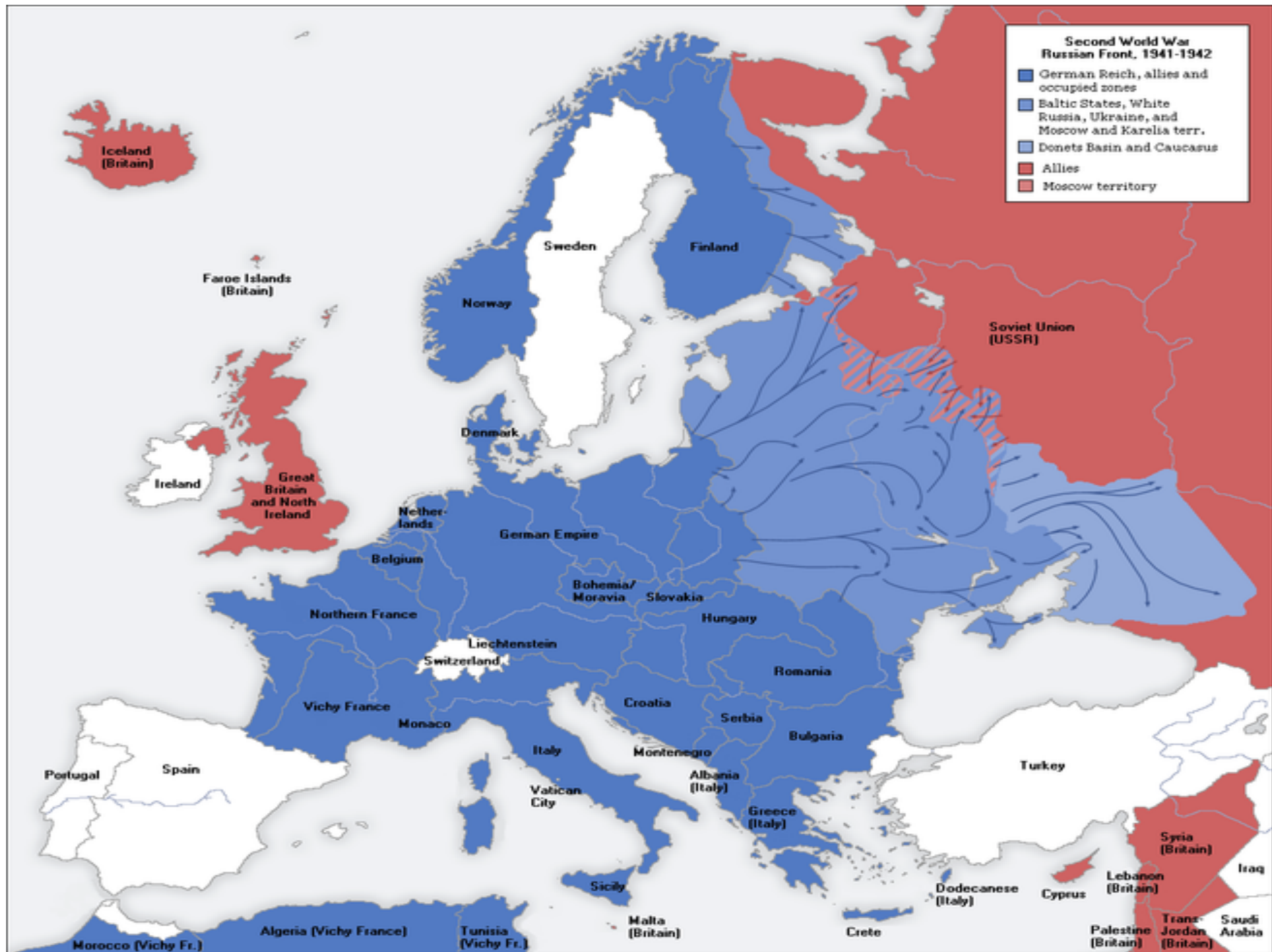


**“US in WWII”**

**1941-1944**

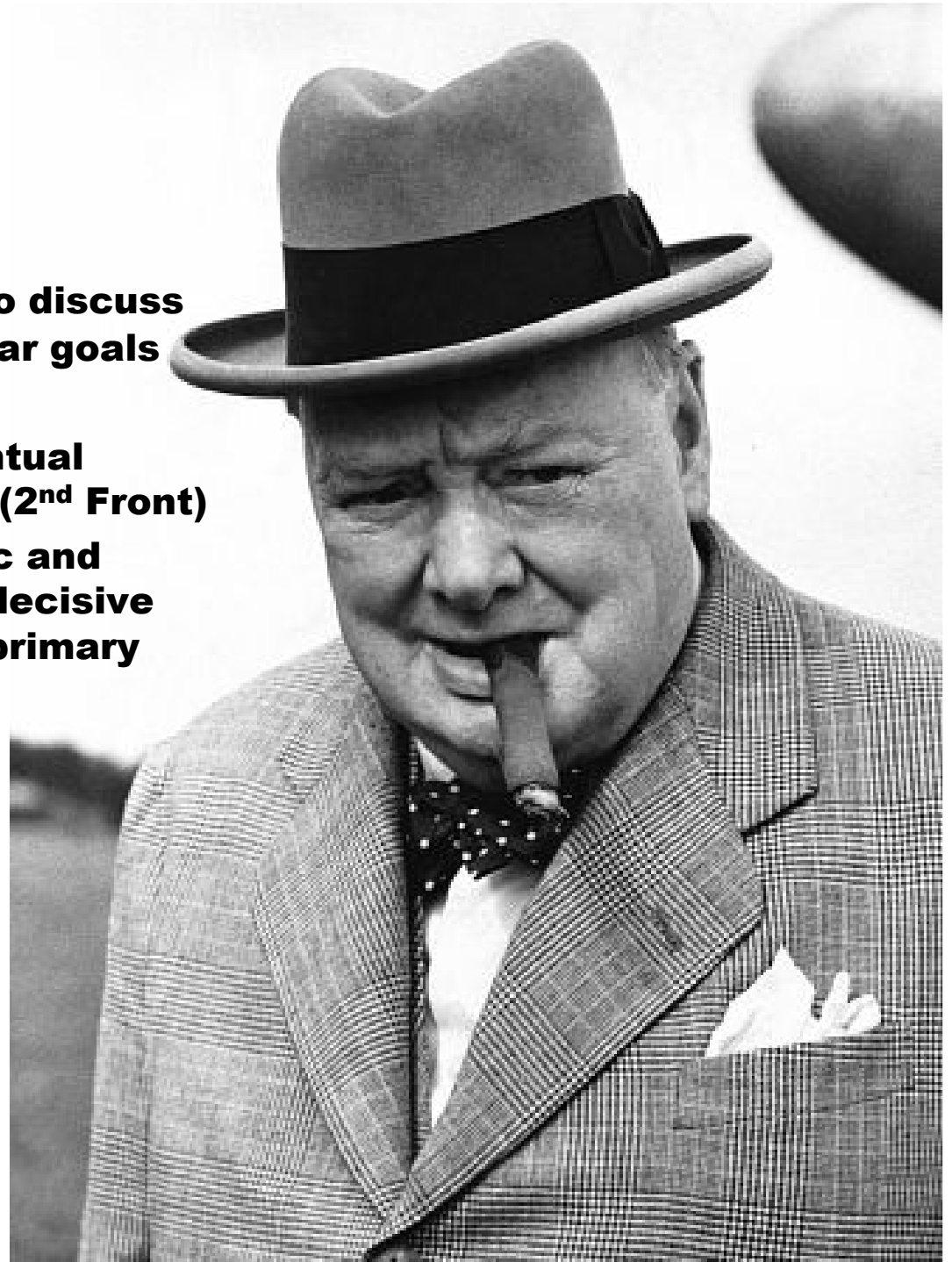


# Allies...

## **ABC-1 Agreement:**

**Conference held in Jan. 1941 to discuss integration of US and British war goals**

- **Remove Italy from the Axis**
- **Build-up forces for the eventual offensive against Germany (2<sup>nd</sup> Front)**
- **Agreement that the Atlantic and European areas were the "decisive theater" and would be the primary focus of US military effort**



