

WORLD WAR TWO, 1939-1945



Axis Powers in Europe, 1939



Axis Powers

- **NOVEMBER 1, 1936, MUSSOLINI STOOD IN FRONT OF MILAN'S CATHEDRAL AND MADE THEIR INFORMAL RELATIONSHIP OFFICIAL. THAT ALLIANCE BECAME KNOWN AS THE ROME-BERLIN AXIS, NAMED AFTER MUSSOLINI'S SPEECH.**
- **THE TWO COUNTRIES GREW CLOSER, AND IN MAY 1939, JUST A FEW MONTHS BEFORE GERMANY INVADED POLAND, THEY FORMALIZED THEIR ALLIANCE WITH THE PACT OF STEEL, A MILITARY AND DEFENSIVE AGREEMENT. IN 1940, JAPAN JOINED THE AXIS BY SIGNING ONTO THE TRIPARTITE PACT.**



Germany/Italy/ Japan

APPEASEMENT AND AGGRESSION

March 1938: Anschluss (“joining”)



Austrians warmly greeted Hitler



1938-39: Appeasement: Neville Chamberlain



Sept. 1938: Munich Agreement



Adolf Hitler greets Neville Chamberlain upon the Prime Minister's arrival in Munich.



APPEASMENT

WHAT IS THE
MESSAGE?

IS THIS CARTOONIST
FOR OR AGAINST
APPEASMENT?



- **MARCH 1939:**
GERMANY OCCUPIED CZECHOSLOVAKIA
- **AUGUST 23, 1939:**
GERMAN-SOVIET NONAGGRESSION PACT
- **SEPT. 1, 1939:**
GERMANY INVADES POLAND
- **SEPT. 3, 1939: BRITAIN AND FRANCE DECLARE WAR ON GERMANY**

OUTBREAK OF WAR



- SEPT. 17, 1939: SOVIET UNION ATTACKED POLAND
- SOVIET UNION IMPOSED CONTROL OVER LITHUANIA, ESTONIA AND LATVIA
- GERMAN ARMIES ATTACKED HOLLAND AND BELGIUM
- MAY 10, 1940: BRITISH PRIME MINISTER N. CHAMBERLAIN RESIGNED

AN APPEASER IS
ONE WHO FEEDS A
CROCODILE,
HOPING IT WILL EAT
HIM LAST.



Winston Churchill

WINSTON
CHURCHILL



BLITZKRIEG: "LIGHTENING WAR"

- **AT 4:56PM ON 7 SEPTEMBER 1940, THE AIR RAID SIRENS WAILED AS THE GERMAN AIR FORCE, THE LUFTWAFFE, LAUNCHED A MASSIVE RAID ON LONDON.**
- **OVER 350 BOMBERS FLEW ACROSS THE CHANNEL FROM AIRFIELDS IN FRANCE AND DROPPED 300 TONS OF BOMBS ON THE DOCKS AND STREETS OF LONDON**



How were people warned that an air raid was about to take place?



Air Raid Sirens

People were warned of a likely air raid by loud sirens, positioned in different parts of towns and cities. During the blitz, they became an almost daily part of life.

The sirens made a very loud and long signal or warning sound. For an alert, the siren sound pitch rose and fell alternately. The All Clear was a continuous sound from the siren. Not every alert brought a raid, and sometimes raids happened when no alert had sounded.

When people heard the siren they would stop what they were doing and take cover or hide in a shelter



BLITZ



BRITISH
PATHÉ

BRITISH
PATHÉ



FRANCE SURRENDERS JUNE 14TH (PARIS)



DUNKIRK

- **DUNKIRK EVACUATION, (1940) IN WORLD WAR II, THE EVACUATION OF THE BRITISH EXPEDITIONARY FORCE (BEF) AND OTHER ALLIED TROOPS FROM THE FRENCH SEAPORT OF DUNKIRK (DUNKERQUE) TO ENGLAND. NAVAL VESSELS AND HUNDREDS OF CIVILIAN BOATS WERE USED IN THE EVACUATION, WHICH BEGAN ON MAY 2**
- **GERMANS QUICKLY TOOK FRANCE (OCCUPIED PARIS ON JUNE 14, 1940)**



