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World War II in Photos

A Retrospective in 20 Parts

At the end of World War II, huge swaths of Europe and Asia had been reduced to ruins. Borders

were redrawn and homecomings, expulsions, and burials were under way. But the massive efforts to rebuild had just begun. When the war began in the late 1930s, the world's population was approximately 2 billion. In less than a decade, the war between the Axis the Allied powers had resulted in 80 million deaths -- killing off about 4 percent of the whole world. Allied forces now became occupiers, taking control of Germany, Japan, and much of the territory they had formerly ruled. Efforts were made to permanently dismantle the war-making abilities of those nations, as factories were destroyed and former leadership was removed or prosecuted. War crimes trials took place in Europe and Asia, leading to many executions and prison sentences. Millions of Germans and Japanese were forcibly expelled from territories they called home. Allied occupations and United Nations decisions led to many long-lasting problems in the future, including the tensions that created East and West Germany, and divergent plans on the Korean Peninsula that led to the creation of North and South Korea and -- the Korean War in 1950. The United Nations Partition Plan for Palestine paved the way for Israel to declare its independence in 1948 and marked the start of the continuing Arab-Israeli conflict. The growing tensions between Western powers and the Soviet Eastern Bloc developed into the Cold War, and the development and proliferation of nuclear weapons raised the very real specter of an unimaginable World War III if common ground could not be found. World War II was the biggest story of the 20th Century, and its aftermath continues to affect the world profoundly more than 65 years later. (This entry is **Part 20** of a weekly [20-part retrospective of World War II](#)) [[45 photos](#)]

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German Wehrmacht General Anton Dostler is tied to a stake before his execution by a firing squad in a stockade in Aversa, Italy, on December 1, 1945. The General, Commander of the 75th Army Corps, was sentenced to death by an United States Military Commission in Rome for having ordered the shooting of 15 unarmed American prisoners of war, in La Spezia, Italy, on March 26, 1944. (AP Photo) 📄



2 Soviet soldiers with lowered standards of the defeated Nazi forces during the Victory Day parade in Moscow, on June 24, 1945. (Yevgeny Khaldei/[Waralbum.ru](#)) # 🇷🇺



3 Gaunt and emaciated, but happy at their release from Japanese captivity, two Allied prisoners pack their meager belongings, after being freed near Yokohama, Japan, on September 11, 1945, by men of an American mercy squadron of the U.S. Navy. (AP Photo) # 📷



4 The return of victorious Soviet soldiers at a railway station in Moscow in 1945.
(Arkady Shaikhet/Waralbum.ru) # 🇷🇺



5 Aerial view of Hiroshima, Japan, one year after the atomic bomb blast shows some small amount of reconstruction amid much ruin on July 20, 1946. The slow pace of rebuilding is attributed to a shortage of building equipment and materials. (AP Photo/Charles P. Gorry) # 📷



6 A Japanese man amid the scorched wreckage and rubble that was once his home in Yokohama, Japan.
(NARA) # 📷



7 Red Army photographer Yevgeny Khaldei (center) in Berlin with Soviet forces, near the Brandenburg Gate in May of 1945. ([Waralbum.ru](#)) # 🇷🇺



8 A P-47 Thunderbolt of the U.S. Army 12th Air Force flies low over the crumbled ruins of what once was Hitler's retreat at Berchtesgaden, Germany, on May 26, 1945. Small and large bomb craters dot the grounds around the wreckage. (AP Photo) # 📷

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9 Hermann Goering, once the leader of the formidable Luftwaffe and second in command of the German Reich under Hitler, appears in a mugshot on file with the Central Registry of War Criminals and Security Suspects in Paris, France, on November 5, 1945. Goering surrendered to U.S. soldiers in Bavaria, on May 9, 1945, and was eventually taken to Nuremburg to face trial for War Crimes. (AP Photo) #



10 The interior of the courtroom of the Nuremberg War Crimes Trials in 1946 during the Trial of the Major War Criminals, prosecuting 24 government and civilian leaders of Nazi Germany. Visible here is Hermann Goering, former leader of the Luftwaffe, seated in the box at center right, wearing a gray jacket, headphones, and dark glasses. Next to him sits Rudolf Hess, former Deputy Fuhrer of Germany, then Joachim von Ribbentrop, former Nazi Minister of Foreign Affairs, Wilhelm Keitel, former leader of Germany's Supreme Command (blurry face), and Ernst Kaltenbrunner, the highest ranking surviving SS-leader. Goering, von Ribbentrop, Keitel, and Kaltenbrunner were sentenced to death by hanging along with 8 others -- Goering committed suicide the night before the execution. Hess was sentenced to life imprisonment, which he served at Spandau Prison, Berlin, where he died in 1987. (AP Photo/STF) # 📷



11 Many of Germany's captured new and experimental aircraft were displayed in an exhibition as part of London's Thanksgiving week on September 14, 1945. Among the aircraft are a number of jet and rocket propelled planes. Here, a side view of the Heinkel He-162 "Volksjaeger", propelled by a turbo-jet unit mounted above the fuselage, in Hyde park, in London. (AP Photo) # 🇩🇪



12 One year after the D-Day landings in Normandy, German prisoners landscape the first U.S. cemetery at Saint-Laurent-sur-Mer, France, near "Omaha" Beach, on May 28, 1945. (AP Photo/Peter J. Carroll) # 🇺🇸



