

# World War II

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# Origins?

- in Europe

- in Asia

# Legacy of The Great War

## Resentment

- Germany and the Treaty of Versailles
- Japan and “Western condescension”

# Hitler and “Lebensraum”

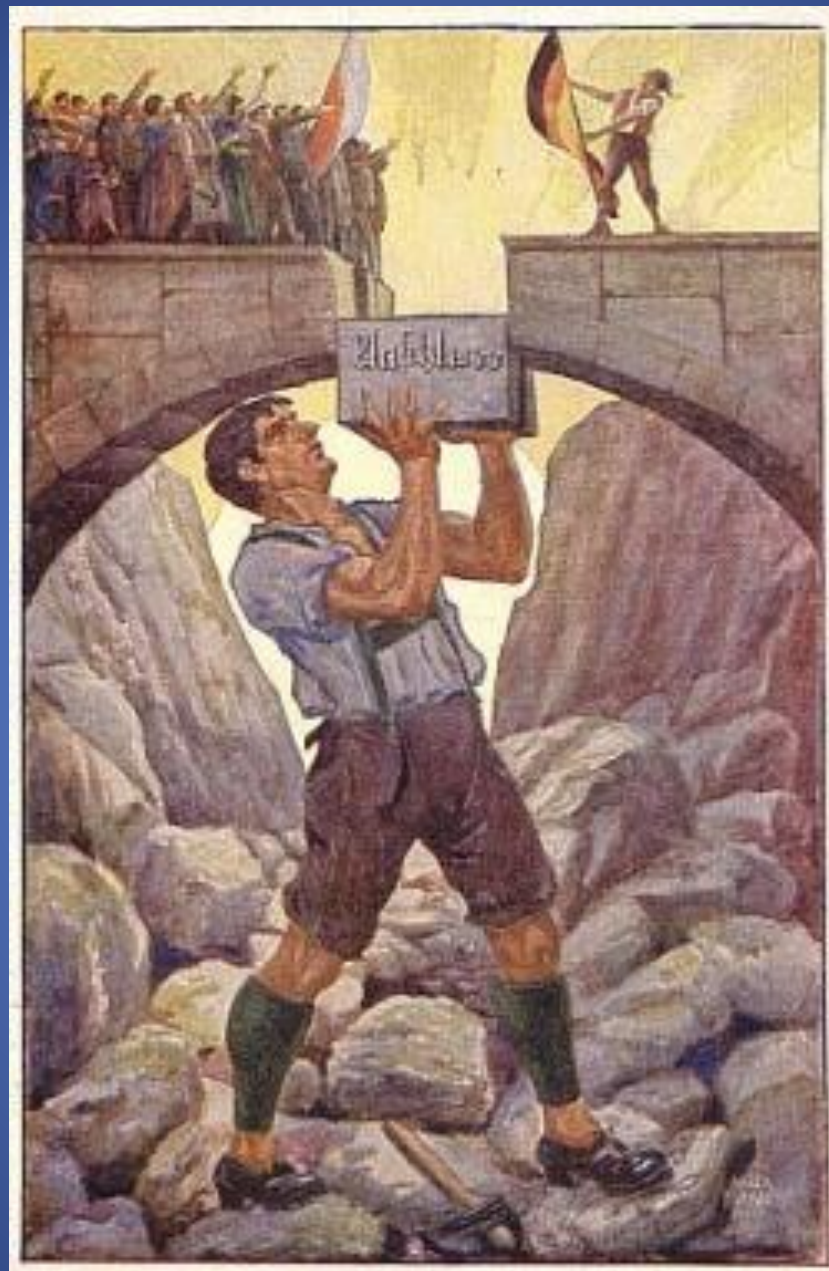


# Reoccupation of the Rhineland – March 1936



# “Anschluss” - March 1938









# The Munich Agreement

## September 1938













# The Sudetenland

## - October 1938







# What's next for Hitler?



-- France?

-- Great Britain?