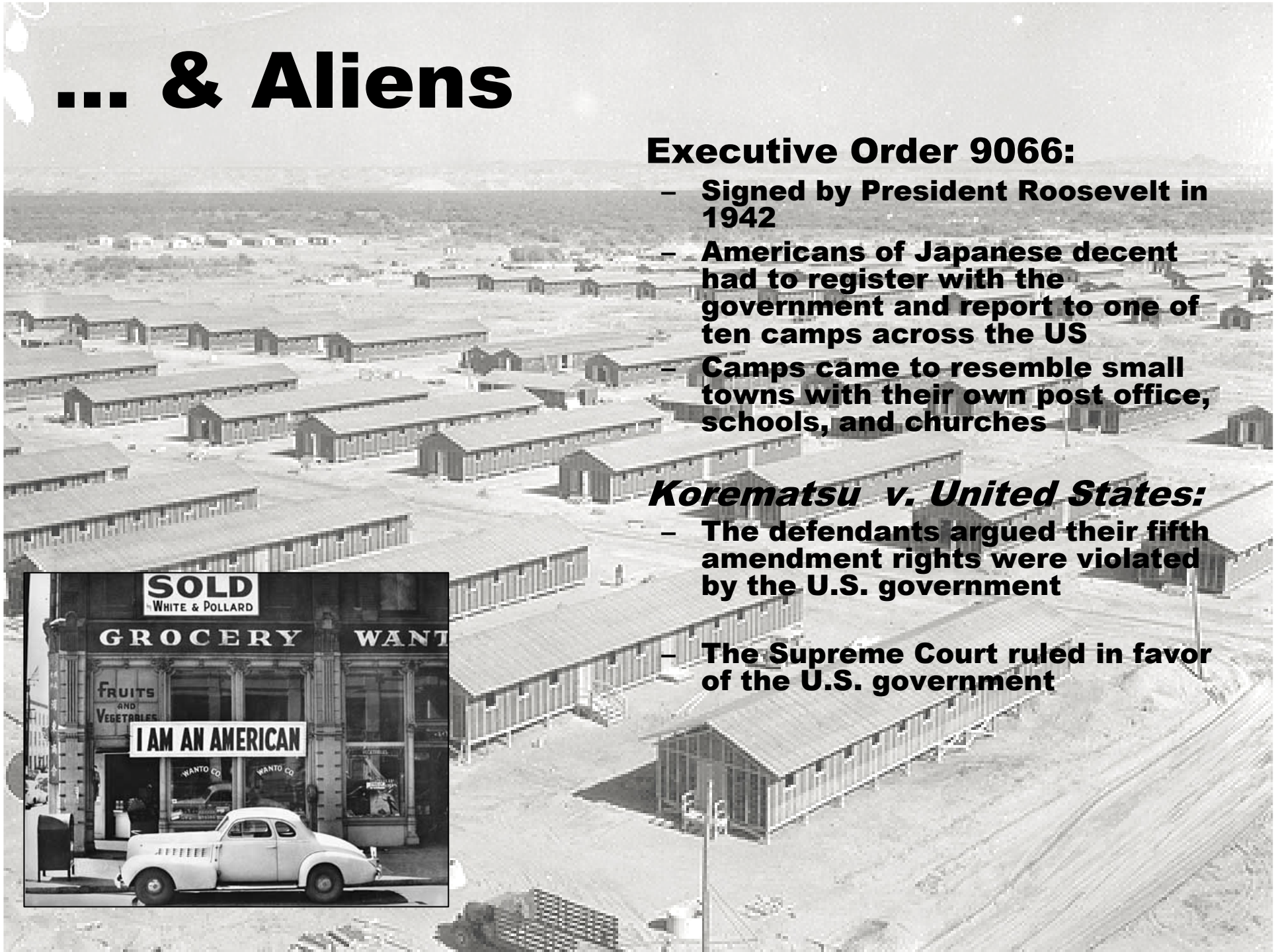
# ... & Aliens

## Executive Order 9066:

- Signed by President Roosevelt in 1942
- Americans of Japanese descent had to register with the government and report to one of ten camps across the US
- Camps came to resemble small towns with their own post office, schools, and churches

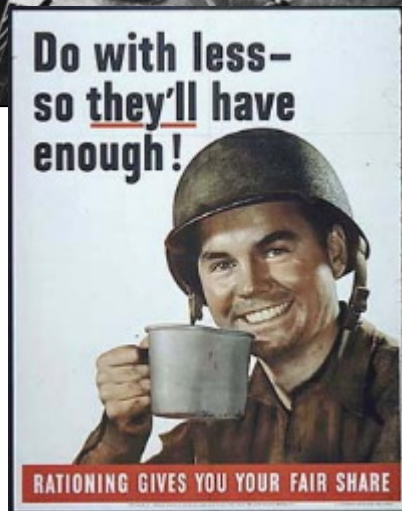
## *Korematsu v. United States:*

- The defendants argued their fifth amendment rights were violated by the U.S. government
- The Supreme Court ruled in favor of the U.S. government





# The War Machine



## **War Production Board:**

**Agency that regulated the production and distribution of materials and fuel**

**Converted peacetime industries to meet war needs**

## **Office of Price Administration**

**Agency that regulated prices and rationed certain supplies:**

**Gas, meat, tires, nylon, sugar, silk, coffee**

## **Smith-Connally Act:**

**Law that allowed the federal government to seize and operate industries threatened by or under strikes that would interfere with war production (Coal, Steel)**

