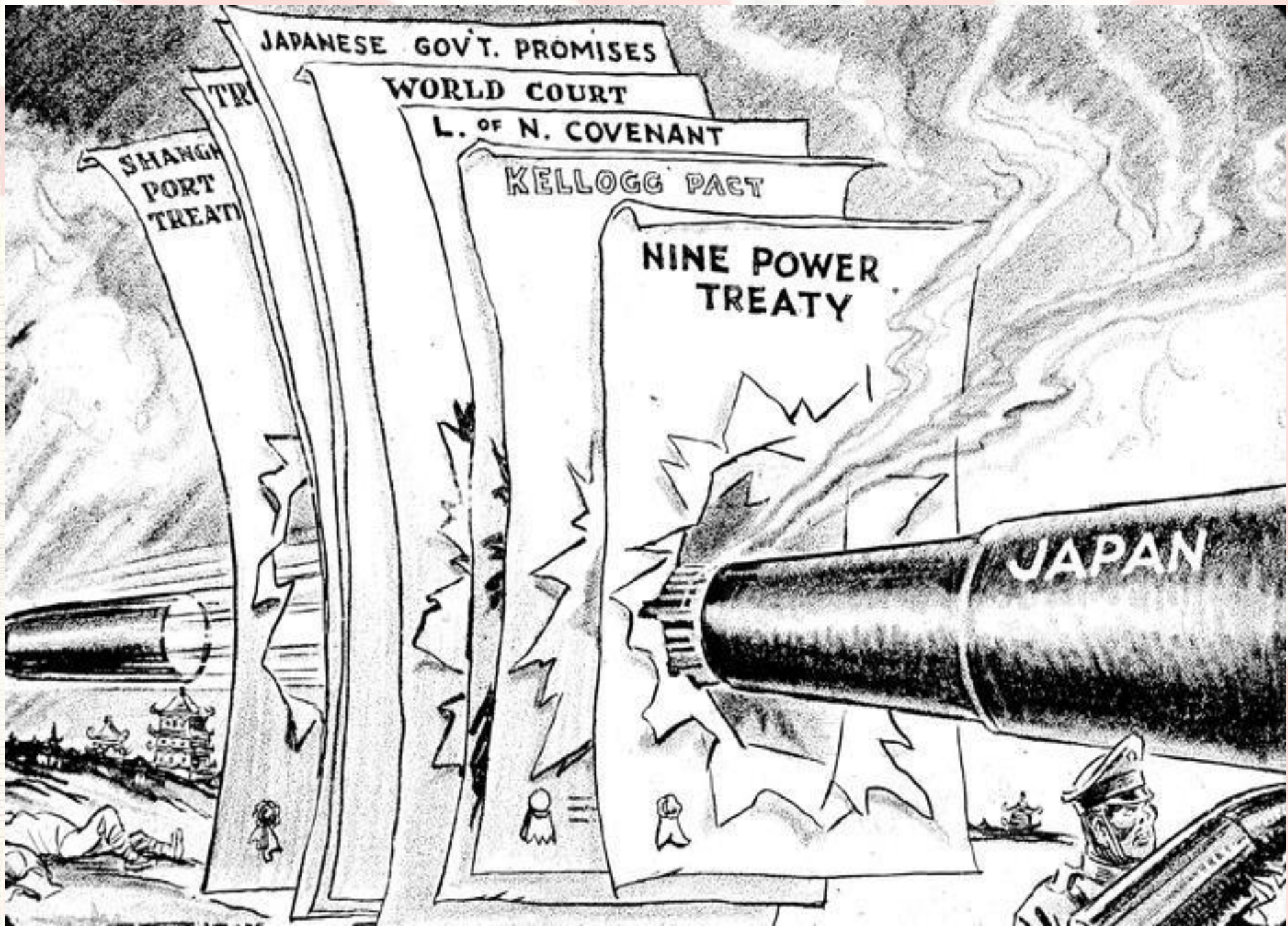
Germany

Japan



# MILITARISTS TAKE OVER JAPANESE GOVERNMENT





JAPANESE GOV'T. PROMISES

WORLD COURT