# Nazi-Soviet Pact



# Invasion of Poland September 1, 1939





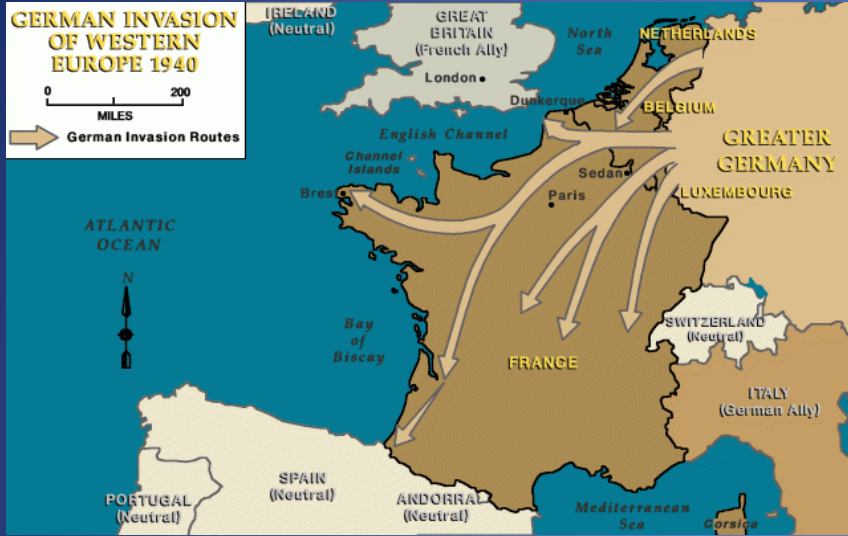
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Clifford Berriman, Washington Star, 9 October 1939

