

# The Shadow of WWII



# Totalitarianism in Europe

- \* Mussolini in Italy (1922)
- \* Stalin in the USSR (1924)
- \* Militarism in Japan

# Benito Mussolini

- ✱ Father of Italian Fascism
- ✱ “The third way”
- ✱ Wanted empire in Africa



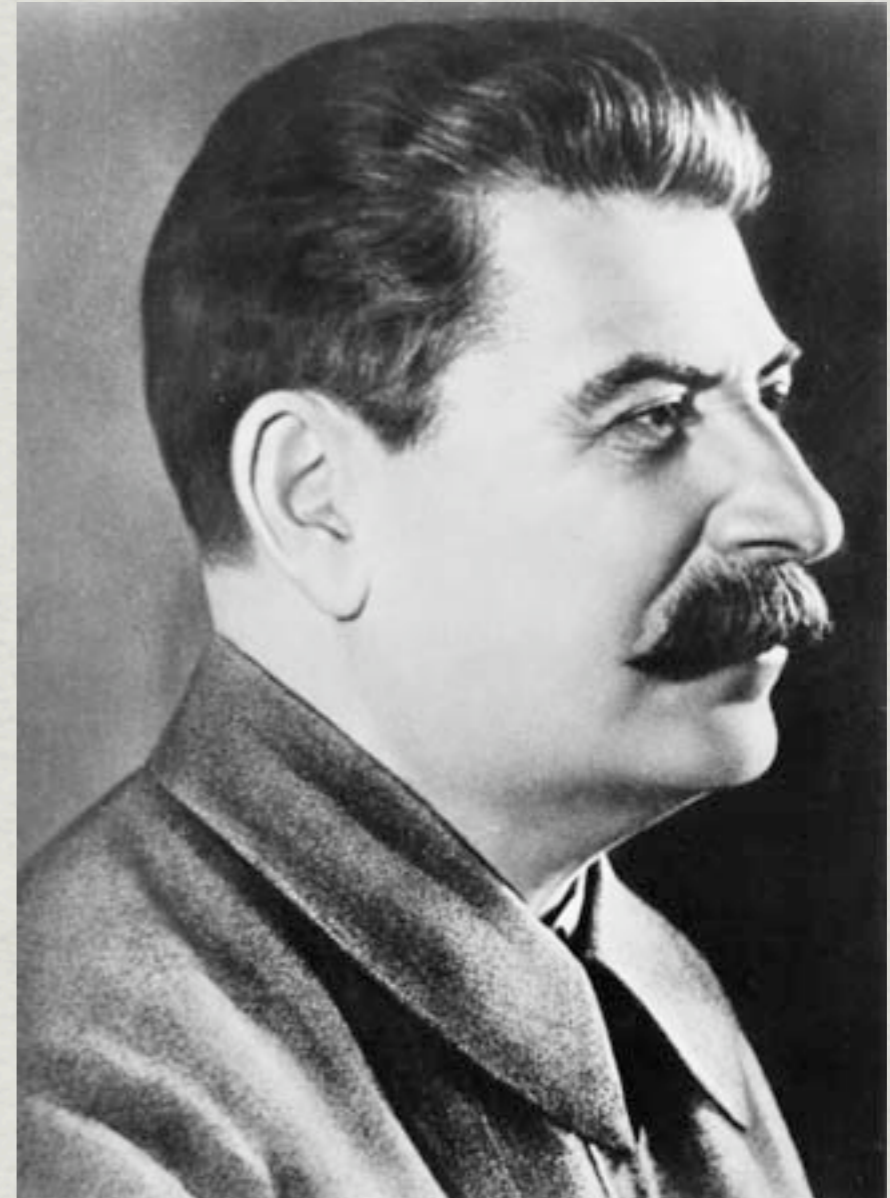
## MUSSOLINI'S ITALIAN CAMPAIGN (1935-1936)



**ADOLF HITLER**



**JOSEPH STALIN**



# Rise of Nazism

- \* Germans seek escape from economic disaster
- \* Eliminate the Versailles Treaty
- \* Regain national prestige



# US Recognizes USSR (1933)

- \* 16 years after Russian revolution
- \* US needs trade partners
- \* Hoped Soviet Union would counter Germany

# Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act (1934)

- \* Lowered Hawley-Smoot tariffs
- \* Kill the trade war
- \* End of the high-tariff era

