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UNITED STATES

HISTORY

with Mr. Willis

UNIT 6 - DAY 6

**american
neutrality**

WORLD WAR II (1939-1945)



After **Poland** fell to **Hitler** & **Stalin** IN 1939, Europe was cut to pieces

SOVIETS INVADE THE BALTIC



Soviet **Red Army** invades **eastern Euro.** **democracies** of Estonia, Lithuania, Latvia, and Finland

NAZIS INVADE WESTERN EUROPE

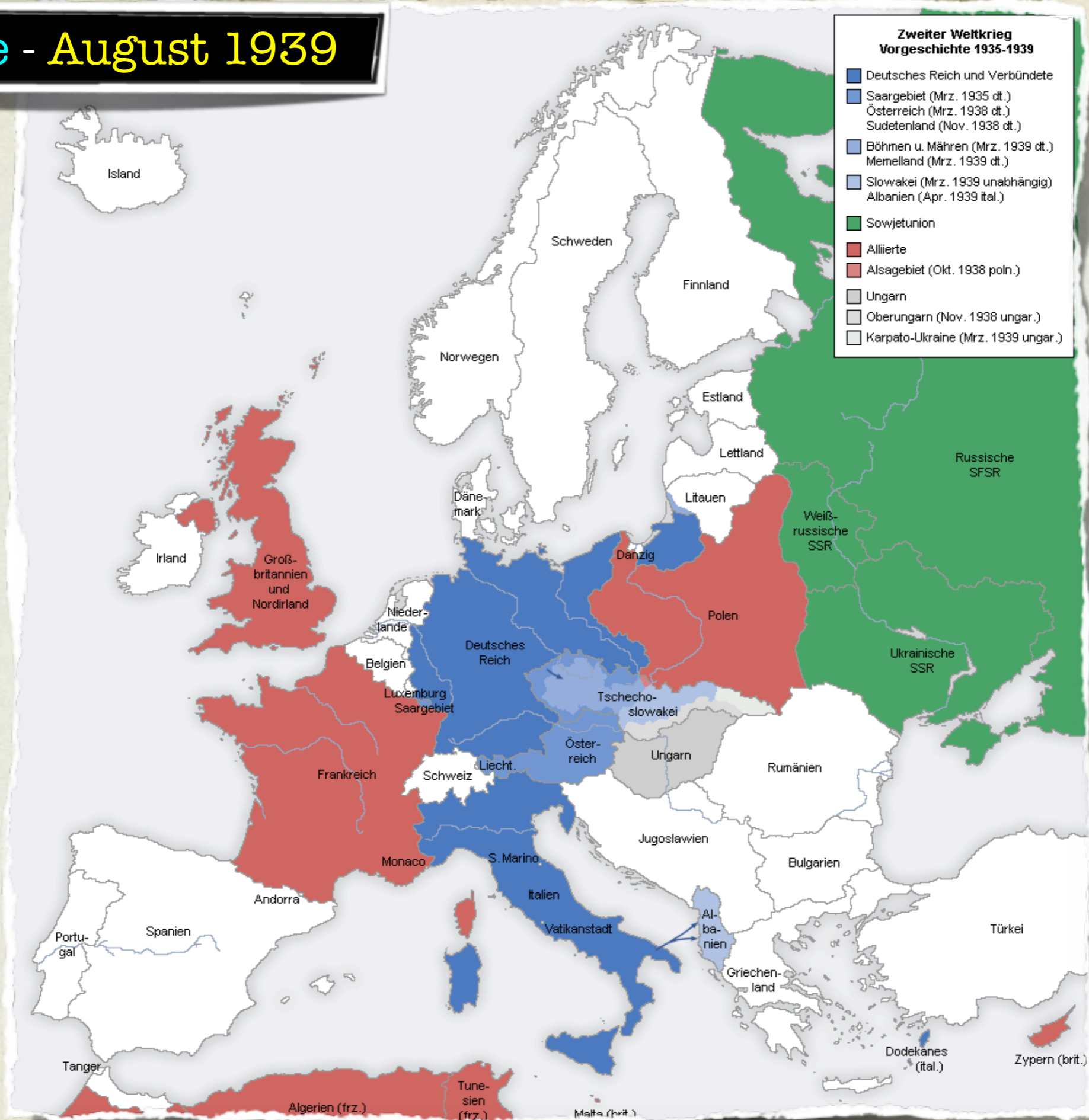


Hitler takes over **Denmark** & **Norway** to "protect their freedom & independence"