13 Sudeten Germans make their way to the railway station in Liberec, in former Czechoslovakia, to be transferred to Germany in this July, 1946 photo. After the end of the war, millions of German nationals and ethnic Germans were forcibly expelled from both territory Germany had annexed, and formerly German lands that were transferred to Poland and the Soviet Union. The estimated numbers of Germans involved ranges from 12 to 14 million, with a further estimate of between 500,000 and 2 million dying during the expulsion. (AP Photo/CTK) # 📷



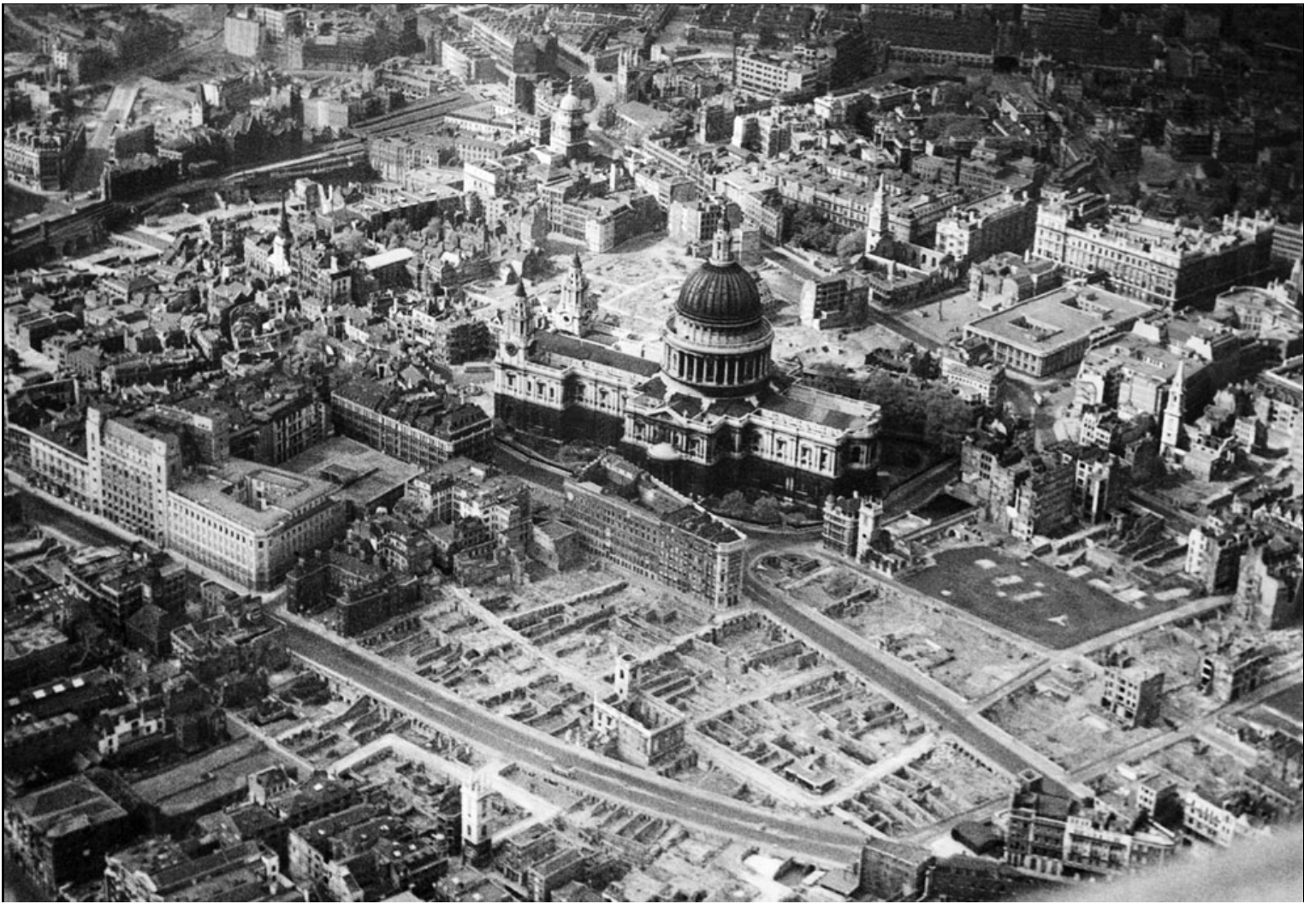
14 A survivor of the first atomic bomb ever used in warfare, Jinpe Teravama retains scars after the healing of burns from the bomb explosion, in Hiroshima, in June of 1947. (AP Photo) # 🇯🇵



15 Disabled buses that have littered the streets of Tokyo are used to help relieve the acute housing shortage in the Japanese capital on October 2, 1946. Homeless Japanese who hauled the buses into a vacant lot are converting them into homes for their families. (AP Photo/Charles Gorry) # 📷



16 An American G.I. places his arm around a Japanese girl as they view the surroundings of Hibiya Park, near the Tokyo palace of the emperor, on January 21, 1946. (AP Photo/Charles Gorry) # 📷



17 This is an aerial view of the city of London around St. Paul's Cathedral showing bomb-damaged areas in April of 1945. (AP Photo) # 📷



18 General Charles de Gaulle (center) shaking hands with children, two months after the German capitulation in Lorient, France, in July of 1945. Lorient was the location of a German U-boat (submarine) base during World War II. Between January 14 and February 17, 1943, as many as 500 high-explosive aerial bombs and more than 60,000 incendiary bombs were dropped on Lorient. The city was almost completely destroyed, with nearly 90% of the city flattened. (AFP/Getty Images) # 🇫🇷