**Congress overrode FDR's veto to pass**

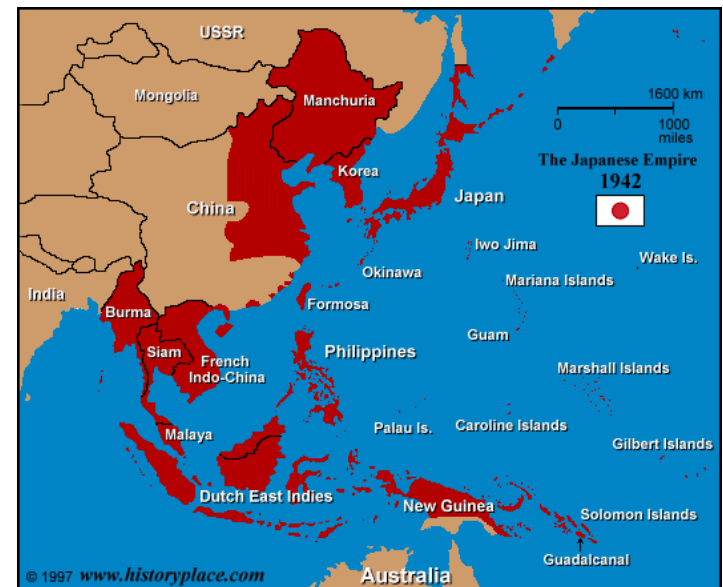
# The Pacific



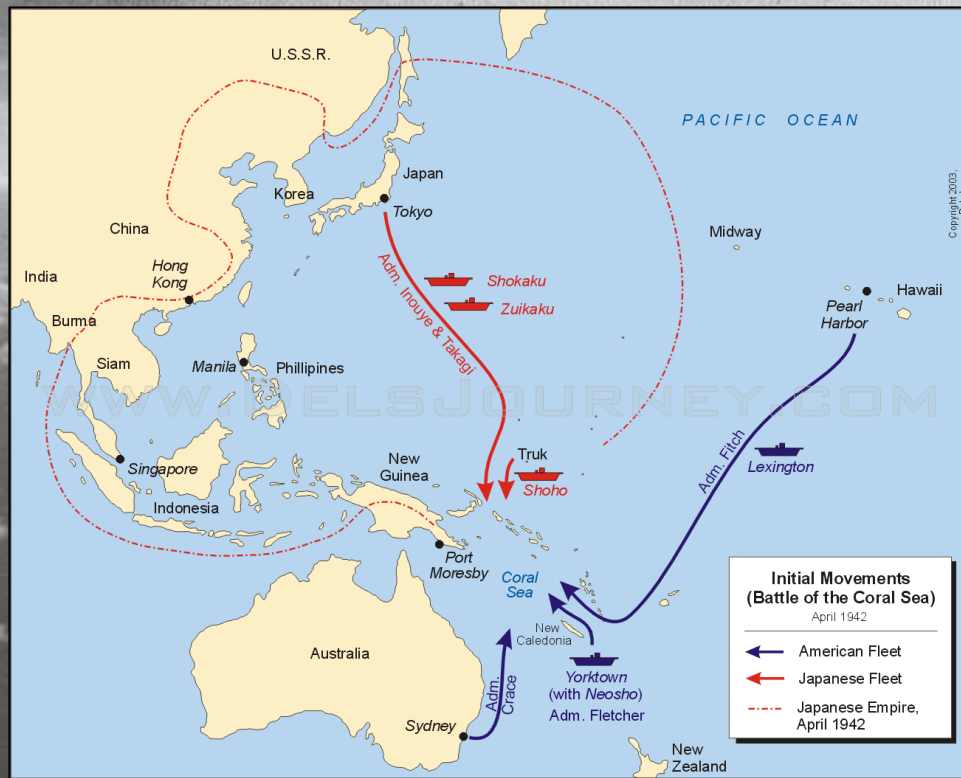
**The Japanese enjoyed early successes in the Pacific. Allied forces were driven from:**

- Guam**
- Wake Island**
- The Philippines**
- British Malaya**
- Dutch East Indies**