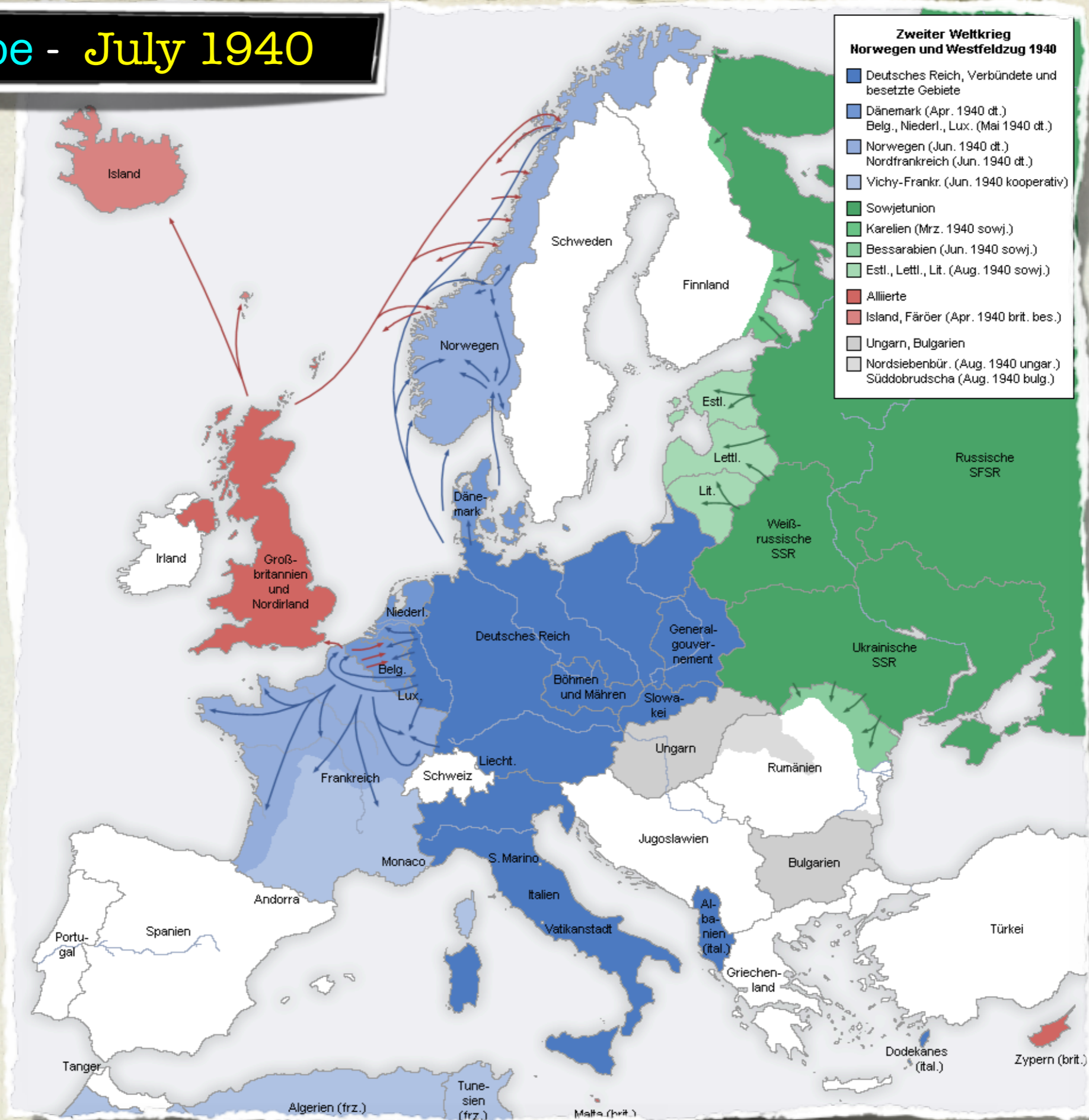
HE REALLY WANTED NAVAL BASES TO ATTACK UK IN THE NORTH SEA

Nazis then march on **Netherlands**, **Luxembourg**, and **Belgium** & take over. CAN NOW INVADE FRANCE FROM NORTH AND EAST

Europe - August 1939



Europe - July 1940



FDR PLEDGES NEUTRALITY

The Old Man of the Sea



Americans were **divided** on **intervention** in the war

ISOLATIONISTS VS. INTERVENTIONISTS

Americans who **avored isolationism** didn't want to aid the Allies or **send American boys** to fight and die in a European conflict

Americans who **avored intervention** wanted to **send aid** to the Allies & **isolate the aggressors** (FDR's **Quarantine Speech**)



THE NEUTRALITY ACTS

Eager to aid the Allies, FDR had to appease the isolationists by signing the **Neutrality Acts**