# “Maginot Line”



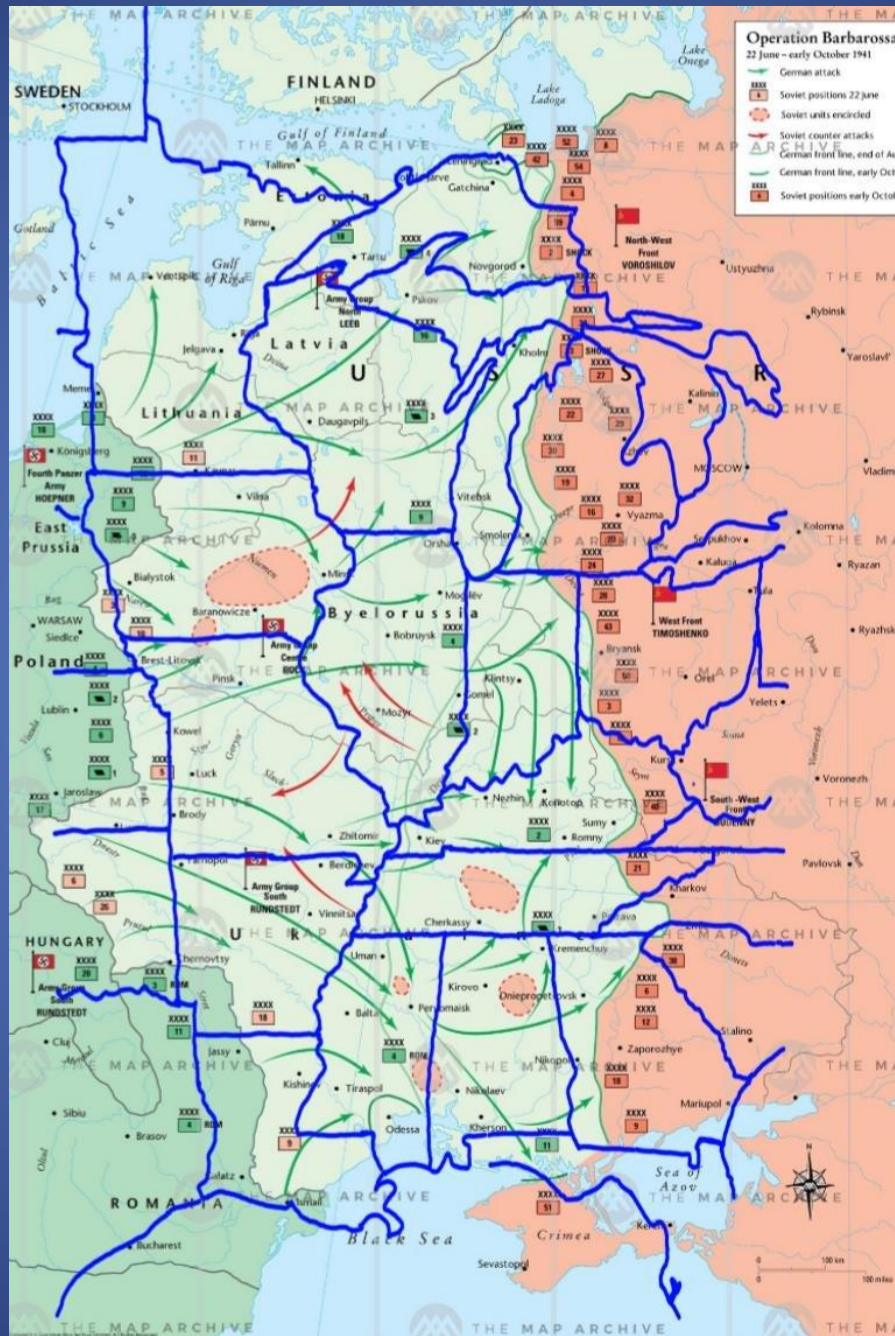
# The Fall of France