**By 1942, they controlled a vast empire rich w/ natural resources**





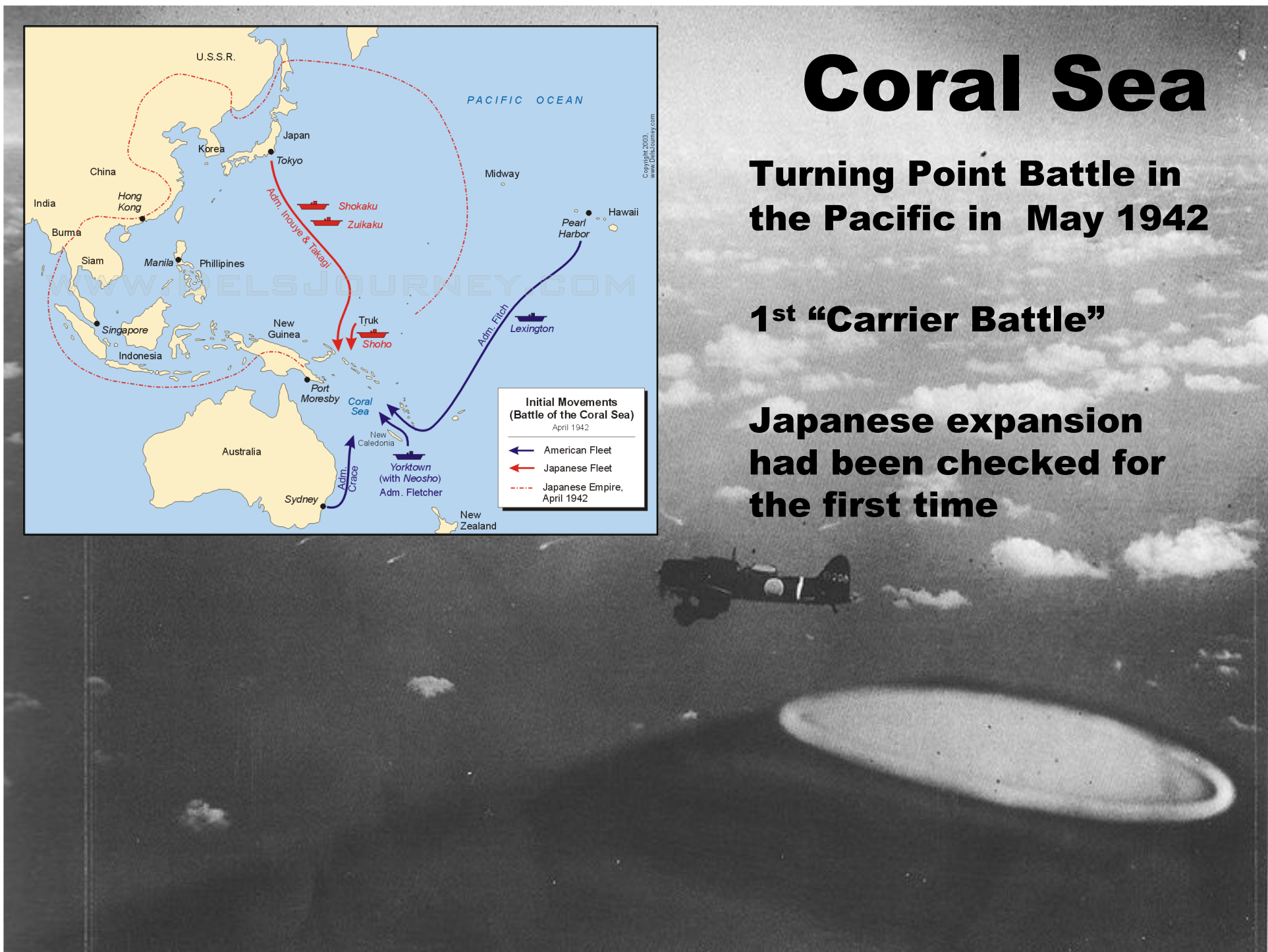


# Coral Sea

**Turning Point Battle in the Pacific in May 1942**

**1<sup>st</sup> "Carrier Battle"**

**Japanese expansion had been checked for the first time**





# **Battle of Midway**

**Pivot Point in Pacific June 1942**

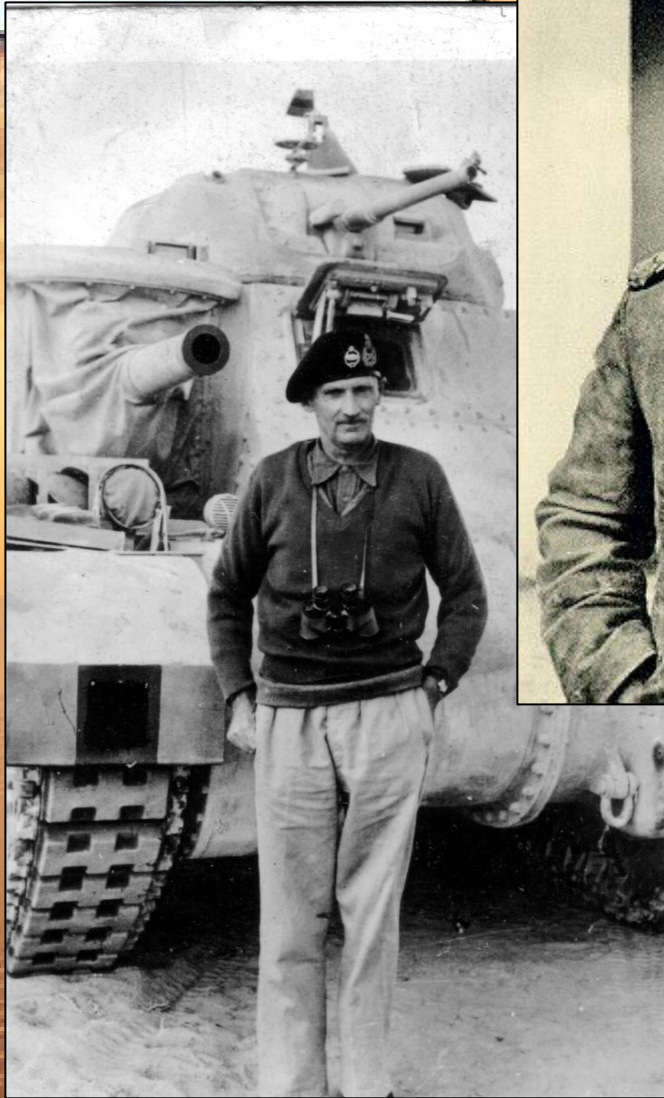
**After this Carrier battle,  
initiative shifted to Allies**