19 The super transport ship, General W.P. Richardson, docked in New York, with veterans of the European war cheering on June 7, 1945. Many soldiers were veterans of the African campaign, Salerno, Anzio, Cassino and the winter warfare in Italy's mountains. (AP Photo/Tony Camerano) # 📷



20 This aerial file photo shows a portion of Levittown, New York, in 1948 shortly after the mass-produced suburb was completed on Long Island farmland in New York. This prototypical suburban community was the first of many mass-produced housing developments that went up for soldiers coming home from World War II. It also became a symbol of postwar suburbia in the U.S. (AP Photo/Levittown Public Library, File) #



21 This television set, retailing for \$100, is reportedly the first moderately priced receiver manufactured in quantity. Rose Clare Leonard watches the screen, which reproduces a 5x7 image, as she tunes in at the first public post-war showing at a New York department store, on August 24, 1945. Although television was invented prior to World War II, the war prevented mass production. Soon after the war, sales and production picked up, and by 1948, regular commercial network programming had begun. (AP Photo/Ed Ford) # 📺



22 A U.S. soldier examines a solid gold statue, part of Hermann Goering's private loot, found by the 7th U.S. Army in a mountainside cave near Schonau am Konigssee, Germany, on May 25, 1945. The secret cave, the second found to date, also contained stolen priceless paintings from all over Europe. (AP Photo/Jim Pringle) # 🇺🇸



23 In Europe, some churches have been completely ruined, but others still stand amid utter devastation. Munchengladbach Cathedral stands here in the rubble, though still in need of repairs, seen in Germany, on November 20, 1945. (AP Photo) # 📷



24 On May 21, Colonel Bird, Commandant of Belsen Camp, gave the order for the last hut at Belsen Concentration Camp to be burned. A rifle salute was fired in honor of the dead, the British flag was run up at the same moment as a flame-thrower set fire to the last hut. A German flag and portrait of Hitler went up in flames inside the hut in June of 1945. (AP Photo/British Official Photo) # 🇬🇧



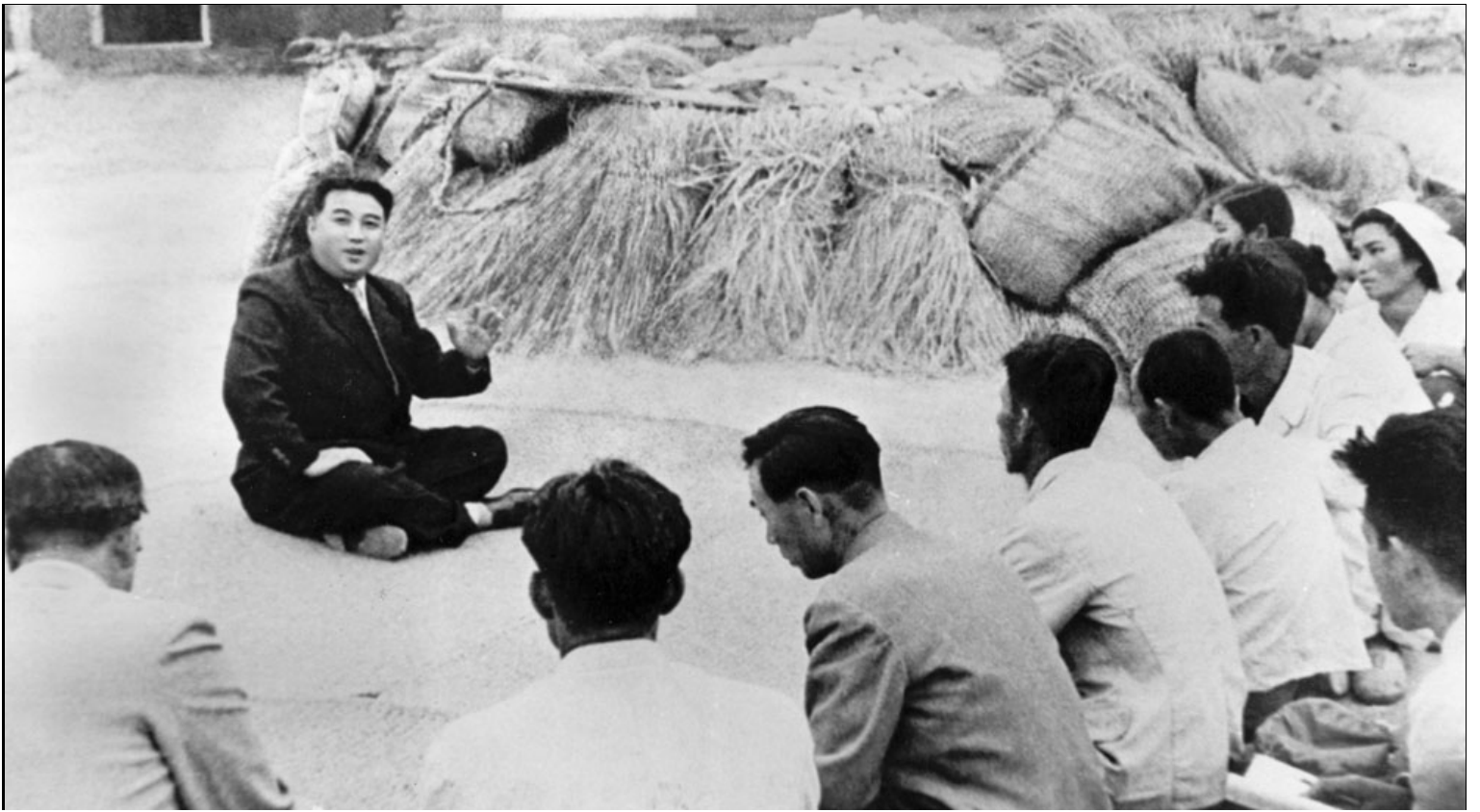
25 German mothers walk their children to school through the streets of Aachen, Germany, on June 6, 1945, for registration at the first public school to be opened by the U.S. military government after the war. (AP Photo/Peter J. Carroll) # 📷



