



# American Neutrality

*The U.S. and the European War  
(1936-1941)*

# Totalitarian Dictatorships



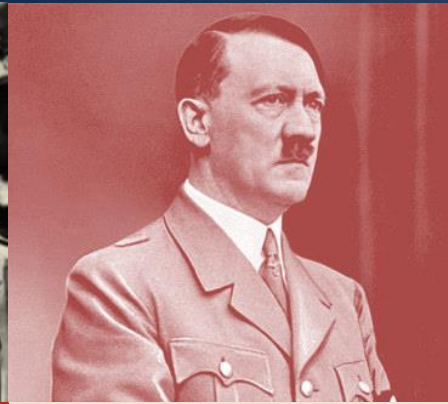
**SOVIET UNION**

**STALIN**



**ITALY**

**MUSSOLINI**



**GERMANY**

**HITLER**

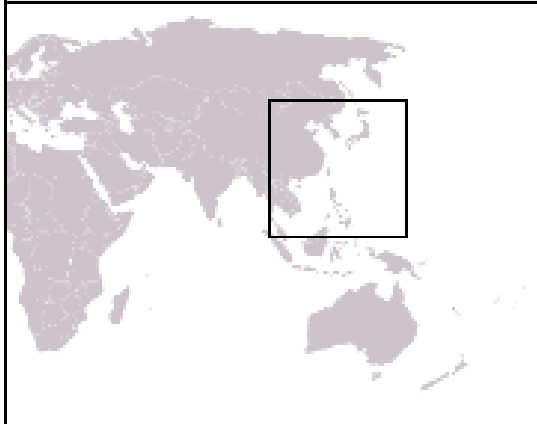


**JAPAN**

**TOJO**

# Japanese Expansion

- Japanese Empire in 1870
- Acquisitions until 1932
- Additional Occupation by 1937
- Additional Occupation by 1938
- Additional Occupation by 1939
- Additional Occupation by 1940
- Additional Occupation by 1942
- Demilitarized Zone of the Tanfku Truce (1933)



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# German Expansion





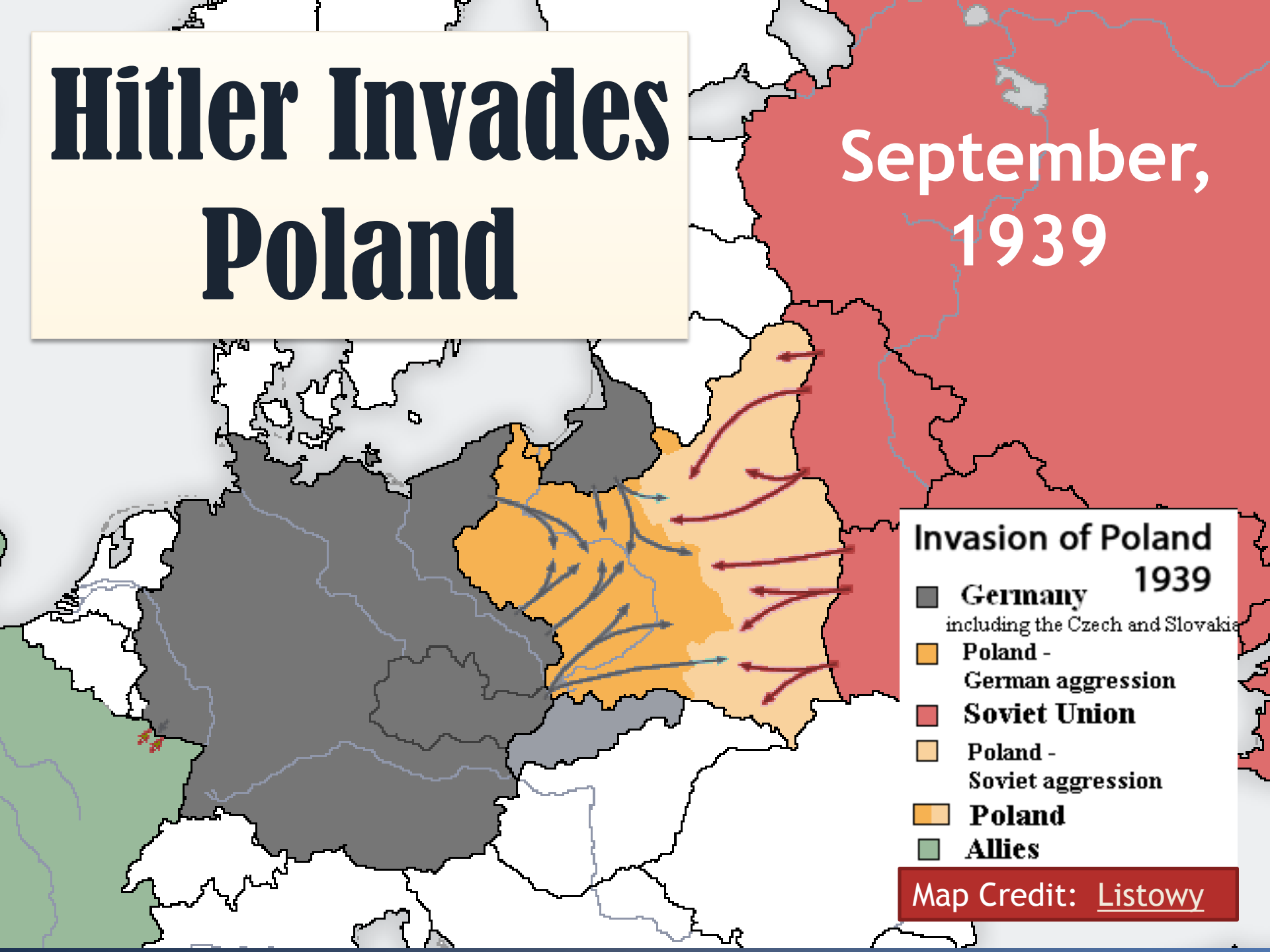
# Appeasement



**DO NOT  
INVADE  
POLAND!**

# Hitler Invades Poland

September,  
1939



## Invasion of Poland 1939

- **Germany**  
including the Czech and Slovak territories
- **Poland -**  
German aggression
- **Soviet Union**
- **Poland -**  
Soviet aggression
- **Poland**
- **Allies**