**US Navy and Marines begin  
“Island Hopping” through Pacific**

- US forces bypass heavily fortified positions**
- concentrate on strategically important islands capable of supporting the drive to the Japanese “Home Islands”**



# North Africa



In 1941 Hitler's armies were engaged on the Eastern Front against the USSR

Stalin begged for the Allies to open a 2<sup>nd</sup> front to provide some relief

Allied planners orchestrated an invasion of Europe through North Africa and Italy in 1942

Allied forces trap Rommel in Tunisia and force his troops to surrender

Rommel

"Monty"



**In 1943, during the invasion of Sicily, Mussolini was deposed**

**Hitler's armies invaded Italy and stubbornly held out**

**June 4, 1944 Rome fell to Allied forces**

**“Unconditional Surrender” were the terms the Allies offered Germany in 1943 after FDR and Churchill met at Casablanca**



# D-Day

**June 6, 1944 Allies invade Normandy, France led by General Dwight Eisenhower**

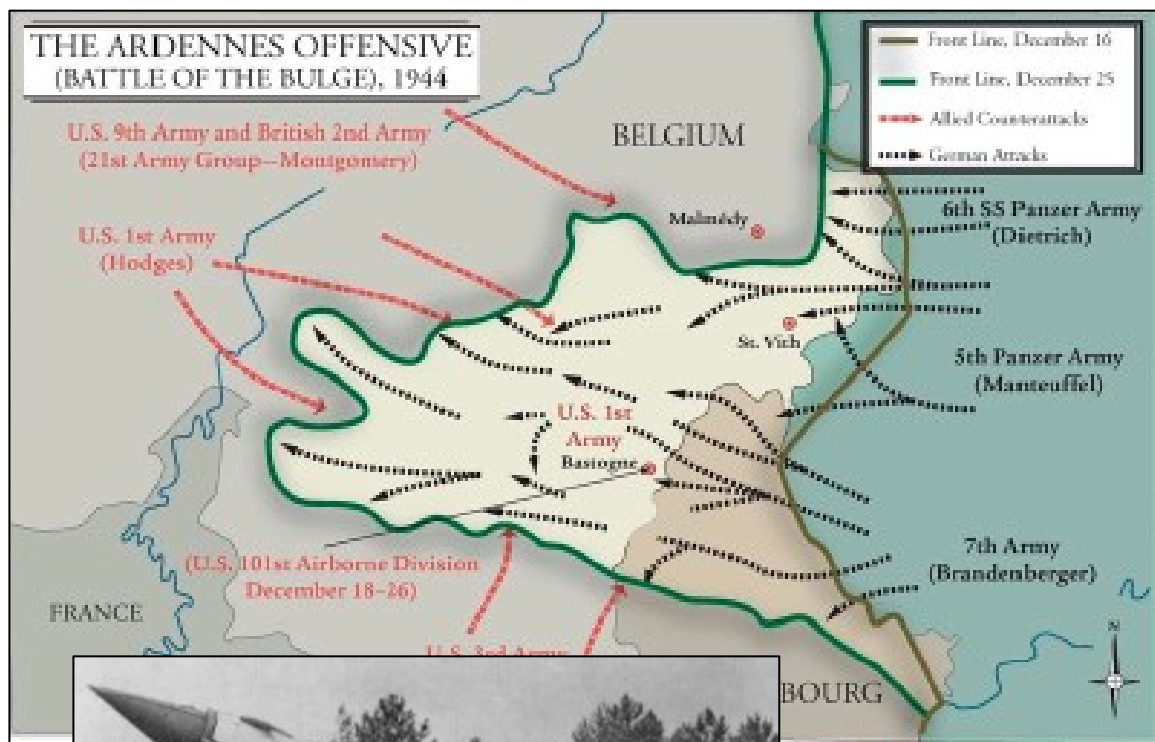
**101<sup>st</sup> and 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne troops parachuted into France behind enemy lines to capture bridges and other strategic spots**