26 A general view of the International Military Tribunal for the Far East meeting in Tokyo in April, 1947. On May 3, 1946, the Allies began the trial of 28 Japanese civilian and military leaders for war crimes. Seven were hanged and others were sentenced to prison terms. (AP Photo) # 📷



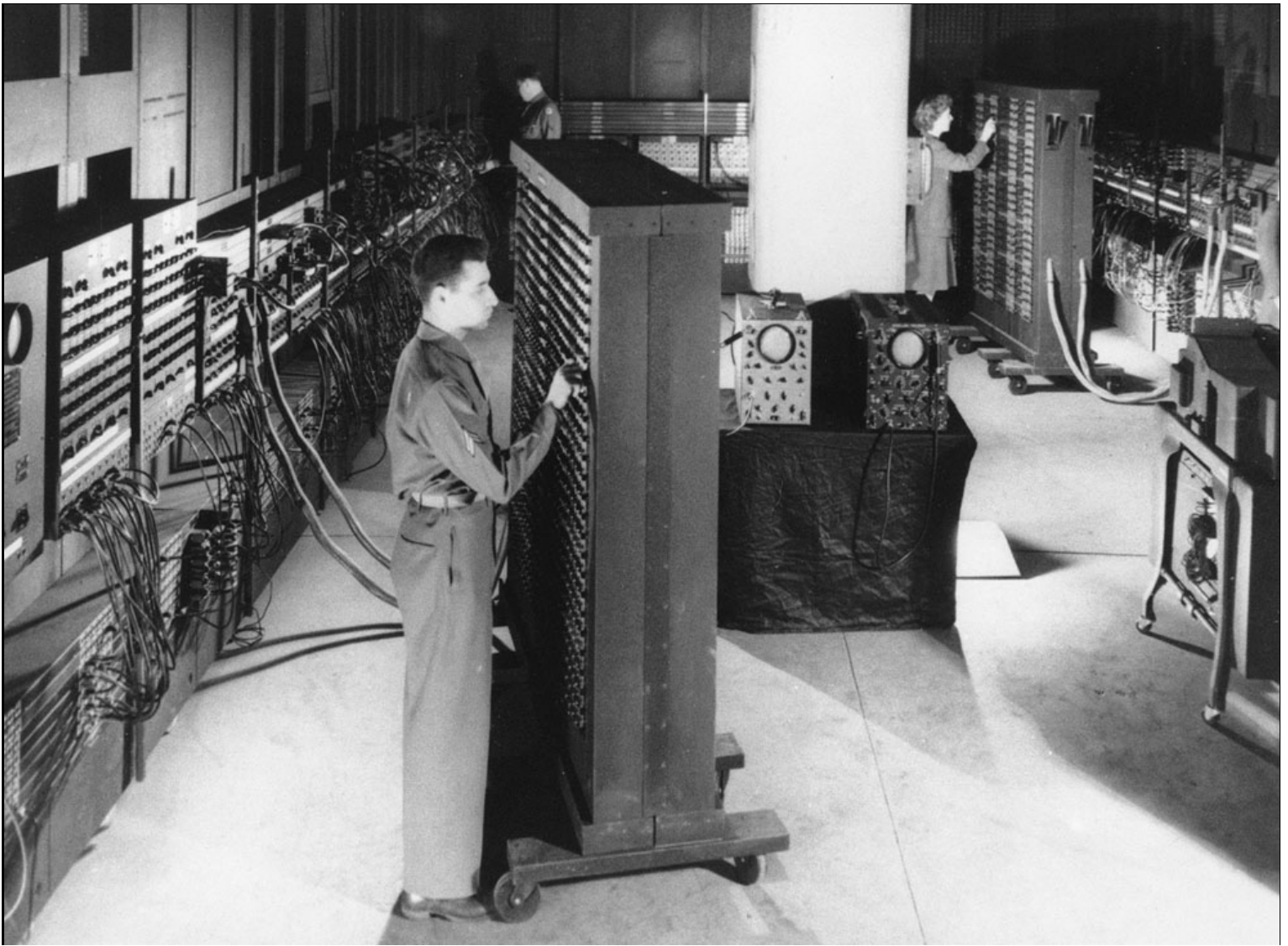
27 Soviet soldiers on the march in northern Korea in October of 1945. Japan had ruled the Korean peninsula for 35 years, until the end of World War II. At that time, Allied leaders decided to temporarily occupy the country until elections could be held and a government established. Soviet forces occupied the north, while U.S. forces occupied the south. The planned elections did not take place, as the Soviet Union established a communist state in North Korea, and the U.S. set up a pro-western state in South Korea - each state claiming to be sovereign over the entire peninsula. This standoff led to the Korean War in 1950, which ended in 1953 with the signing of an armistice -- but, to this day, the two countries are still technically at war with each other. ([Waralbum.ru](#)) # 🇺🇸



28 In this October 1945 photo from North Korea's official Korean Central News Agency, communist leader Kim Il Sung chats with a farmer from Qingshanli, Kangso County, South Pyongyang in North Korea. (Korean Central News Agency/Korea News Service via AP Images) # 📷