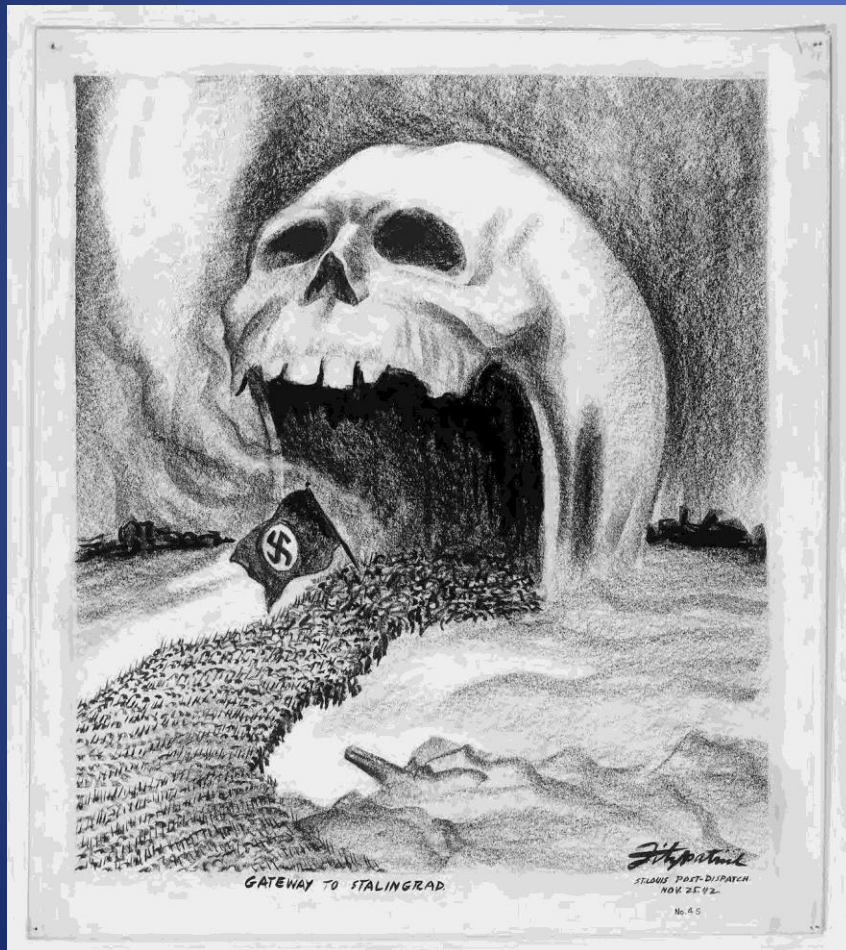


# Operation Barbarossa



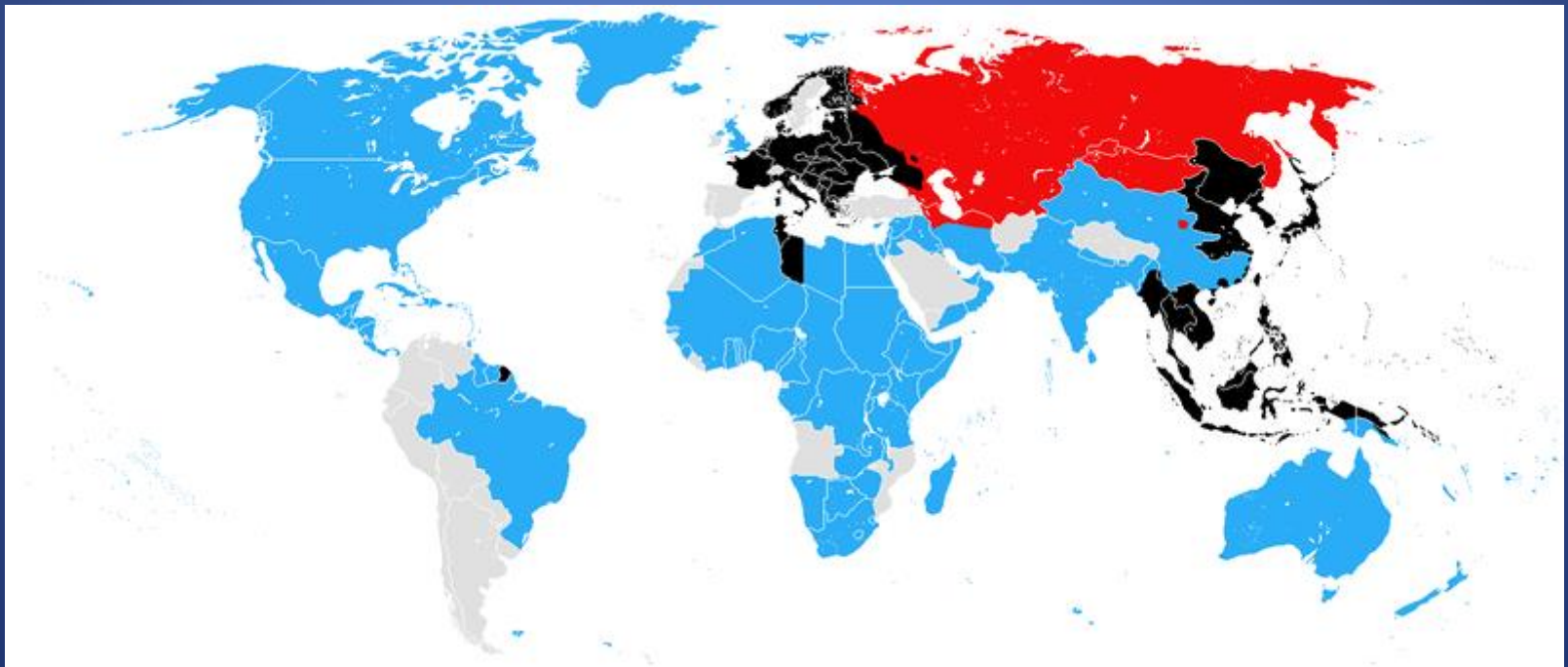