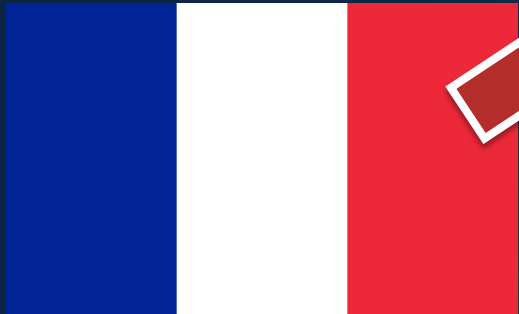
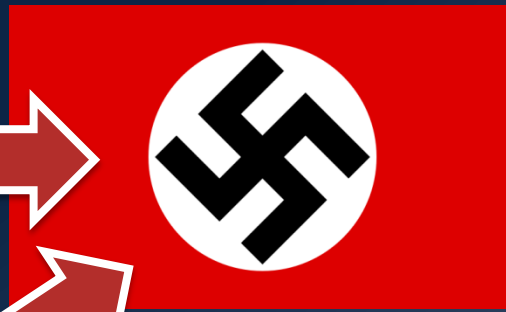
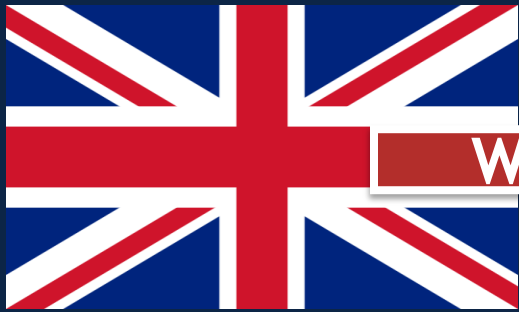
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# The Situation: 1939

The Allies

Germany

Neutral





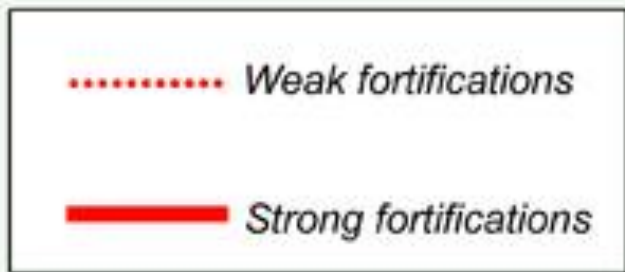
# Blitzkrieg

*(Lightning War)*

Panzer



# Fall of France 1940



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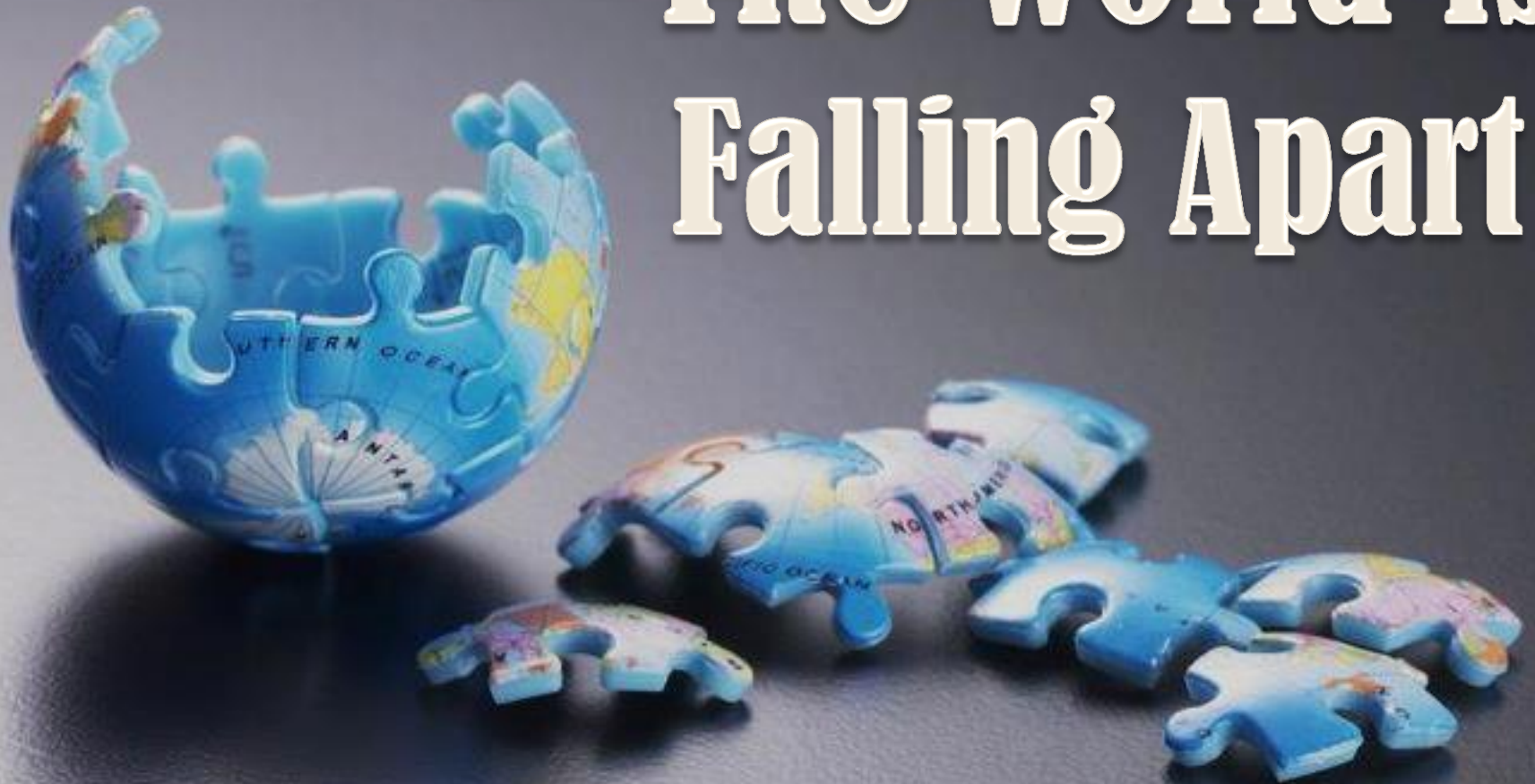
# Battle of Britain