29 Soldiers of the Chinese communist Eighth Route Army on the drill field at Yanan, capital of a huge area in North China which is governed by the Chinese Communist Party, seen on March 26, 1946. These soldiers are members of the "Night Tiger" battalion. The Chinese Communist Party (CPC) had waged war against the ruling Kuomintang (KMT or Chinese Nationalist Party) since 1927, vying for control of China. Japanese invasions during World War II forced the two sides to put most of their struggles aside to fight a common foreign foe -- though they did still fight each other from time to time. After World War II ended, and the Soviet Union pulled out of Manchuria, full scale civil war erupted in China in June of 1946. The KMT eventually was defeated, with millions retreating to Taiwan, as CPC leader Mao Zedong established the People's Republic of China in 1949. (AP Photo) # 📌



30 This 1946 photograph shows ENIAC (Electronic Numerical Integrator And Computer), the first general purpose electronic computer - a 30-ton machine housed at the University of Pennsylvania. Developed in secret starting in 1943, ENIAC was designed to calculate artillery firing tables for the United States Army's Ballistic Research Laboratory. The completed machine was announced to the public on February 14, 1946. The inventors of ENIAC promoted the spread of the new technologies through a series of influential lectures on the construction of electronic digital computers at the University of Pennsylvania in 1946, known as the Moore School Lectures. (AP Photo) # 📷



31 A test nuclear explosion codenamed "Baker", part of Operation Crossroads, at Bikini Atoll in the Marshall Islands, on July 25, 1946. The 40 kiloton atomic bomb was detonated by the U.S. at a depth of 27 meters below the ocean surface, 3.5 miles from the atoll. The purpose of the tests was to study the effects of nuclear explosions on ships. 73 ships were gathered to the spot -- both obsolete American and captured ships, including the Japanese battleship "Nagato". (NARA) # 📷



32 Northrop's Flying Wing Bomber known as the XB-35 in flight in 1946. The XB-35 was an experimental heavy bomber developed for the U.S. Army Air Force during World War II. The project was terminated shortly after the war, due to its technical difficulties. (AP Photo) # 📷



33 Japanese ammunition being dumped into the sea on September 21, 1945. During the U.S. occupation, almost all of the Japanese war industry and existing armament was dismantled. (U.S. Army) # 🇺🇸



34 These unidentified German workers in Decontamination clothing destroy toxic bombs on June 28, 1946, at the U.S. Army Chemical Warfare Service Depot, at St. Georgen, Germany. The destruction and disposal of 65,000 dead weight tons of German toxics, including mustard gas, was accomplished in one of two ways: Burning or dumping the empty shells and bombs into the North Sea. (AP Photo) # 📌



35 U.S. military authorities prepare to hang Dr. Klaus Karl Schilling, 74, at Landsberg, Germany, on May 28, 1946. In a Dachau war crimes trial he was convicted of using 1,200 concentration camp prisoners for malaria experimentation. Thirty died directly from the inoculations and 300 to 400 died later from complications of the disease. His experiments, all with unwilling subjects, began in 1942. (AP Photo/Robert Clover) # 📷



36 The new cemetery at Belsen, Germany on March 28, 1946, where 13,000 people who died after Belsen Concentration Camp was liberated are buried. (AP Photo) # 📷



37 Jewish survivors of the Buchenwald Nazi concentration camp, some still in their camp clothing, stand on the deck of the refugee immigration ship Mataroa, on July 15, 1945 at Haifa port, during the British Mandate of Palestine, in what would later become the State of Israel. During World War II, millions of Jews were fleeing Germany and its occupied territories, many attempting to enter the British Mandate of Palestine, despite tight restrictions on Jewish immigration established by the British in 1939. Many of these would-be immigrants were caught and rounded up into detention camps. In 1947, Britain announced plans to withdraw from the territory, and the United Nations approved the Partition Plan for Palestine, establishing a Jewish and a Palestinian state in the country. On May 14, 1948, Israel declared independence and was immediately attacked by neighboring Arab states, beginning the Arab-Israeli conflict which continues to this day. (Zoltan Kluger/GPO via Getty Images) # 🇮🇱



38 Some of Poland's thousands of war orphans at the Catholic Orphanage in Lublin, on September 11, 1946, where they are being cared for by the Polish Red Cross. Most of the clothing, as well as vitamins and medicines, are provided by the American Red Cross. (AP Photo) #



39 The Empress of Japan visits a Catholic Orphanage staffed by Japanese Nuns for children who have lost their parents in the war and air raids over Tokyo. The Empress inspected the grounds and paid a visit to the chapel. Children wave Japanese flags to greet the Empress during her visit in Fujisawa in Tokyo, on April 13, 1946. (AP Photo) # 📷



40 New buildings (right) rise out of the ruins of Hiroshima, Japan, on March 11, 1946. These single story homes built along a hard-surfaced highway are part of the program by the Japanese government to rebuild devastated sections of the country. At left background are damaged buildings whose masonry withstood the effects of the first atomic bomb ever detonated as a weapon. (AP Photo/Charles P. Gorry) # 📷



41 Clocks are being readied for export to Allied countries, shown as collateral for imported goods needed by Japan. Thirty-four Japanese factories produced 123,000 clocks during April of 1946. Photo taken on June 25, 1946. (AP Photo/Charles Gorry) # 📷



42 U.S. General George S. Patton acknowledges the cheers of thousands during a parade through downtown Los Angeles, California, on June 9, 1945. Shortly thereafter, Patton returned to Germany and controversy, as he advocated the employment of ex-Nazis in administrative positions in Bavaria; he was relieved of command of the 3rd Army and died of injuries from a traffic accident in December, after his return home. Joe Rosenthal's famous Iwo Jima flag-raising photograph is visible on the war bonds billboard. (AP Photo) # 📌