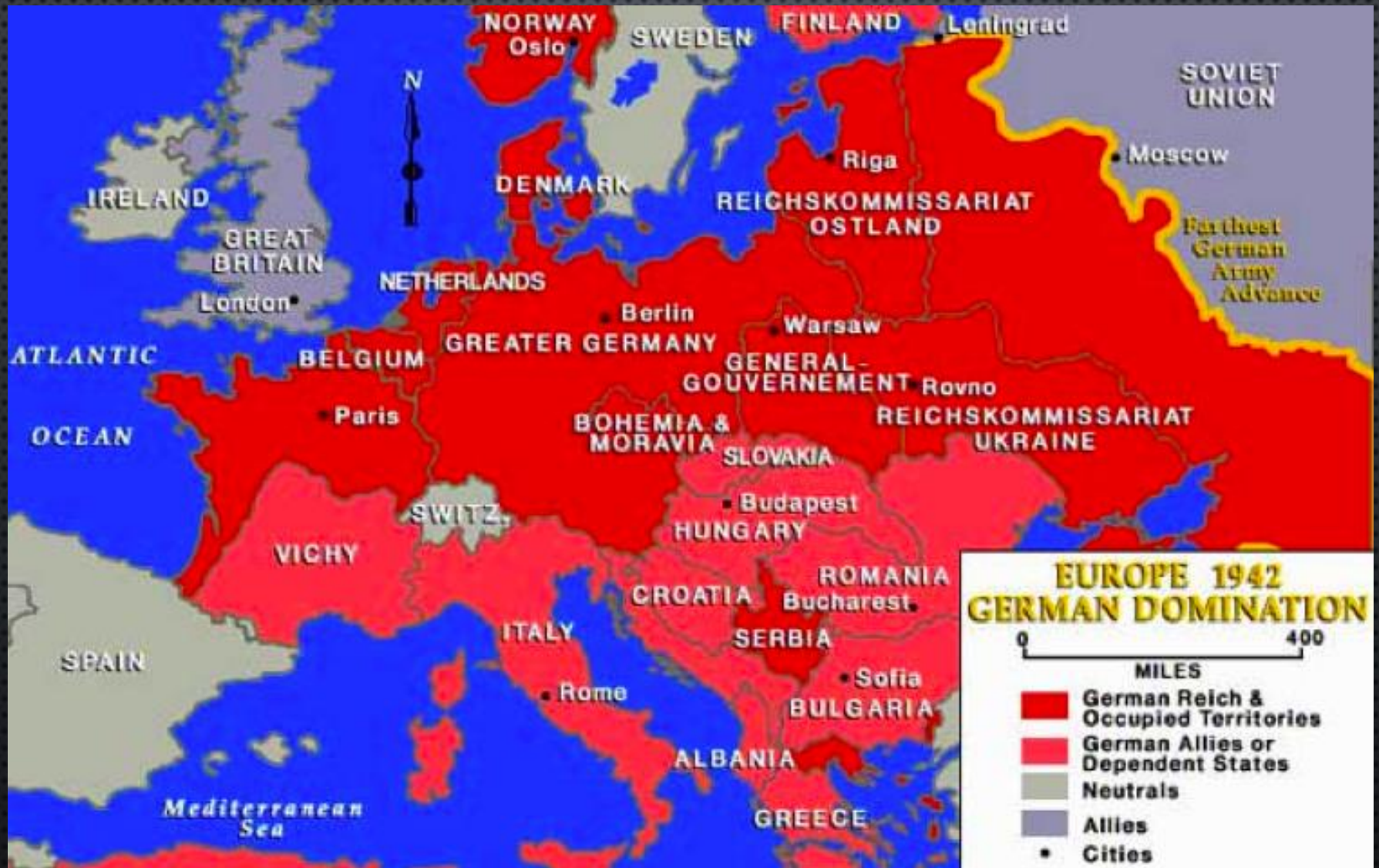
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TRAILER