An aerial battle scene from the Battle of Britain. The sky is filled with various aircraft, including a prominent yellow Spitfire in the center-right, a dark Supermarine Spitfire on the left, and a dark aircraft on the right. The background shows a hazy, brownish landscape under a blue sky with scattered clouds.

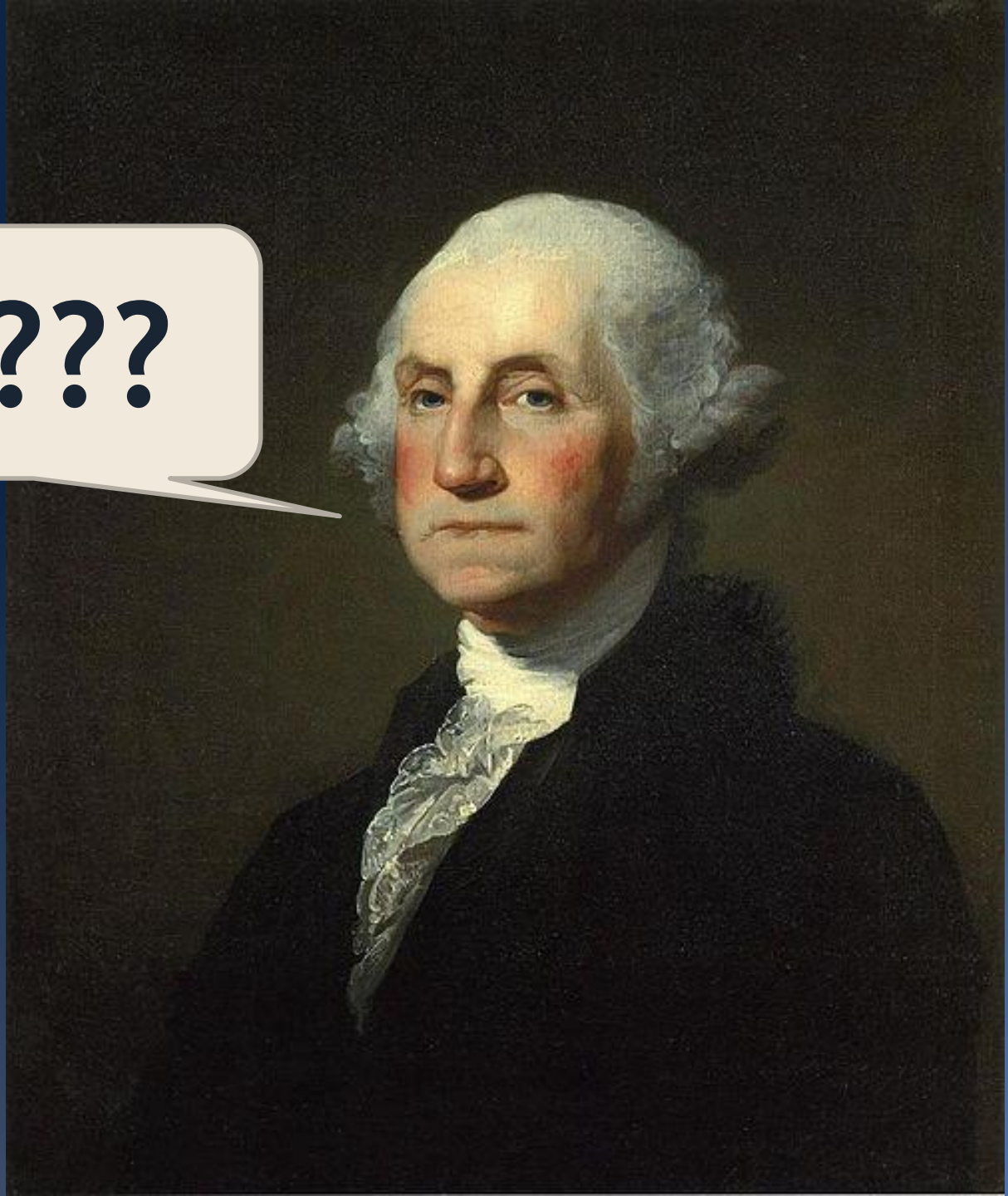
## 1940 Air Battles

1. Military Targets
2. Cities/Civilians

# The World is Falling Apart



SO???