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NINE POWER TREATY

SHANGHAI PORT TREATY

JAPAN



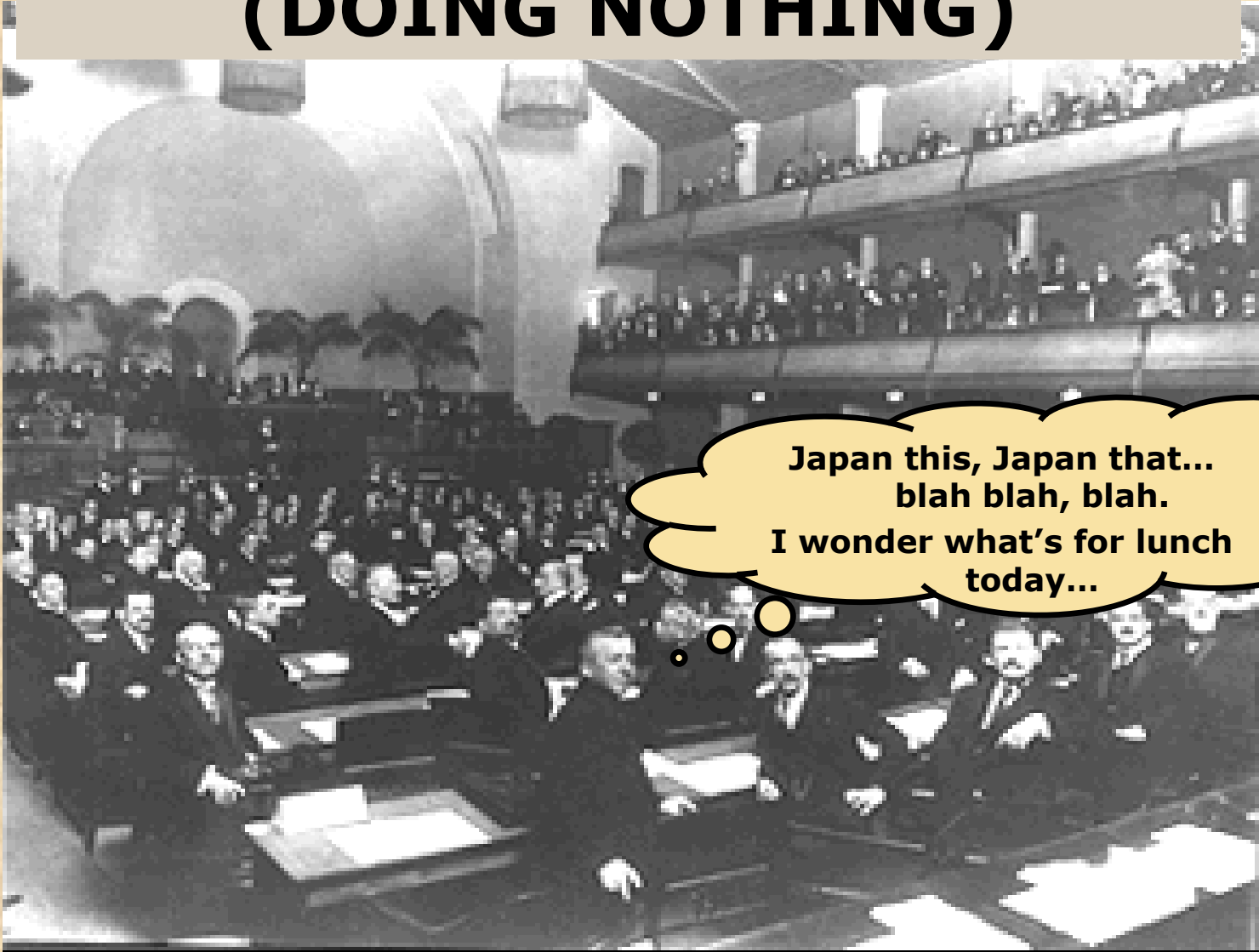
# JAPANESE TROOPS INVADING MANCHURIA, 1931