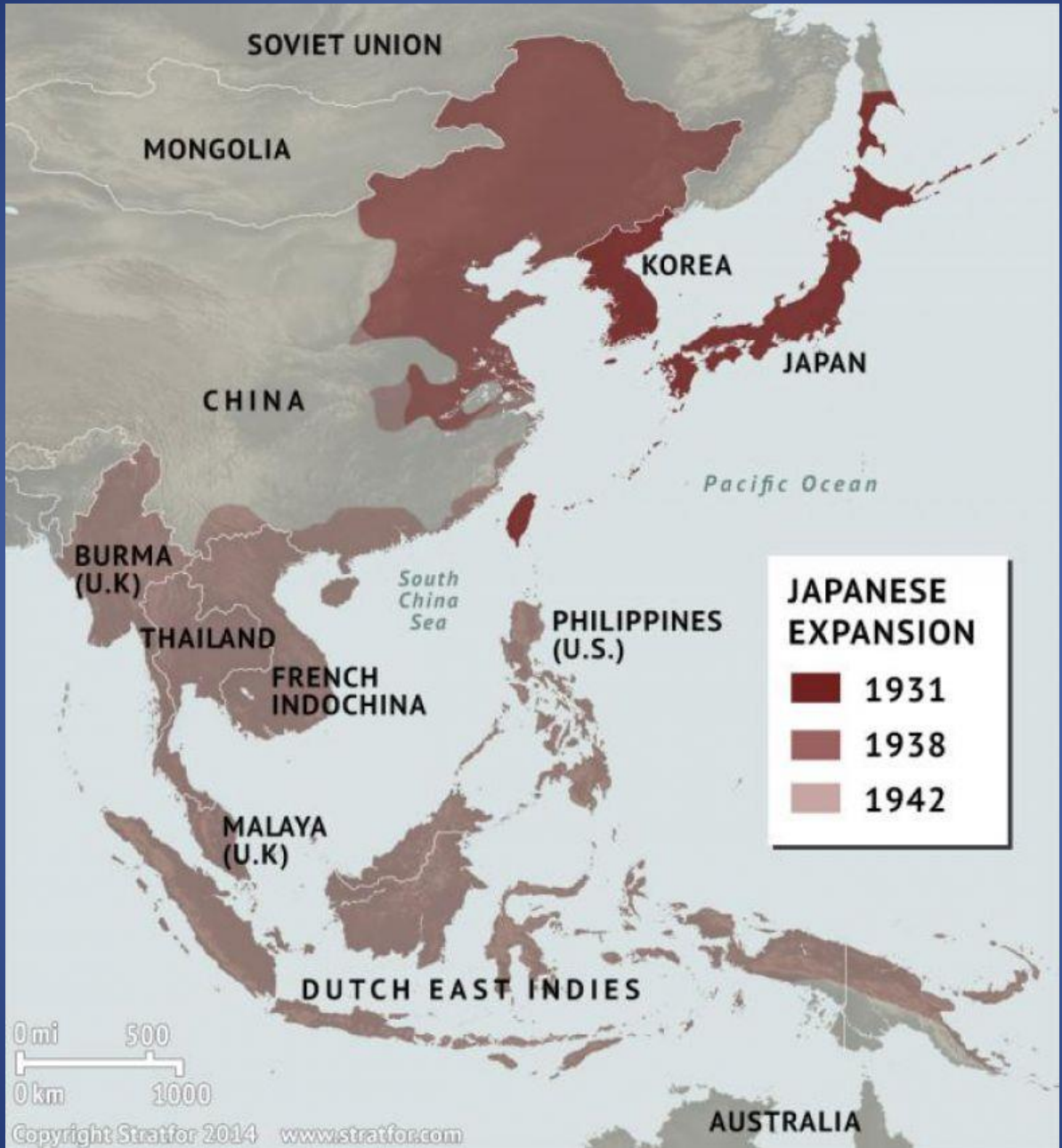
# Invading Russia = Bad Idea