# WWI

It SUCKED!



**“Isolationism”**

*aka, “Non-Intervention”*

# Neutrality Acts

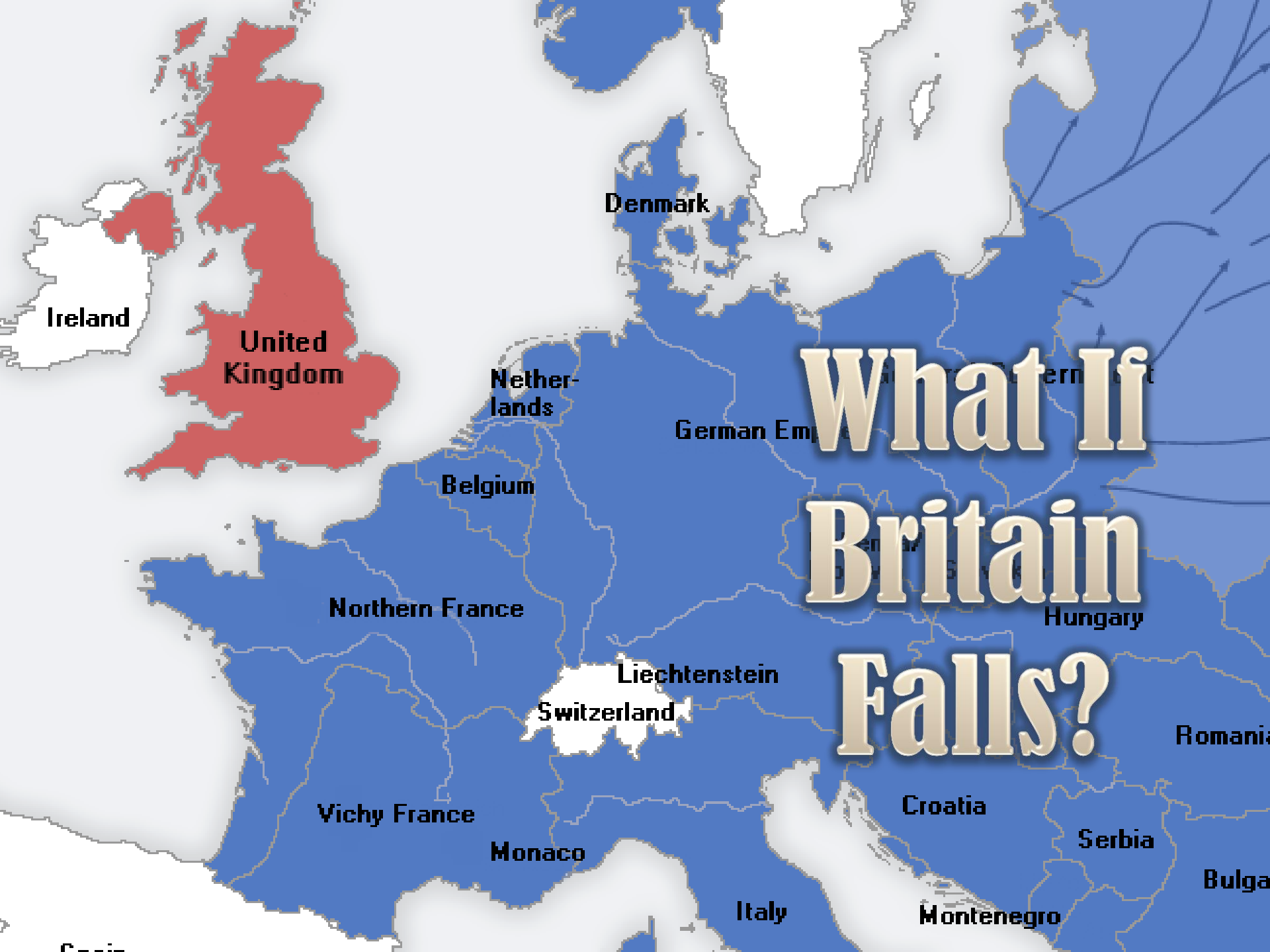
1936, 1937, 1939



NO ARMS TO **BELLIGERENTS**

Photo by [\\*janine\\*](#)





# What If Britain Falls?

Ireland

United  
Kingdom

Denmark

Nether-  
lands

German Empire

Belgium

Northern France

Liechtenstein

Switzerland

Hungary

Romania

Vichy France

Monaco

Croatia

Serbia

Bulgaria

Italy

Montenegro

Spain

# The Arsenal of Democracy

1939-1941

Cash and Carry (1939)

Destroyers for Bases (1940)

Lend-Lease (1941)





# Cash and Carry

1939

Pay **cash** and **carry**  
it home, yourself.