**Allies launch a cross-channel invasion concentrating on the Normandy coastline**

**Largest invasion in human history involving over 3 million troops**



# “Battle of the Bulge”



**2<sup>nd</sup> front causes  
Hitler's forces in East  
to be driven back into  
Germany**

**Hitler's Last Offensive:  
Battle of the Bulge**

**New weapons brought  
to fore:**

**V2 Rockets  
Jet Airplanes**

**In April 1945, Soviet  
troops enter Berlin**



# Hitler's Last days

**On April 27, Hitler married long-time mistress Eva Braun in the *Führerbunker* and then committed suicide with her 2 days later**

**V-E Day:**

**Hitler's suicide caused Germany's military to collapse**

**Fighting in Europe ended on May 7, 1945 when Hitler's successor, Karl Donitz, surrendered unconditionally**



# Iwo Jima

**Japanese built bunkers w/  
interconnected tunnel  
system (Home Islands)**

**110,000 Allied troops were  
used to invade the island  
including Navajo  
“CodeTalkers”**

**Strategic importance:**

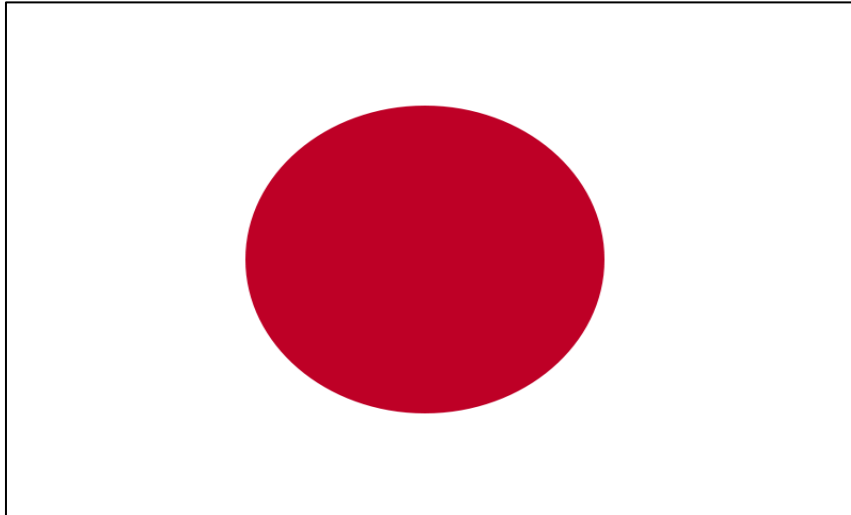
**Landing/staging base  
for B-29s**