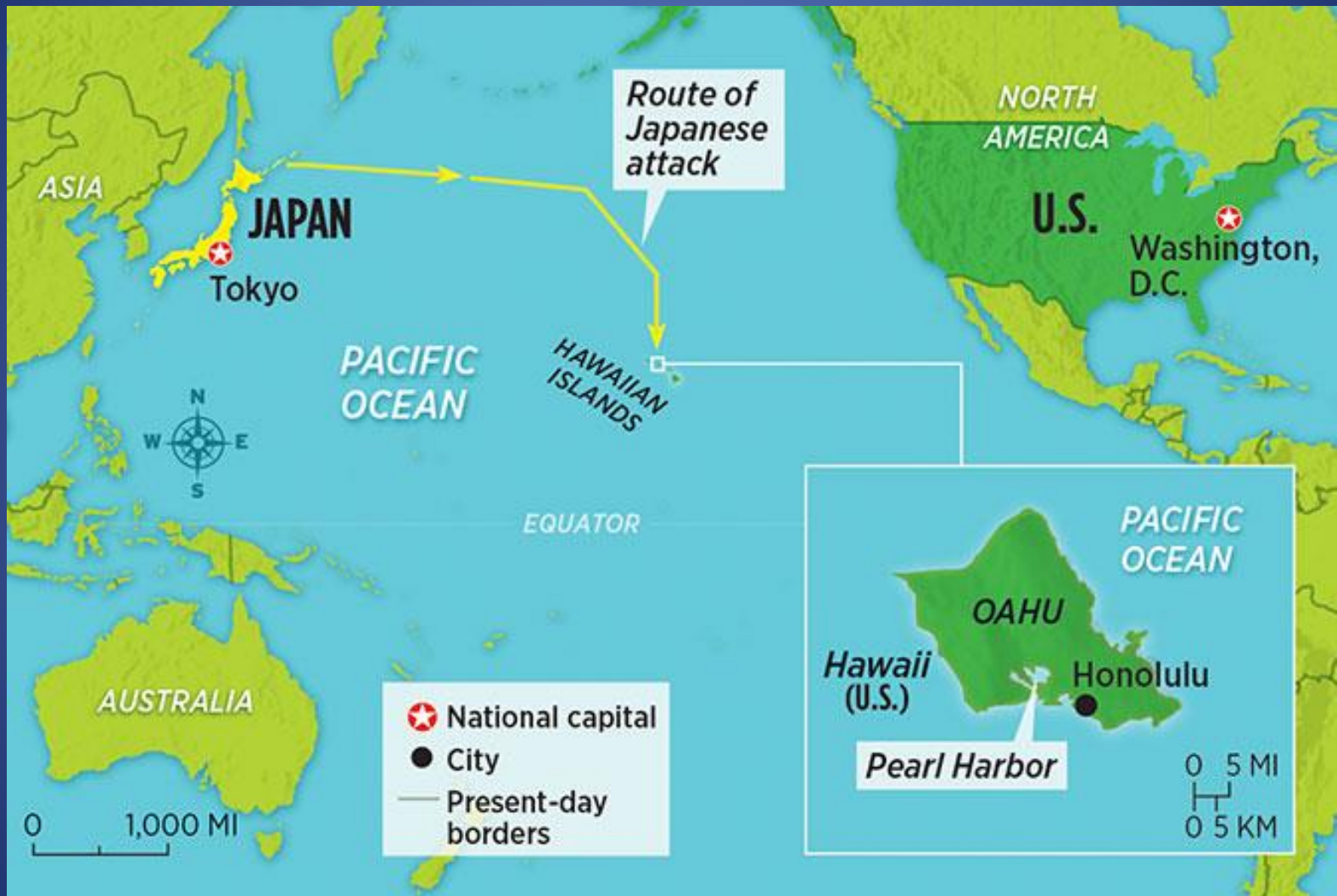
# The U. S. Role?

FDR and the idea of a “Second World War”