**HITLER CLOSELY WATCHED THE  
WORLD'S LACK OF RESPONSE  
TO JAPAN'S INVASION**



# LEAGUE OF NATIONS (DOING NOTHING)



# **WHAT WAS THE USA DOING AS ITALY, JAPAN AND GERMANY EXPANDED?**

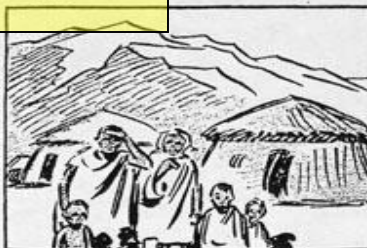
- **FDR'S 3RD TERM ELECTION**
- **LEND-LEASE**
- **ATLANTIC CHARTER**
- **U-BOATS: SUBMARINE WARFARE**
- **ISOLATIONISM VS. INTERVENTIONISM**
- **AMERICA ATTACKED**

# Travelogue

AND SO WE SAY GOODBY TO —



NORTH CHINA



ETHIOPIA



AUSTRIA



CZECHOSLOVAKIA



ALBANIA



POLAND



KARELIAN FINLAND



DENMARK



NORWAY



LUXEMBOURG



HOLLAND



BELGIUM

# America's View?



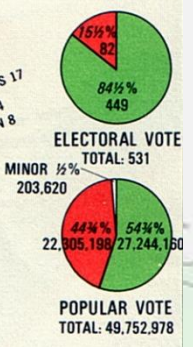
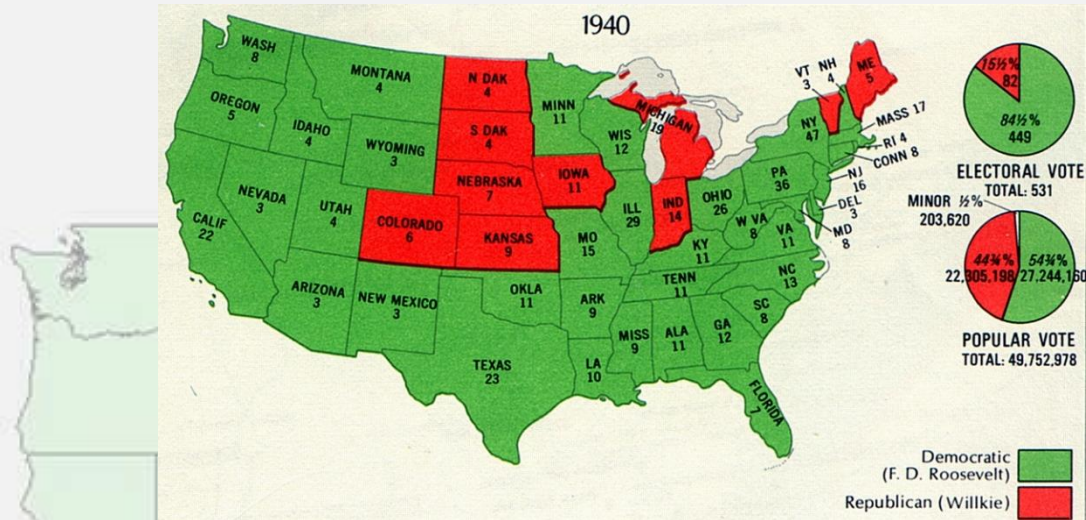
**Why look for trouble elsewhere... we have plenty AT HOME (Depression Economy)**