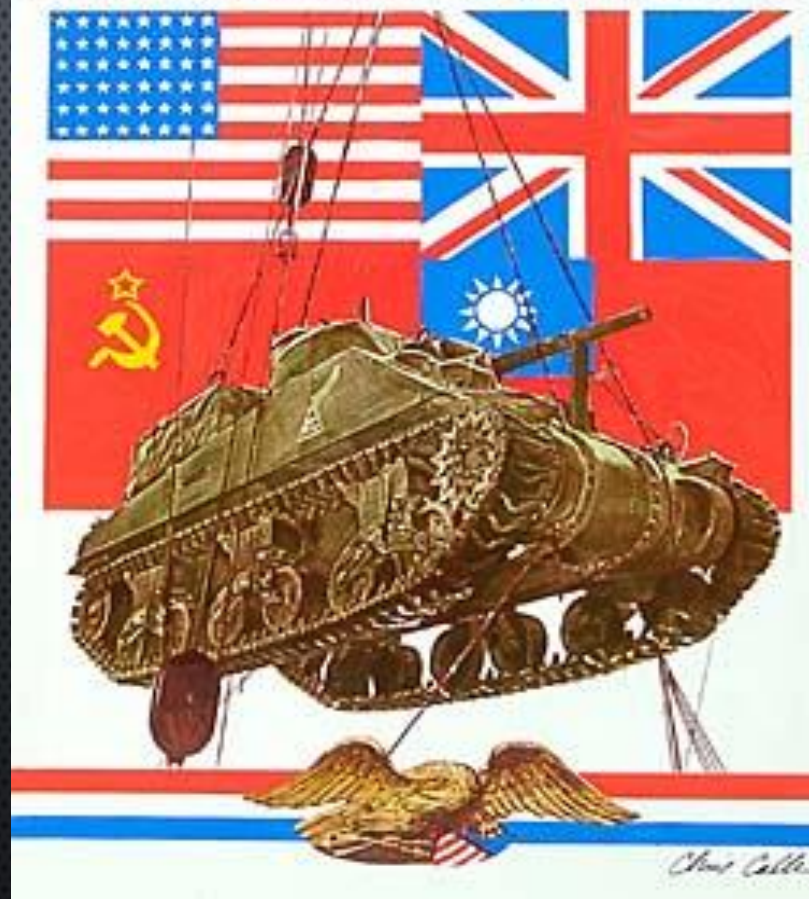
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GERMAN OCCUPIED EUROPE

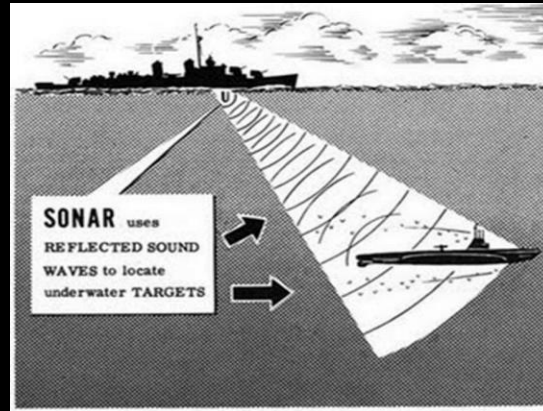




LEND-LEASE ACT, AID TO OUR ALLIES



BATTLE OF BRITAIN, JUNE-SEPTEMBER 1940



BRITAIN WON:
WHY?

WINSTON
CHURCHILL

“NEVER
SURRENDER”

- SPITFIRES
- SONAR
- HITLER LOST INTEREST

GERMAN- SOVIET WAR, 1941-45

- SLAVS - "SUBHUMAN"
- COMMUNISM
- POSSIBILITY OF SOVIET ATTACK
- HITLER WANTS TO BEGIN IN JUNE BEFORE THE SOVIET WINTER
- HITLER: "WE HAVE ONLY TO KICK IN THE DOOR AND THE WHOLE ROTTEN STRUCTURE WILL COME CRASHING DOWN!"



**JUNE 22, 1941:
GERMANY
BROKE**

**NON-
AGGRESSION
PACT AND
ATTACKED**

**OPERATION
BARBAROSSA**





PEARL HARBOR DECEMBER 7, 1941



A DAY WHICH WILL LIVE IN INFAMY



**PRESIDENT FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT
"DATE THAT WILL LIVE IN INFAMY" SPEECH**

DECEMBER 8, 1941

FDR







STALINGRAD



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1942

RUSSIAN ARMY



BRITISH
PATHÉ

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RUSSIAN SNIPER