# American Isolationism

- \* U.S. mired in Depression
- \* No interest in European affairs
- \* Still never paid back for WWI
  - \* Debtors defaulted

# Neutrality Acts

- \* 1935: No trading war materials to any nation
- \* 1936: No loans to any nations in war
  - \* Renewed act of 1935
- \* 1937: Citizens can't travel on belligerent ships

# Neutrality Acts

- \* Made no distinction between good and bad actors
- \* No trade with any belligerents...PERIOD



# Spanish Civil War

- \* Fascist General Franco overthrows republican gov't
- \* Hitler/Mussolini back Franco
- \* Socialists vs. Fascists
  - \* Practice run for WWII



# Imperial Japan



- \* Invades China (1937)
- \* FDR calls for economic embargoes
  - \* Refusal to trade with Japan/Italy
- \* Critics attack, FDR backs down

# German Aggression

- \* Hitler reinstates army (1935)
- \* Marches into Rhineland (1936)
- \* Annexes Austria (1938)

**On 13th March, 1938, Austria  
became part of the German Reich.**

# German Aggression

- \* Invades Sudetenland (Czechoslovakia)
- \* Appeasement: European leaders give in at Munich
  - \* Hitler promises to stop
- \* Takes rest of Czechoslovakia (world does nothing)

# Munich Conference (1938)



# Chamberlain promises peace



# Non-Aggression Pact

- ✿ Germany/USSR sign peace agreement
- ✿ Soviets no longer a threat to Germany
- ✿ Hitler can begin his military offensives



# WAR!

- \* Hitler invades Poland (October 1, 1939)
- \* UK/France declare war on Germany
- \* Americans stay neutral



**Germany**

**Poland**

**Danzig Corridor**

HOLLAND

BELGIUM

ALSACE  
LORRAINE

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

AUSTRIA

WEST  
PRUSSIA

EAST  
PRUSSIA

MEMEL

"All the News That's Fit to Print."

# The New York Times

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THREE CENTS

VOL. LXXXVIII, No. 24,976. NEW YORK, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1939. THREE CENTS

# GERMAN ARMY ATTACKS POLAND; CITIES BOMBED, PORT BLOCKADED; DANZIG IS ACCEPTED INTO REICH

## BRITISH MOBILIZING

### Navies Raised to Full Strength, Army and Air Reserves Called Up

## PARLIAMENT IS CONVOKED

### Midnight Meeting Is Held by Members—Negotiations Admitted Failed

### Black Call to Arms

LONDON, Friday, Sept. 1.—The British Parliament was convoked to meet today at 8 P. M. (10 hours to New York).

By unanimous vote, the House of Commons passed a resolution calling for a general mobilization of the British armed forces.

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## Bulletins on Europe's Conflict

### London News of Warsaw Meeting

### French Confirm Beginning of War

### Germany Reports German Offensive Moving on Three Objectives

### Roosevelt Warns Navy

### Also Notifies Army Leaders of Warfare—Emphasizes Task of Bombing of 4 Cities

### Warships on Both Front Reported

### Five Wounded Brought Into Germany

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## FREE CITY IS SEIZED

### Forster Notifies Hitler of Order Putting Danzig Into the Reich

## ACCEPTED BY CHANCELLOR

### Polen Ready, Made Their Preparations After Rejection Appeared Inevitable

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## HITLER GIVES WORD

### In a Proclamation He Accuses Warsaw of Appeal to Arms

## FOREIGNERS ARE WARNED

### They Remains in Poland at Own Risk—Nazis to Shoot at Any Planes Flying Over Reich

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## DALADIER SUMMONS CABINET TO CONFER

### News of Attack on Poland Spurs French Action—Military Move Thought Likely

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## BRITISH CHILDREN TAKEN FROM CITIES

### 2,000,000 Persons Are in First Evacuation Group, Which Is to Be Moved Today

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## Soviet Ratifies Reich Non-Aggression Pact; Gibes at British and French Annex Deputies

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# “Phony War”

- \* Six month calm before the storm
- \* November to April (nothing happens)
- \* April 1940: Hitler invades France



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# America Reacts

- ✱ 37 billion dollars in defense spending
- ✱ Massive military buildup
- ✱ First peacetime draft in U.S. history

# Battle of Britain

- \* Battle of Britain
  - \* Air war to keep Germany out of England
- \* Lasts for months
- \* British win, Hitler has to delay invasion