43 This 1945 photo shows German women clearing up the debris on Berlin's Tauentzienstrasse, with the ruins of the Kaiser Wilhelm Church in the background. The absence of able bodied men meant that the responsibility for clearing the wreckage fell mainly to civilian women, which were called "Truemmerfrauen," or rubble ladies. The signs on the left mark the border between the British-occupied sector and the U.S. sector of the city. (AP Photo) # 📷



44 The scene in Berlin's Republic Square, before the ruined Reichstag Building, on September 9, 1948, as Anti-Communists, estimated at a quarter of a million, scream their opposition to Communism. At the time, the Soviet Union was enforcing the Berlin Blockade, blocking Allied access to the parts of Berlin under Allied control. In response, Allies began the Berlin Airlift until the Soviets lifted the blockade in 1949, and East Germany and West Germany were established. When the meeting pictured here broke up, a series of incidents between Anti-Red Germans and Soviet troops brought tension to a fever pitch as shootings took place, resulting in the deaths of two Germans. (AP-Photo) # 📷



45 In March of 1974, some 29 years after the official end of World War II, Hiroo Onoda, a former Japanese Army intelligence officer, walks out of the jungle of Lubang Island in the Philippines, where he was finally relieved of duty. He handed over his sword (hanging from his hip in photo), his rifle, ammunition and several hand grenades. Onoda had been sent to Lubang Island in December of 1944 to join an existing group of soldiers and hamper any enemy attacks. Allied forces overtook the island just a few months later, capturing or killing all but Onoda and three other Japanese soldiers. The four ran into the hills and began a decades-long insurgency extending well past the end of the war. Several times they found or were handed leaflets notifying them that the war had ended, but they refused to believe it. In 1950, one of the soldiers turned himself in to Philippine authorities. By 1972, Onoda's two other compatriots were dead, killed during guerrilla activities, leaving Onoda alone. In 1974, Onoda met a Japanese college dropout, Norio Suzuki, who was traveling the world, and through their friendship, Onoda's former commanding officer was located and flew to Lubang Island to formally relieve Onoda of duty, and bring him home to Japan. Over the years, the small group had killed some 30 Filipinos in various attacks, but Onoda ended up going free, after he received a pardon from President Ferdinand Marcos. (AP Photo) # 🇯🇵

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Capt. Pramod Victor Simon.

THE MORE WE SWEAT IN PEACE, THE LESS WE BLEED IN WAR.

Capt> Pramod V. Simon.

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MIRIAM WILLIAM

I DO HOPE THAT THE LEADERS THAT ARE RUNNING OUR WOPRLD WILL LEARN FROM THESE PICTURES AND THE HORRORS OF WAR .

MIRIAM BUND

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The year I was born, great photos and comments under photos.

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Billy

And war continues...untill: PEACE, PEACE, and there is no peace. And war continues...

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MRFOOT

MY MOTHER AND BROTHER,LITHUANIAN/GERMAN, WERE HELD IN A DEPORTATION CAMP FOR SEVERAL YEARS...I VE HEARD THE FIRST HAND STORIES....MOST PEOPLE JUST DO NOT UNDERSTAND THE HARDSHIPS MANY MANY PEOPLE ENDURED...PEOPLE DESERVE THE RIGHT OF FREEDOM, NO MATTER WHERE THEY ARE FROM....OM LORD THE TRAGEDIES OF WAR....IM ONLY 60YRS, BUT I SHALL NOT FORGET.....RIP MA!

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Great Photos !!!

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Derslatz

I actually took the time to read quite a few of the comments below. It's amazing to see how diverse the ideas and thought trails of these folks can go from the sublime to the ridiculous. The pictures posted above are historic. Some are shocking, and some heart breaking, but all in all - they are historic and nothing more. The human race is a mess, always has been and always will be. There will always be wars. There will always be conflicting ideologies. There will always be stupidity and barbarism. That's what man is.

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Jim H

Wonderful photo's. "lest we forget". I think most have forgotten or "never knew" I hope the latter group will study, read and learn from these photo's. I was born in 1929 so I remember the action that caused most of the photo's to be taken. I was too young when the war ended so didn't have to go. (Made the Korean "conflict" though. Most of you no nothing about this "police action, An unpopular action taking votes away from both parties. Hence not popular with politicians). Study pictures and remember them and their cause. We are now engaged in a shooting war, so far limited to 1 country at present. But this could escalate into and even worse conflict than WW II. The kamakazi's of Japan were mild compared to the "suicide bombers" that the Muslims use today. Also, a few words of prayer couldn't hurt.

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Mcorke

Another good thing that ame out of the war is "Spam" no not on your computer, "Spam" you can eat.

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HistoryNote

On the lighter side - one good thing that came from the end of the war was the end of Rationing, and you can thank your lucky stars for that. I ran across a newspaper clipping from 1944. Listen Up! (...try to follow along) It's a Snap!

FEB 1 1944 - SPECIAL NOTE

Token programs begins Feb. 27. One-point red tokens will be given in change for Red Stamps and one point Blue Tokens for Blue Stamps. Stamps will be worth 10 points each. Tear stamps across the Ration Book instead of up and down.

Following Stamps become valid Feb. 27:

MEATS AND FATS

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PROCESSED FOODS

Blue Stamps A8, C8, D8 (Book Four) good for 10 points each, Feb. 27 through Mar. 20.