OUTLAWED AMERICAN ARMS SALES AND LOANS TO NATIONS AT WAR

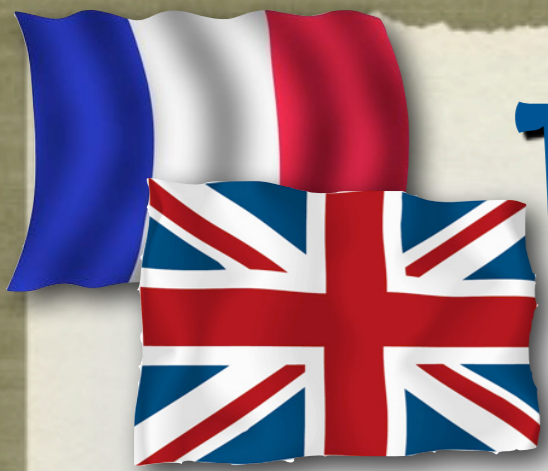
NATIONAL DEFENSE at *any* **EXPENSE**



But

KEEP OUR BOYS AT HOME

America First Committee



THE ALLIES IN TROUBLE

By **June 1940**, British and French troops were being **routed** on the western front

NAZIS INVADE & OCCUPY FRANCE

Germans trap the Allies at beaches of **Dunkirk**, then march on **Paris** and force the **French surrender**

NAZIS WOULD OCCUPY NORTHERN FRANCE WHILE THE FRENCH WOULD KEEP A NAZI-CONTROLLED PUPPET GOVERNMENT IN VICHY FRANCE

THE BATTLE OF BRITAIN

Hitler plans to invade England, but first moves gain air supremacy against the **RAF** FOR 2 MONTHS, 24 HRS A DAY, THE **LUFTWAFFE** BOMBED ENGLISH CITIES & WAR FACILITIES



FRANCE OCCUPIED BY AXIS POWERS 1940-1944





WITH ENGLAND IN TROUBLE,

AMERICA SENDS AID





AMERICAN INTERVENTION



THE FIGHT AGAINST FOREIGN WAR HAS JUST BEGUN!

THE VOTE ON NEUTRALITY REVISION WAS THE CLOSEST ON ANY WAR LEGISLATION YET.

There is still time to keep out — IF you do your part, by joining

AMERICA FIRST

AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE

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FDR persuaded Congress to **amend** the Neutrality Acts in order to **aid UK**

CASH-CARRY PROVISION

Sept. 1939 - Congress allowed the Allies to **buy US arms** in they could **pay in cash** and ship them on **their own ships**

BASES FOR DESTROYERS

PROMISING "all aid short of war" to UK, FDR makes a plan to give **US naval ships** in return for **British naval bases**

INCLUDED RIFLES AND MACHINE GUNS

Germany and **Italy** respond by **allying w/ Japan** to form the **Axis Powers**

MEANT TO THREATEN US W/ 2-FRONT WAR



UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS

CHINA

INDIA

JAPAN

PHILIPPINES

AUSTRALIA

INDIAN OCEAN

SOLOMON IS.