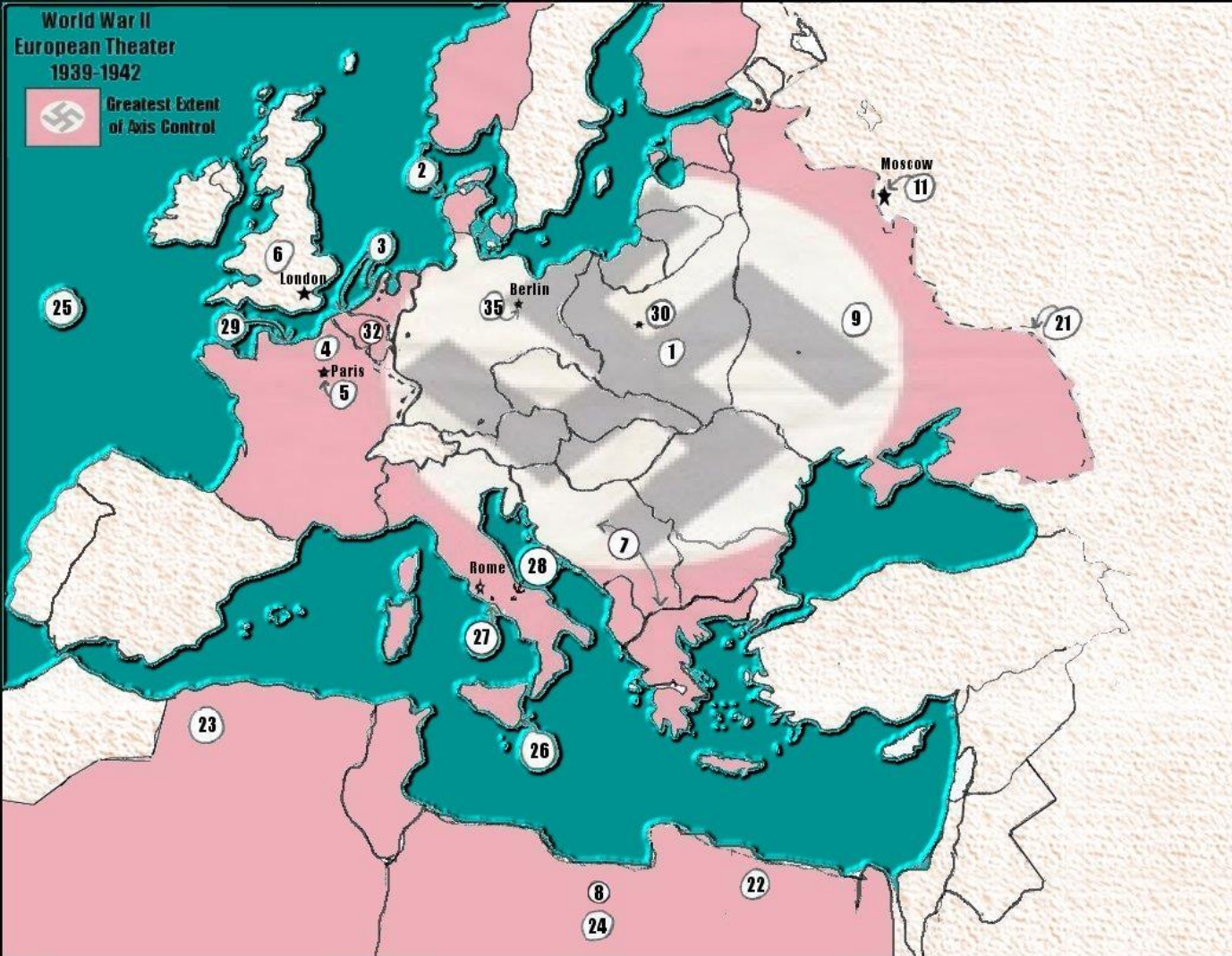
“I went to bed and slept the sleep of the saved.... Now at this very moment I knew that the United States was in the war, up to the neck and in to the death....Our history would not come to an end ... Hitler's fate was sealed. Mussolini's fate was sealed. And as for the Japanese, they would be ground to a powder.”

--Winston Churchill

"I shall run wild considerably for the first six months or a year, but I have utterly no confidence for the second and third years."