Following Stamps remain at present point values:

PROCESSED FOODS

Green Stamps G, H and J (Book Four) good Jan. 1 through Feb. 20.; Green Stamps K, L and M (Book Four) good Feb. 1 through Mar. 20.

MEATS AND FATS

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GASOLINE

No. 10 coupons from Book A good for three gallons each Jan. 22 through Mar 21.; B2 and C2 supplemental ration coupons good for five gallons each.; B1 and C1 supplemental rations coupons good for two gallons each.

... it continues on, but I don't have that clipping.

Rationing was ended in 1946 in the US, although some items such as women's nylons wouldn't be available until late 1947. Food rationing lasted for 14 years in Britain, from 1940 until 1954 (Meat rationing continued until 1954).

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notalib, Conservative, love the out of doors, can't stand liberalism, socialism, and most "isms". Love freedom, can't stand working with a bureaucrat at most any l...

Thanks for this collection of pictures with history. Anyone that thinks America is not for the greater good should think long and hard about the ones that started this war. It wasn't America. We rebuilt many of those defeated countries.

Many thanks! And remember the men and women of that generation that fought so hard to save America.

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Mbarnes23

Typical 'conservative' yank - the be all and end all of all the 'isms' of the World!
First of all, the 'good ole USA' was NEUTRAL for almost the first three years of WW11!
Secondly, it was the ALLIES that rebuilt the countries.
Thirdly, it was the ALLIES that saved (not just) America but the whole WORLD!
Now go and finish your pizza and grab another Bud.
Signed:
A socialist Liberal

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Rod Krieger

The "Allies", sonny boy, England, France and Russia, primarily, were bombed out and broke. Canada and Australia contributed nothing, for all practical purposes, after the war, except what England could suck out of them as their "owner". And France, even when they're flush are so tight they squeek. No, it was good old US dollars that helped rebuild Germany, Poland, Japan and others. And don't forget, we fought the Pacific war pretty much on our own. Our "Allie", Russia, declared war against Japan the day after we dropped the first bomb on Hiroshima. Not much help in saving that part of the world. You do your liberal label proud---you are, like all liberals, out of touch with reality.

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Victor Humphries

The Americans did not fight alone in the Pacific or the Indian Oceans
I am 88 years old and served in the Royal Navy on board HMS Renown
as a radar operator, There were two Royal Navy Fleets fighting the japanese , The British East IndiesFleet 272 Ships and the British Pacific fleet 300 ships.HMS Renown was the flag ship of the British East Indies fleet. Plus there were Australian and Dutch ships in the Indian ocean and the Pacific Ocean. Plus there were Japanese ships and submarines in both Oceans,
Regards Victor Humphries

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Kmlyall

Suggest you contact the Australian War Menorial re Australian involvement in WW2 - you might learn something.

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SgtMac28

Let's see ... 20 Sept 1939 to 7 Dec 1941 seems closer to TWO years, 2.5 months than three years. Typical for a loud mouthed limey socialist living off the government teat.

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Jim Long

mrzsmith you are no diff from all japanese(of that ilk). you did us wrong/you owe me(some were owed cause their biz was stolen) those in authority at the time had no choice,nobody said it was good but japanese immigrants were pouring in and at least every one in fifty (easily) were enemy agents,spies ,sympathisers. i wish there had been another way. move forward continuous complaining is not attractive, esp one sided complaints

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HistoryNote

Just an FYI. In 1924, the National Origins Act had effectively ended Japanese immigration. In other words - they were not "pouring" in. In fact, they hadn't been for 16 years.

A prominent news magazine of the time, explained to its readers in a late December 1941 issue - How they could distinguish the "kindly placid, open" faces of the Chinese, who were allies of the United States, from the "positive, dogmatic, arrogant" expressions of "the Japs." Congressman Leland Ford of California insisted that any "patriotic native born Japanese, if he wants to make his contribution, will submit himself to a concentration camp." General John DeWitt, a well known bigot, and head of the Western Defense Command, declared Japanese of any citizenship, despite their having committed no crimes, as "enemies".

The Japanese "phobia" in California was essentially a manufactured propaganda designed to bolster the importance of a few lackluster brass-hats. None the less, the phobia campaign worked.

The fact is - No Japanese American was ever charged with espionage or treason.

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Jim Long

ethan..... kudos. many people agree w/you.did i say many?? V E R Y V E R Y
MANY, ETHAN. WE GLADLY FEAST ON THOSE WHO WOULD SUPPRESS US
(modified from morticia addams) the famous ww2 japanese gen.(name escapes me)who
warned against the attempted invasion of america, "there is a(citizen w/)a gun behind every blade of grass"
thanx

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SgtMac28

That famous quote can be attributed to Admiral Yamamoto, master mind of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

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Jim Long

i'm not going to waste words on you,jack
i'll just observe the obvious
--- you don't get out much,do ya ???-----

[1 month ago](#)

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H. ARCHARD

ALL DICTATORSHIPS ARISE ON A SOCIALIST AGENDA!! THESE PHOTOS CONFIRM THE OUTCOME OF DICTATORSHIPS AND
WHERE NARCISSISTIC DICTATORS WILL ULTIMATELY TAKE US!
THE PRICE OF FREEDOM IS ETERNAL VIGILANCE AND RESPECT FOR ALL LIVING THINGS!

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Apfixer

Every picture of Hiroshima should be shown alongside a picture of Nanking China, or other areas of China or Korea that were destroyed by JAPAN.

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Bobcolt45

great photos ..Excellent histor

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Rooboru47

Thanks for a valuable and memorable opportunity to view a few pages of our not too distant history.