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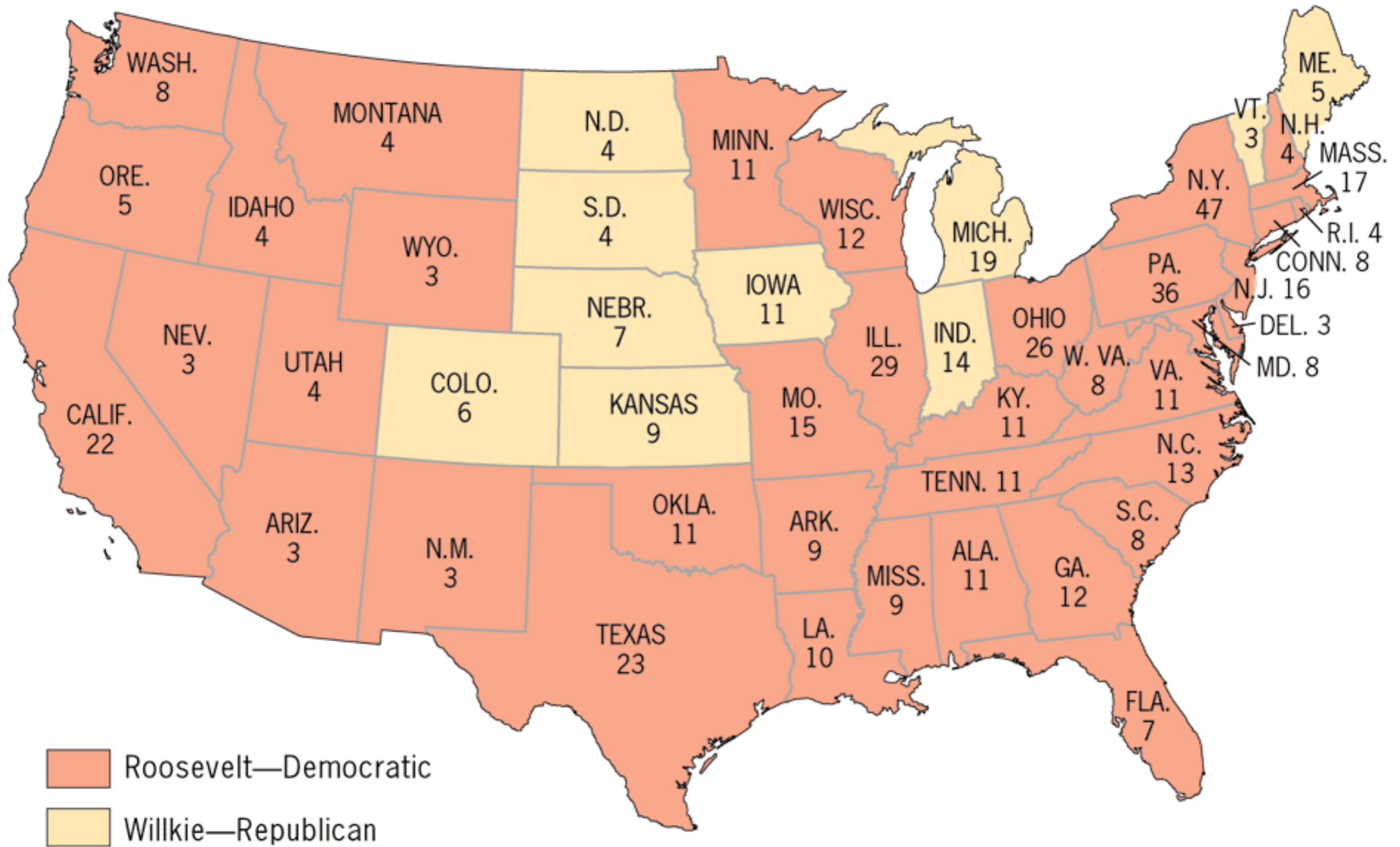
# Aiding Britain

- \* Fifty destroyers (ships) given to Britain
- \* Isolationists outraged
- \* Violation of neutrality

# Roosevelt's Third Term

- \* Runs in 1940
  - \* Violation of Washington's precedent
- \* GOP runs popular Wendell Wilkie
- \* Both promise to stay out of the war