# NYE COMMITTEE

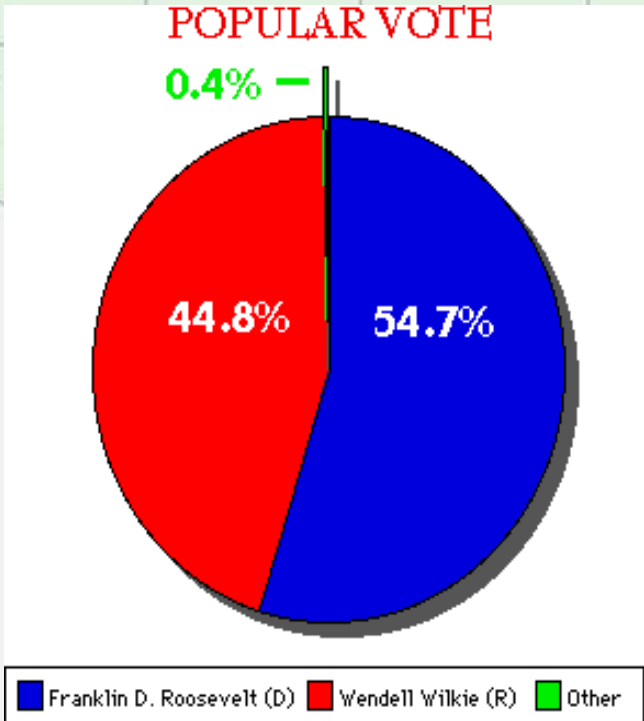




**STALIN, RUTHLESS DICTATOR OF THE USSR: 1923-1953**



# 3<sup>RD</sup> TERM PRESIDENT FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT



**• Close vote!**

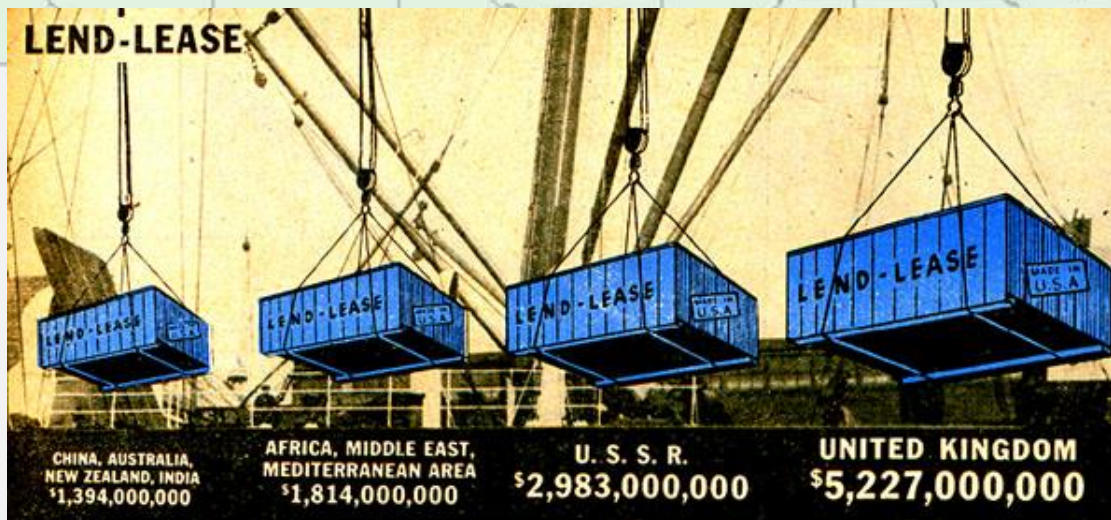
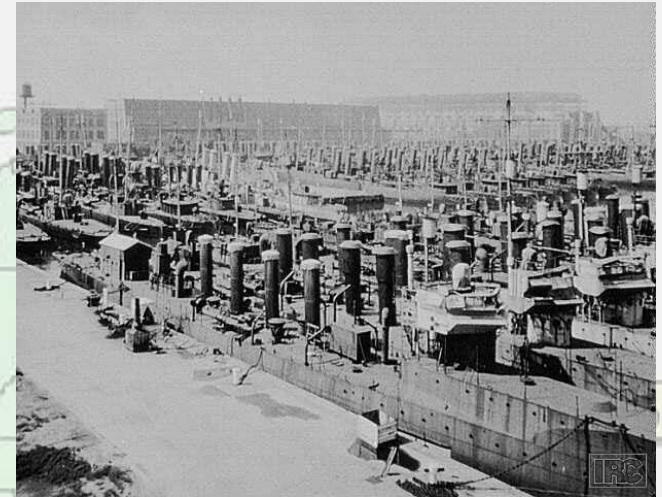