--Isoroku Yamamoto, Marshall Admiral  
of the Japanese Imperial Navy

# The European Theater -- 1942









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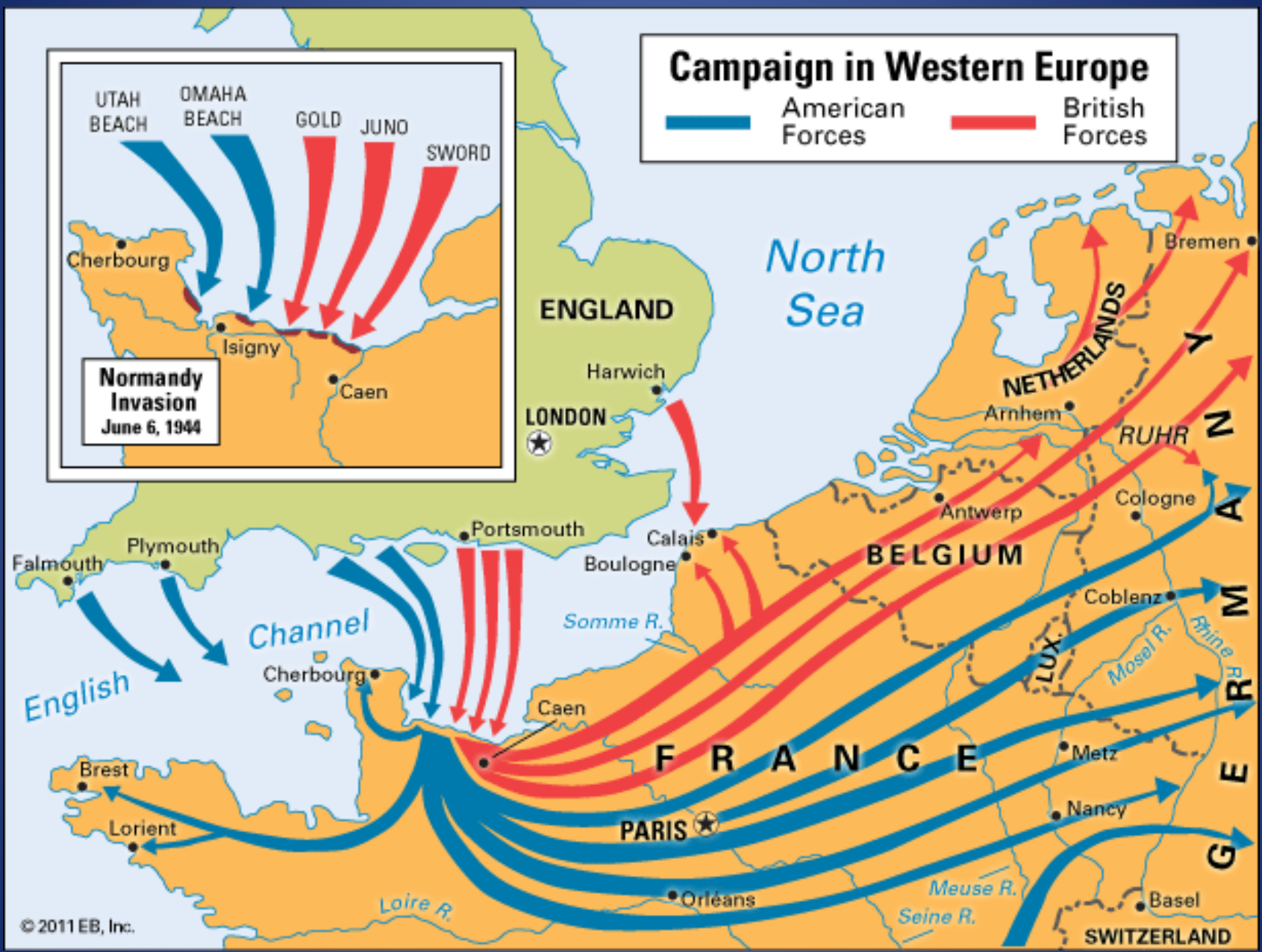
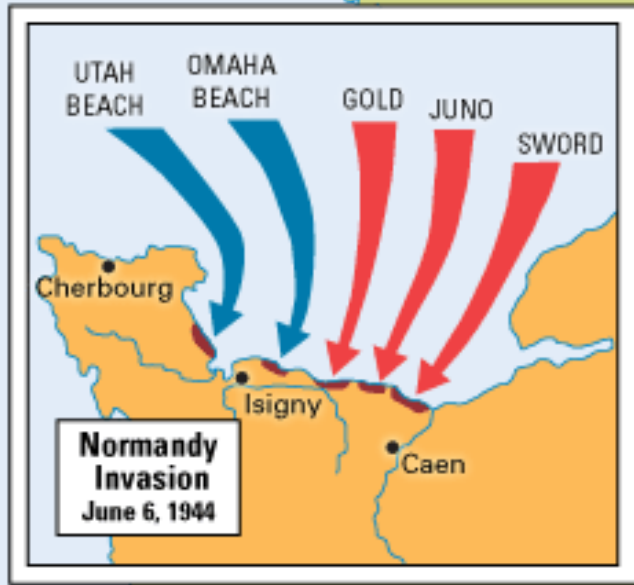
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# Campaign in Western Europe

 American Forces       British Forces



# Eastern Front