**Gen. Kuribayashi**



# Casualties



**Strength: 22,785**

**KIA: 21,569**

**Captured: 216**

**Total Casualties: 21,785**



**Strength: 110,000**

**KIA: 6,821**

**MIA: 494**

**Wounded: 19,189**

**Total Casualties: 26,504**



# Potsdam



**Big 3 discuss:**

**Partitioning of Europe**

**Fate of Eastern Europe**

**Alliance against Japan**

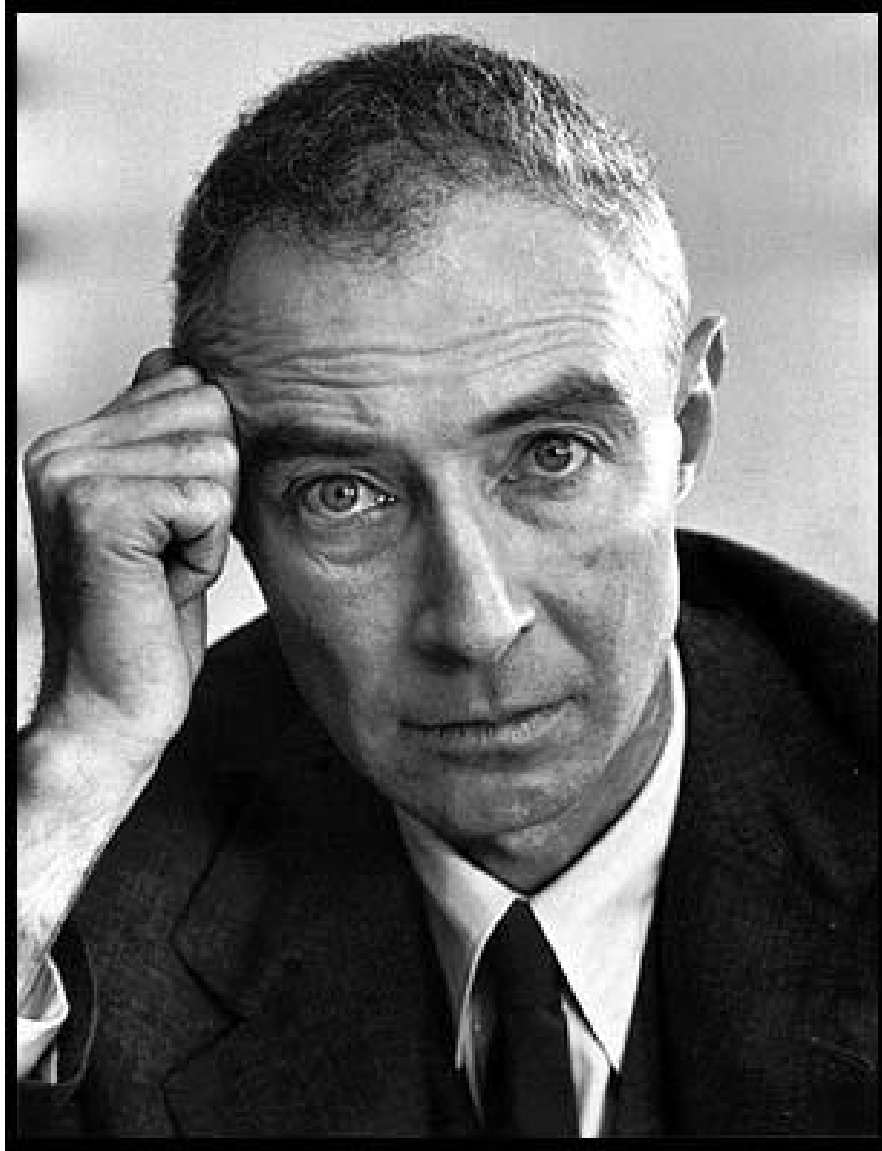
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# Manhattan Project

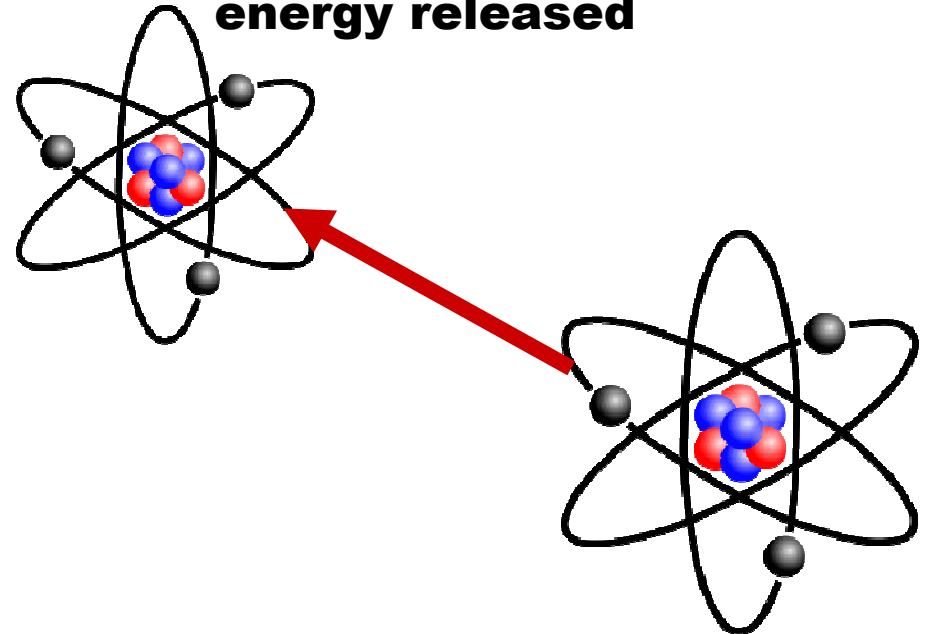


**Code name for a group of physicists put together to create an “atomic weapon” lead by J. Robert Oppenheimer**

**Atoms accelerated**

**Electrons destroy bonds**

**Enormous amounts of energy released**



# Manhattan Project



## **Trinity:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Successful test**

**July 6, 1945 in Alamogordo, NM**

## **Little Boy:**

**Aug. 6, 1945 dropped from B-29**

***Enola Gay* on the Japanese city of**

**Hiroshima (70-166k casualties)**

## **Fat Man**

**Aug. 9, 1945 dropped from B-29**

***Bockscar* on the Japanese city of**

**Nagasaki (40-80k casualties)**

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# VJ Day

**Japanese  
capitulate on  
Aug 15, 1945**

**Signed Treaty  
ending WWII**