# ONCE THE 1936 ELECTION WAS OVER, FDR LOOKED FOR WAYS TO SUPPLY THE ALLIES



## U.S. Congress Passes Lend-Lease Act (March 1941)

Franklin Roosevelt convinces a largely isolationist Congress to pass the Lend-Lease Act, allowing to sell or lend war materials to "any country whose defense the President deems vital to the defense of the United States."



# CHURCHILL AND FDR MEET: THE ATLANTIC CHARTER



# THE ATLANTIC CHARTER

## THE USA & ENGLAND SHARE GOALS

USA & ENGLAND SEEK NO NEW TERRITORY;

Respect the right of all peoples to choose their OWN form of government;

Respect for all nation's right to trade;

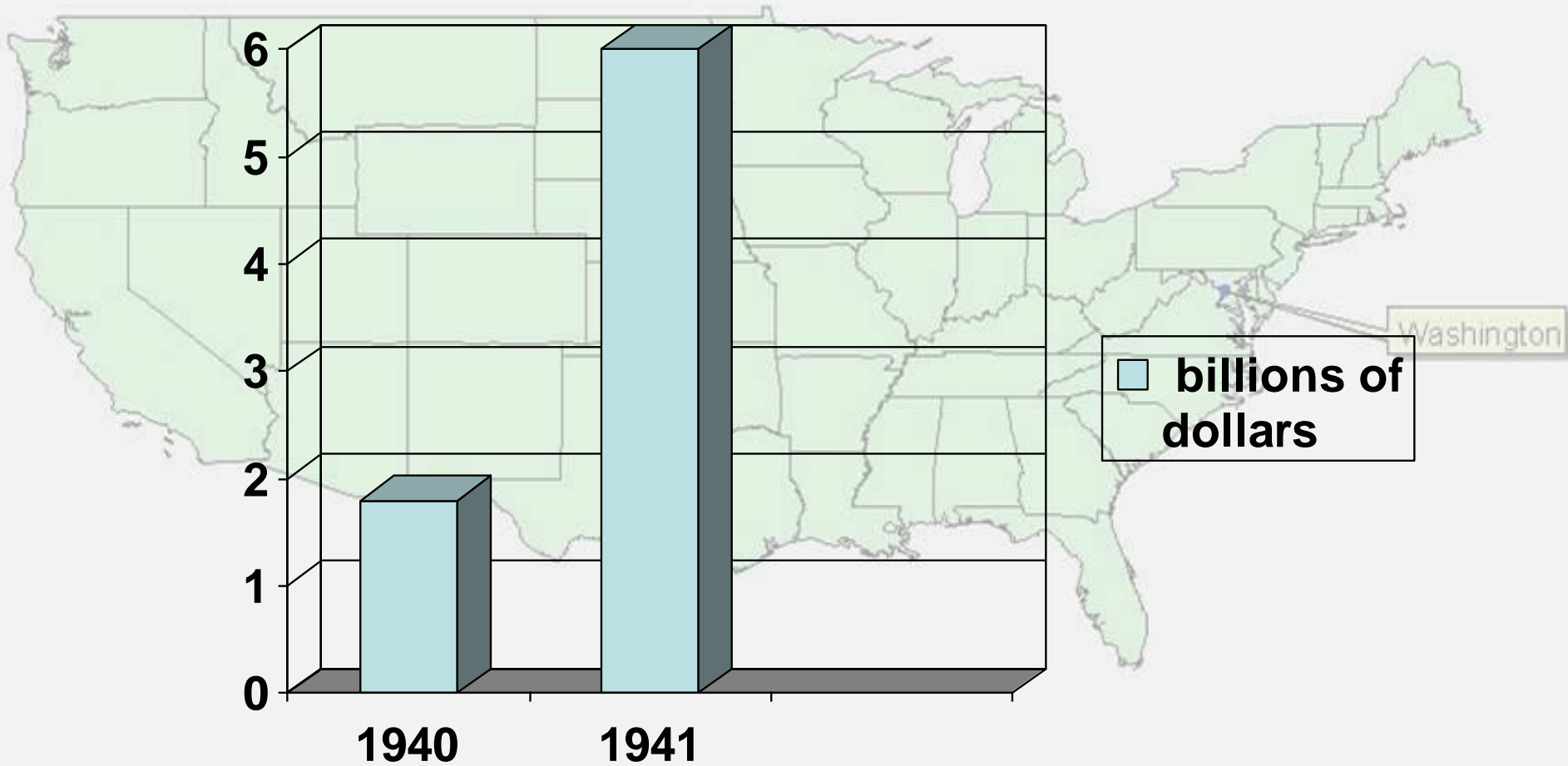
Freedom from fear and want;