# Destroyers for Bases

1940



**Destroyers to Britain  
*in exchange for naval  
bases in the Caribbean***

# Lend-Lease Act

1941

Let the British  
*borrow* military  
equipment

**FURTHER READING:**

FDR Press Conference  
December 17, 1940

# Selective Service Act

1940

## FIRST PEACETIME DRAFT in United States History

*President Franklin D. Roosevelt signs the Selective Service Training Act.*



But We're Still

**NEUTRAL**





# A Campaign Promise

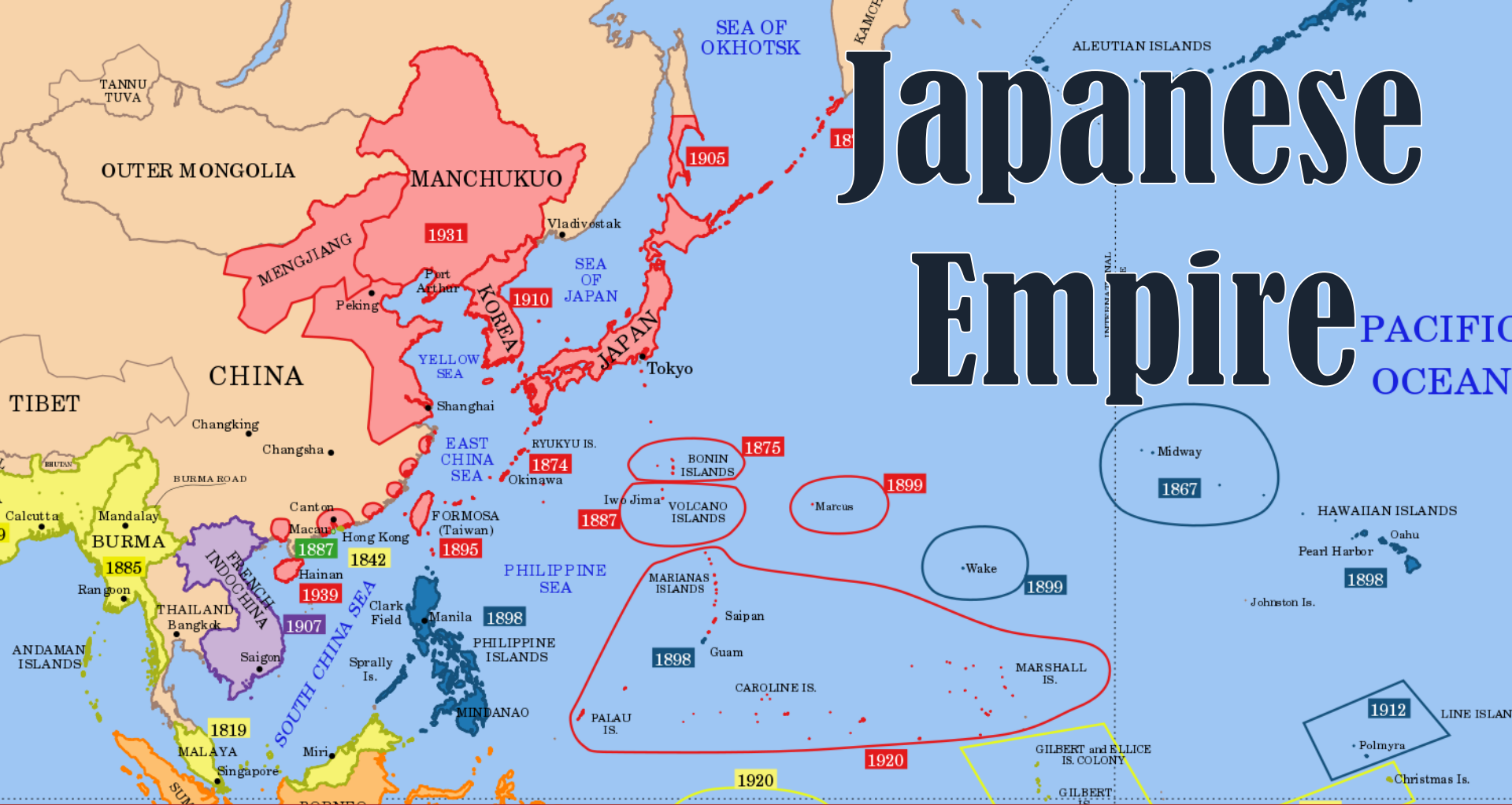
“And while I am talking to you mothers and fathers, I give you one more assurance. I have said this before, but I shall say it again and again and again:



*Your boys are not going to be sent into any foreign wars!”*

-- FDR (10/30/1940)