NORWAY
SWEDEN
FINLAND

ICELAND

GREAT
BRITAIN
EIRE

PORTUGAL

MOROCCO

RIO DE
ORO
FRENCH
WEST AFRICA

LIBYA

EGYPT

ANGLO-
EGYPTIAN
SUDAN

ARABIA

ETHIOPIA

GOLD
COAST

FRENCH
EQUATORIAL
AFRICA

KENYA

ANGOLA

UNION
OF SOUTH
AFRICA

MADAGASCAR

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MONGOLIA

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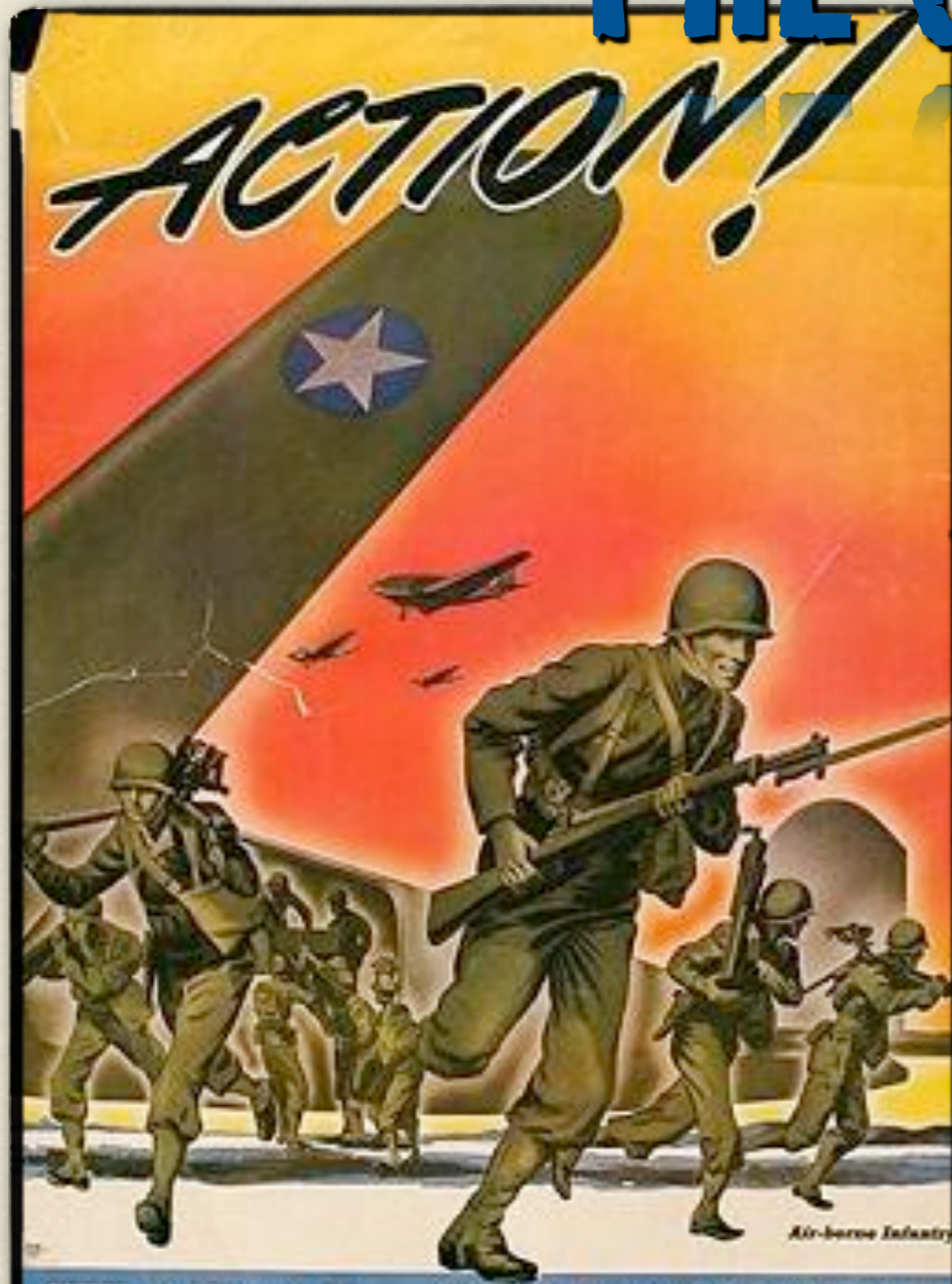
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ALEUTIAN

NETHERLANDS
INDIES

"THE GREAT ARSENAL"



MEN of 18 and 19 . . . Choose Your Combat Branch
INFANTRY • AIR FORCES • FIELD ARTILLERY • COAST ARTILLERY
ENGINEERS • SIGNAL CORPS • ARMORED FORCE • CAVALRY
APPLY AT ANY U. S. ARMY RECRUITING AND INDUCTION STATION

After FDR wins re-election to his 3rd term, he focuses on preparing for war

MILITARY BUILD-UP

FDR convinces Congress to dramatically increase defense budget to gear up for war
INSTITUTED 1ST PEACETIME DRAFT (1 MIL IN 1 YR)

LEND-LEASE PLAN

With UK out of cash, the Lend-Lease Act allowed Allies to borrow arms & supplies

June 1941 - Hitler violates his pact w/ Stalin and invades the Soviet Union

DESPITE OPPOSITION FROM SOME, FDR SENDS ARMS AND SUPPLIES TO USSR THRU LEND-LEASE ACT

THE ATLANTIC CHARTER

FDR and **BRITISH PRIME MINISTER WINSTON CHURCHILL** secretly met on a US destroyer

Eager to get FDR to declare war and send troops, Churchill had to settle for less
US & UK DECLARE AIMS/GOALS FOR THE WAR

PLEDGES OF THE **ATLANTIC CHARTER**

CORRECT THE WRONGS of World War I

Collective security for the world

DISARMAMENT of world powers

Self-determination for small nations

ECONOMIC COOPERATION and **free seas** thru trade

HOWEVER, **ROOSEVELT** DID PROMISE

CHURCHILL HE WOULD TRY TO **PROVOKE**

HITLER INTO AN **ACT OF WAR**