Freedom of the high seas without hindrance;

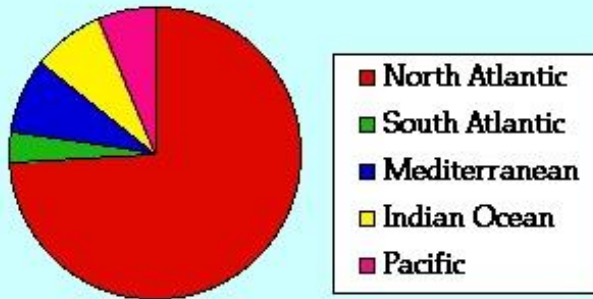
Remove the danger of arms in the future.

•*Franklin D. Roosevelt*  
*Winston S. Churchill*

# DEFENSE SPENDING INCREASED AS THE U.S. REALIZED IT MUST PREPARE FOR WAR

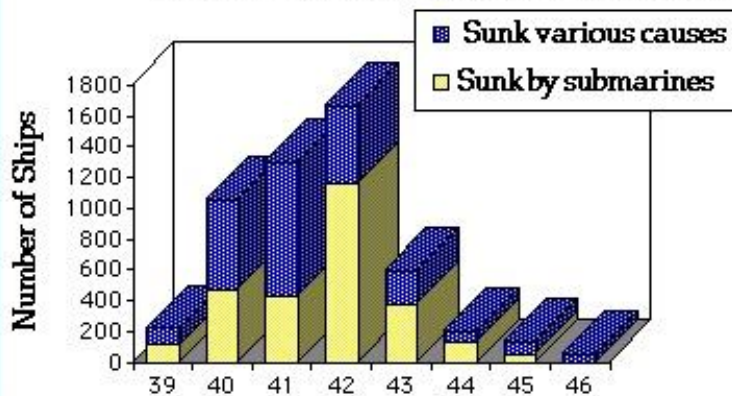


## Ship Sinkings by Region



The **Battle of the Atlantic** was not what one usually thinks of as a "battle," since it did not take place in one location over a limited period, such as the Battle of the Bulge. It was a Battle for **CONTROL** over shipping in the Atlantic and lasted from September 1939 until May 1945. Germany's submarines (**U-Boats**) tried to sink merchant ships faster than the Allies could build them. Starting in 1940, through the middle of 1942, U-Boats were very successful - they sank more ships than were built.