# The U.S. Enters the War



# Japanese Empire

PACIFIC OCEAN

# AGGRESSIVE WARFARE



INDIAN OCEAN

AUSTRALIA

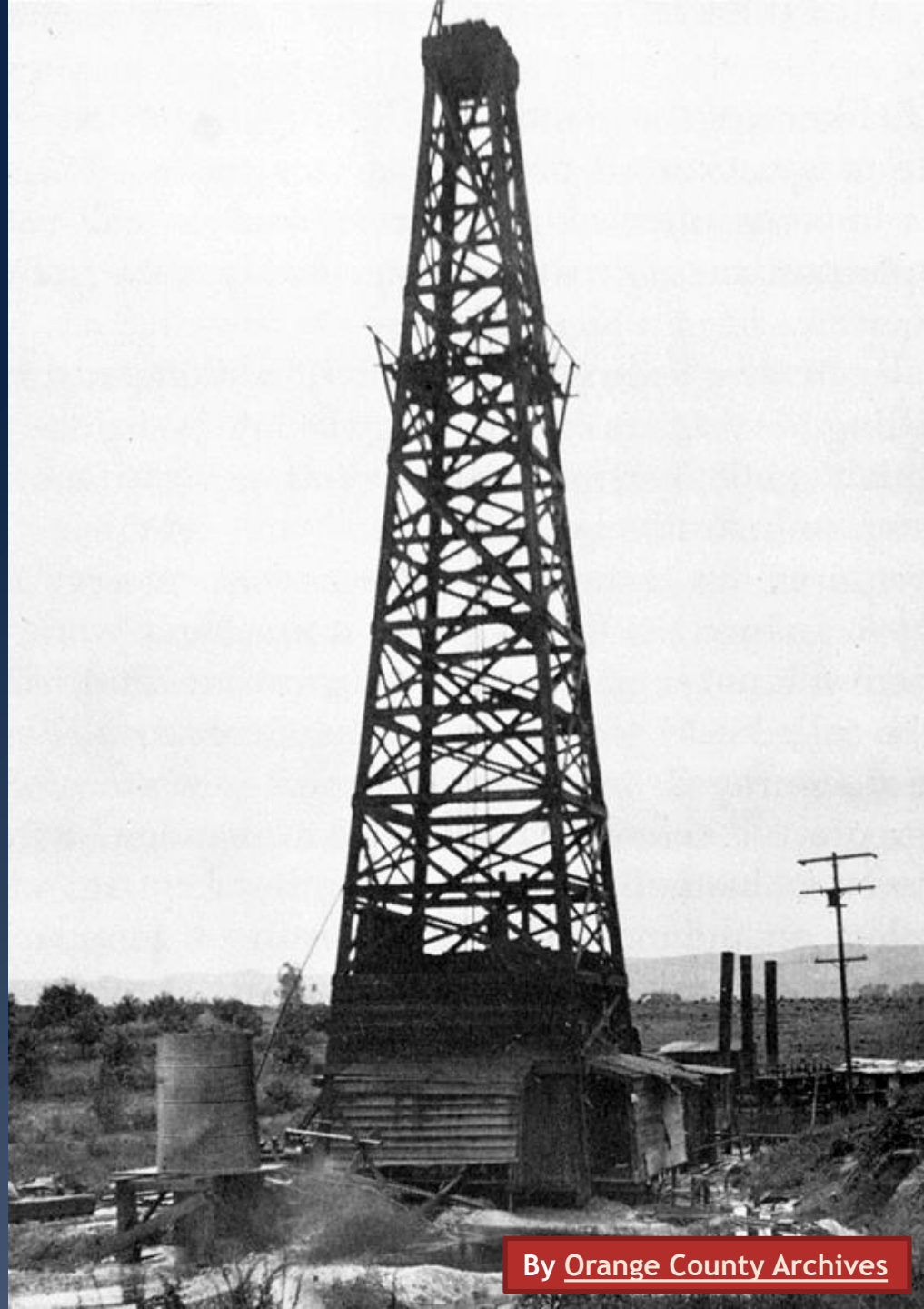
CORAL SEA



**Take THAT,  
Japan!**

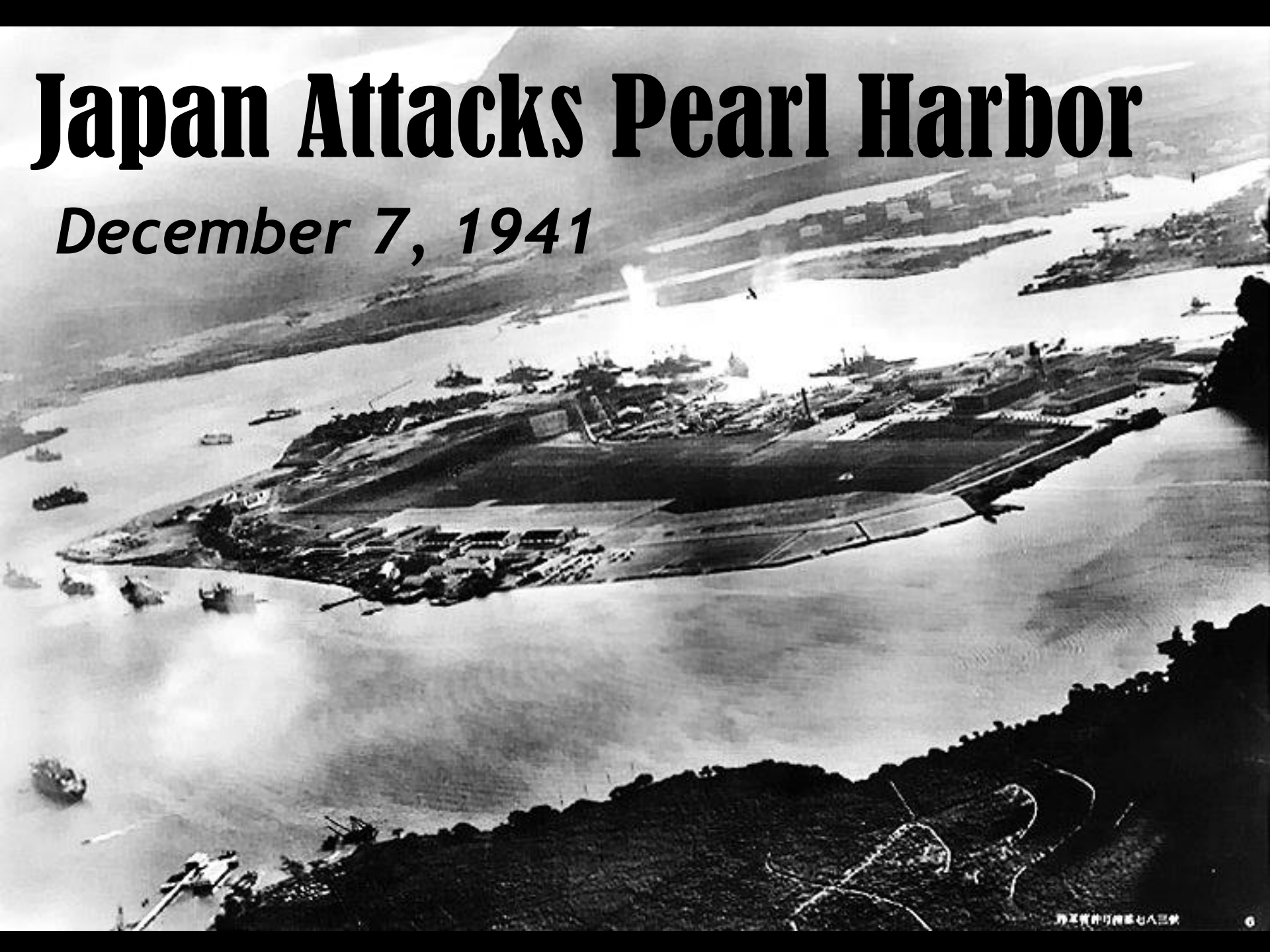
# EMBARGO

# NO OIL to Japan

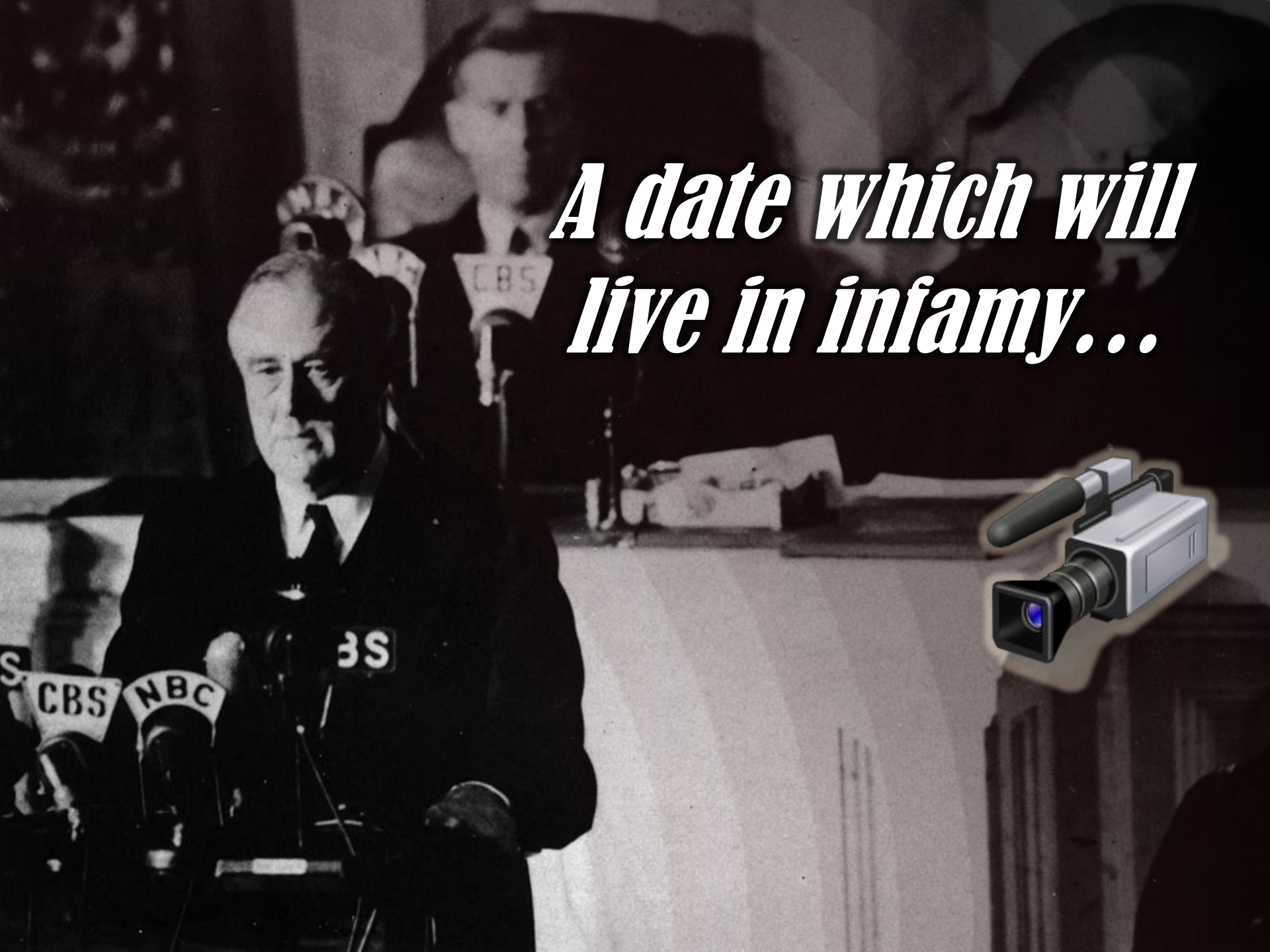


# Japan Attacks Pearl Harbor

*December 7, 1941*