# Election of 1940



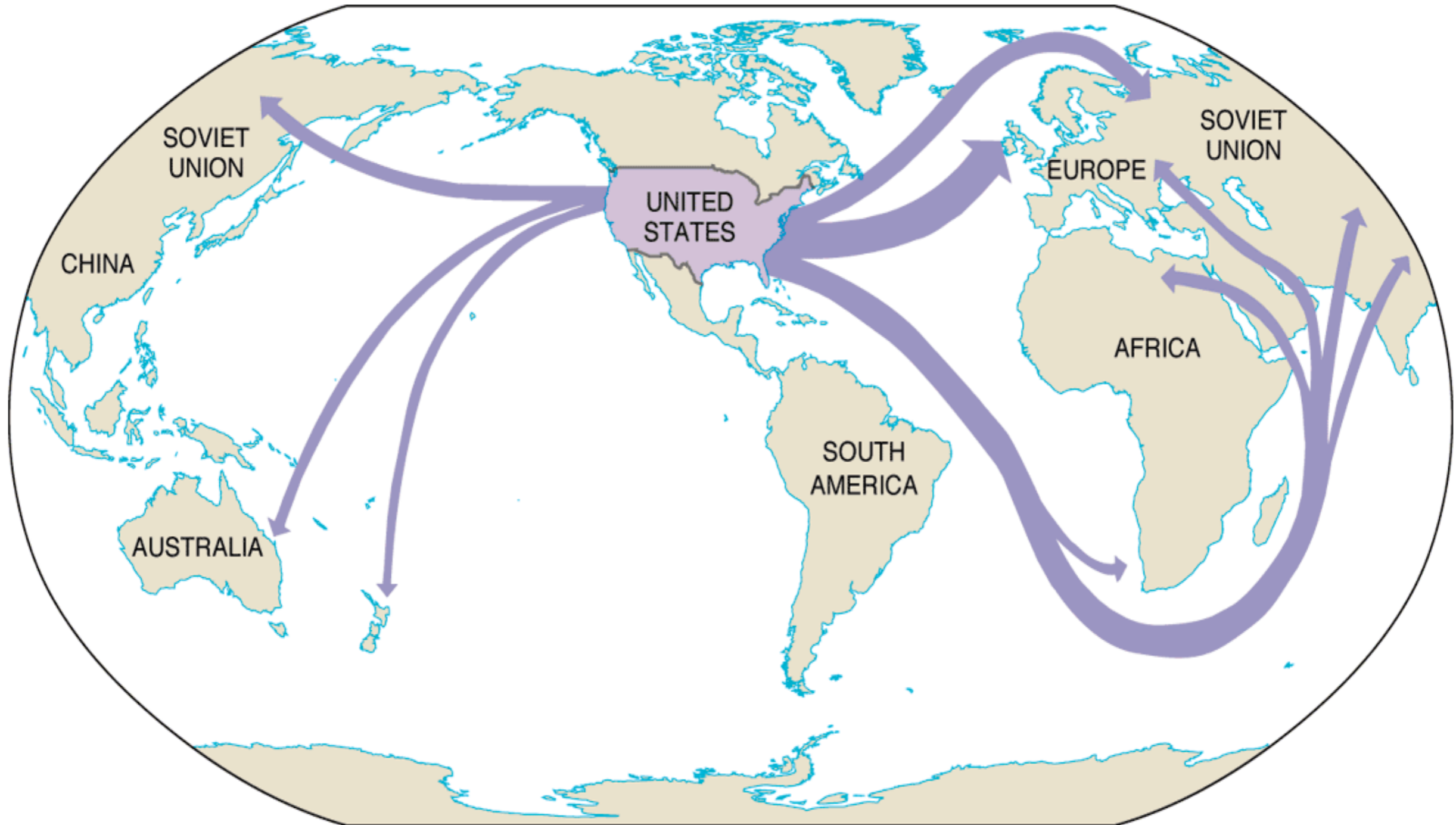
# Lend-Lease

- \* Lend guns and tanks to England
- \* “Send guns, not sons”
- \* U.S. would be the “Arsenal of Democracy”

# Atlantic Charter

- \* Hitler invades USSR (June 1941)
- \* Charter called for democracies after war
  - \* Disarmament
  - \* A new League of Nations (future UN)

# MAIN FLOW OF LEND-LEASE



Franklin Roosevelt was  
the first president to  
select a woman for his  
cabinet, Labor Secretary  
Frances Perkins.