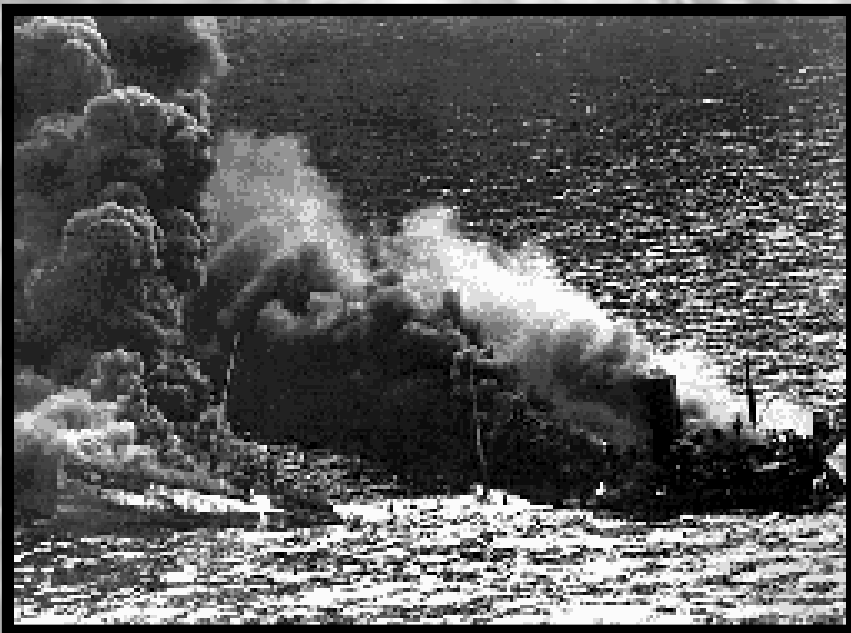
## Allied merchant ships sunk in Atlantic