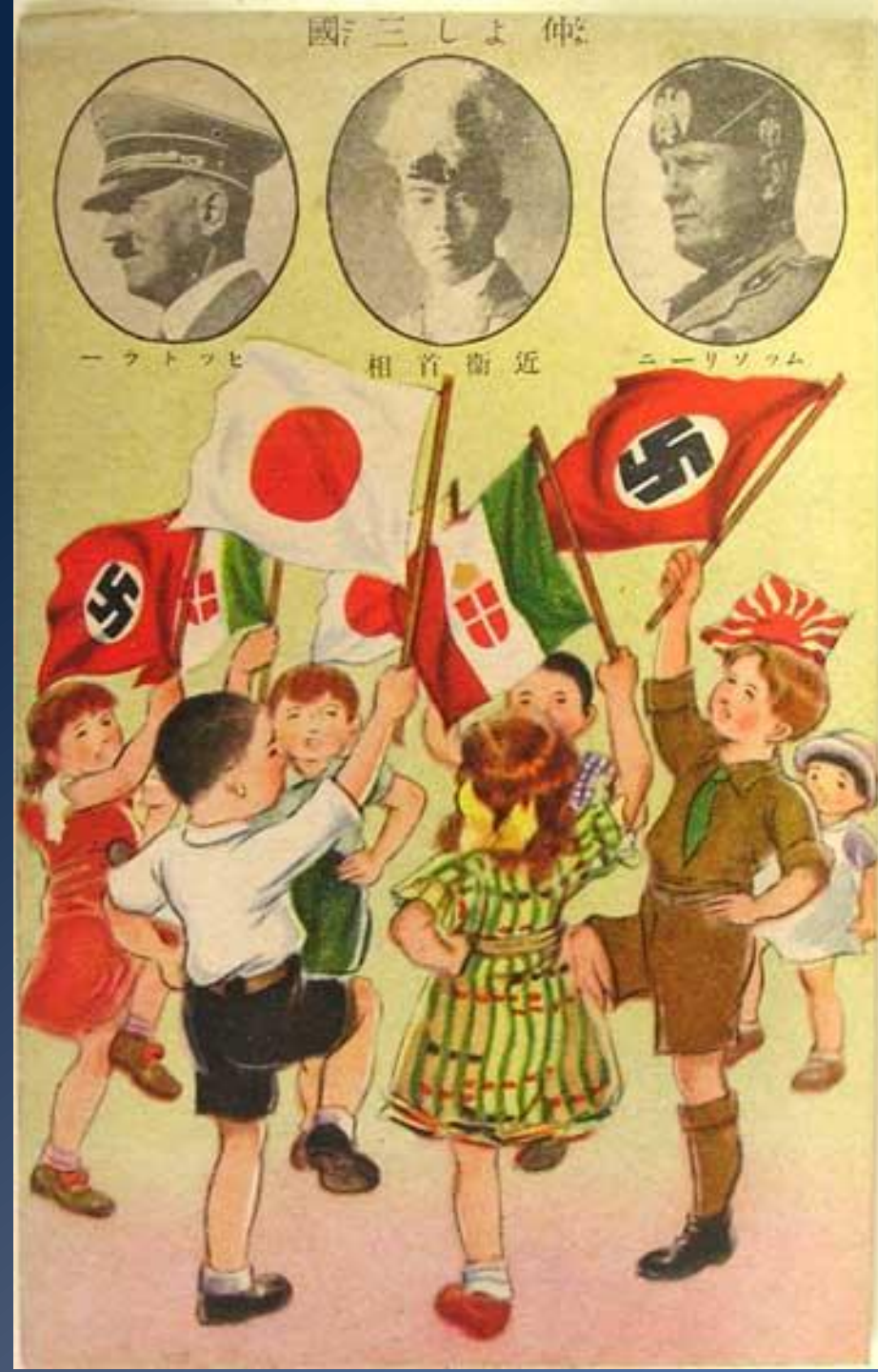


*A date which will  
live in infamy...*



# Axis Pact

*Japan, Germany, and Italy agree to cooperate in their efforts... They further undertake to assist one another with all political, economic and military means if one of the Contracting Powers is attacked by a Power at present not involved in the European War or in the Japanese-Chinese conflict.*



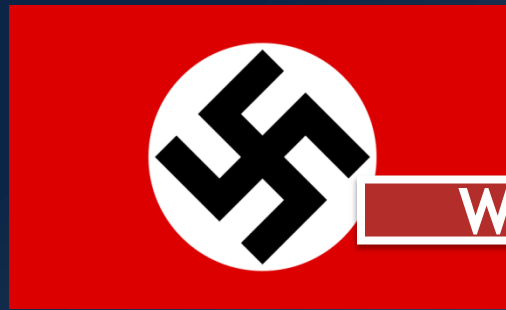


# December, 1941

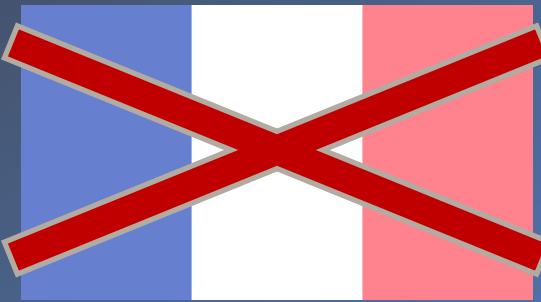
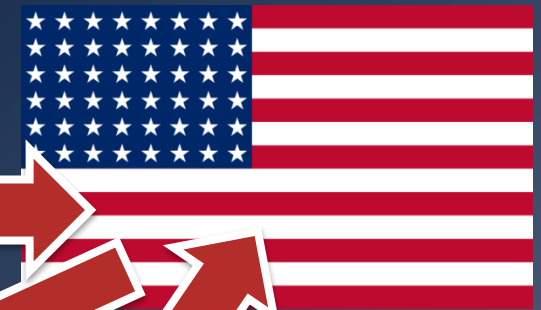
The Allies



The Axis



Neutral



Occupied

*Gentlemen...*  
*Start your*  
**PROPAGANDA**  
*engines!*