# **SS Robin Moor Sunk 21 May 1941**



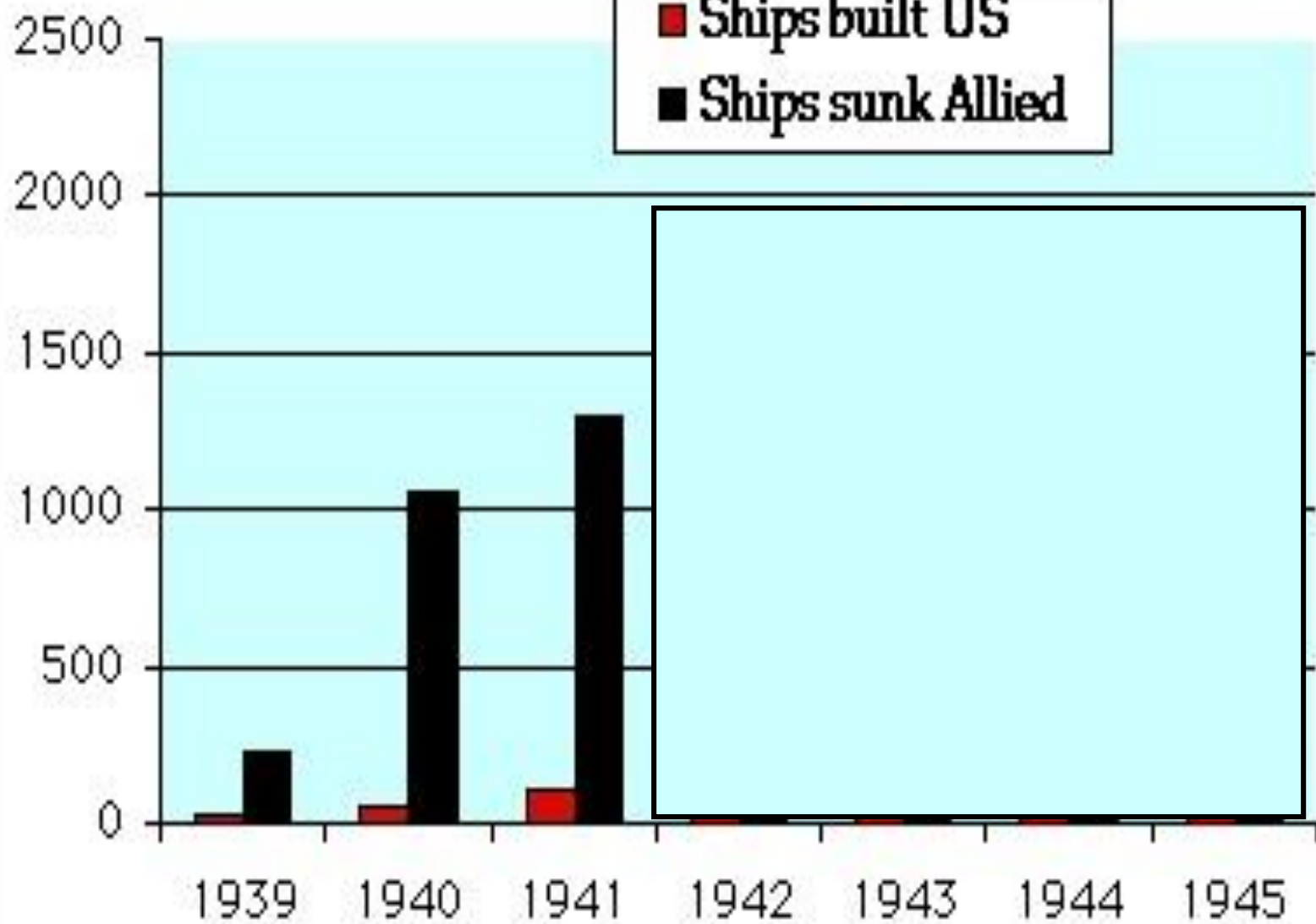
**THE ROBIN MOOR WAS CLEARLY MARKED AS  
MERCHANT VESSEL FROM THE USA**



# USS RUEBEN JAMES



Rueben James song







**CONVOYS GROUPED  
SHIPS WITH  
DEFENDERS;  
INCREASED CHANCES  
OF SURVIVING THE  
VOYAGE**

# DR. SEUSS CARTOONS AGAINST U.S. NEUTRALITY

The Old Man of the Sea



... and the Wolf chewed up the children and spit out their bones ...  
But those were Foreign Children and it really didn't matter."



# **America First Committee**

## **Original Four Principles:**

- 1. The United States must build an impregnable defense for America**
- 2. No foreign power, nor group of powers, can successfully attack a prepared America**
- 3. American democracy can be preserved only by keeping out of the European war**
- 4. "Aid short of war" weakens national defense at home and threatens to involve America in war abroad**

**"World War I had been fought to save the skins of American bankers who had bet too boldly on the outcome of the war and had two billions of dollars of loans to the Allies in jeopardy."**

**•Report of Sen. Gerald Nye's Committee**



**GOERING** (America 1<sup>st</sup> Ties to Germany?) **LINDBERGH**

# EUROPE: 1941



# JAPAN CHOOSES WAR



# JAPAN'S WAR MINISTER, HIDEKI TOJO



**TOJO BEFORE THE WAR**

**THE U.S. STOPPED OIL TO JAPAN.  
JAPAN RECEIVED 80% OF ITS OIL FROM THE  
U.S.A.**

**THE JAPANESE WERE THREATENED.**



**USING COAL TO FUEL CARS**



**USING HORSE CARTS FOR  
DELIVERIES TO SAVE GAS**



# JAPAN OCCUPIES FRENCH INDOCHINA