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VerdePhotoGallery

An excellent collection of photos. Thanks!

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william tweedie

this my first chance to see what is available these photos are so powerful and important for each new generation to see and to try get an understanding as to we are today and to in some way give our thanks for the terrible sacrifices made including giving your life, william tweedie.

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dixhandley

God bless the USA

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LOULOU

IF YOU ARE TRULY AMERICAN YOU WOULD NEVER WANT THER CULTURE ON US ITS SAD THAT FOOD TV PROMOTES EUROPE

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Karmbass

To hate Europe is shortsighted. It was the work of some fanatics, who dominated others, believing they knew best. Is this not what the western world (America, UK and Eurpoe), in the belief of social tolerance, is ultimately allowing Muslims to get away with without a fight.

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Photodogmike

I saw a bumper sticker Saturday that said: 'What has war accomplished - End of Slavery, Fascism, Communism, Socialism, Genocide, and now Terrorism' -

Where would we be if we did not stand up for human rights? photodogmike

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Jackbrz

Photodogmike

You've still got fascism in the US. Its called the tea party and other right wing republicans

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Renoloser

You are a left wing idiot that spills lies about true Americans..

[2 weeks ago](#) [in reply to Jackbrz](#) [2 Likes](#)

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GEMES H

There you go again!! Shut up!!

[3 weeks ago](#) [in reply to Jackbrz](#)

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Bastion

Please study the (complete) definition of the word "fascism"
It may take a minute or so, but could be well worth the time. :)

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The Other Mr Morris

@Jackbrz, The loaded terms Left & Right come from the French Revolution and refer to where the revolutionaries sat around the council table. The ones favoring more government control of every aspect of life in order to perfect mankind and create Utopia sat on the left side of the table. They viewed freedom as an inconvenient stain on society that blocked perfection. Those desiring the overthrow of the monarchy in order to liberate mankind sought just enough government to ensure justice and sat on the right side of the table. Fascism is always Leftist, it cannot come from the Right. What would the Right do, force people to be more free? That makes no sense. There are Leftists in both parties. Bad ideas are always accompanied by force. Do you want more coercion in your life, or less? If you answered less then take your place on the Right.

[2 months ago](#) [in reply to Jackbrz](#) [5 Likes](#)

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Patty Rogers

Mr Morris, the other,
I rarely read these online forums for obvious reasons. But your reply is one of the most articulate and sensible I think I have ever read. Thank you for the history lesson as well.

[1 month ago](#) [in reply to The Other Mr Morris](#) [4 Likes](#)

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Stan De San Diego

More like you still have stupidity in the US, practiced by the likes of Jackbrz and his ilk. Really now, what has the Tea Party done that you consider to be "fascism"?

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JJ

Check out the Honey with the TV. That is why there was a baby boom!

Booohooo Boohoo! He's not politically correct! Talk to the hand!

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Don Hapuarachchi

This is all politics not people



ASROBS

THINK ABOUT YOUR ATTITUDE ALL THIS HAS BEEN CREATED BY PEOPLE

5 months ago in reply to Don Hapuarachchi 2 Likes

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HistoryNote

Possibly someday, the world's pedigree will find common ground with each other so the rest of us on this planet can enjoy a moderate life. That's not likely until the world's politicians, churches and generals can come to some agreement that solves old scores.

5 months ago in reply to Don Hapuarachchi 5 Likes

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Tommy D 1 of 11

The common theme in 20th Century slaughter was blind faith in centralized government and planning, from Imperial Japan to the Nazis (aka National Socialists), Mussolini's Italy (Socialist/Fascist), Mao (Communists), Stalin (Communist), North Korea (Communists), Fidel's and Che's Cuba (Communist), Ho Chi Minh's Vietnam (Communist), Pol Pot's Cambodia (Communist), the list goes on. But, the justification is always the same; killing in order to purge society of its imperfections and to create the "new man", the "Great Society"; all in the name of the "greater good".

The first eugenics laws were passed in the USA in 1907. Twenty-nine states enacted (pro) eugenics laws. Up until 1969, North Carolina allowed forced sterilization of "patients" deemed unworthy of reproduction.

Most American and British Leftists were huge fans of eugenics. John Maynard Keynes was president of the British Eugenics Society. Margaret Sanger founded Planned Parenthood in part to eliminate the black race (google "The Negro Project") and she wasn't too fond of Italians either. George Bernard Shaw felt old people who have outlived their usefulness should be executed (search youtube).

Today, 80% of Down Syndrome children are aborted in the womb. The US government is now providing \$1,000 per indigent expecting mother to test for Down Syndrome and then abort such babies (note: these tests are only 80% accurate). Take a good look the next time you see a Down's Syndrome person; they won't be around much longer.

Of course, if eliminating Down Syndrome is a good thing, why stop there?

Peter Singer, Dean of Bio-Ethics at Princeton University, believes that "abortion" should be legal up to 3 years AFTER birth in order to eliminate imperfect children. He's not alone. Google "Post Birth Abortion" and Slate Magazine for a great article. These are all Leftists/Progressives/Liberals promoting such vile acts.

Isn't it interesting how the same people who are pro-abortion are also loopy about protecting life of old people.

Such evils are always done for the greater good and to help build the perfect society.

When we begin to debase the sanctity of life then all things are possible.

Who's next on our road to perfection?

4 months ago in reply to HistoryNote 19 Likes

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Wahoo1on

NO one: Read on Agenda 21 " Behind The Green Mask " Your future is at risk.

4 months ago in reply to Tommy D 1 of 11 2 Likes

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Guest

America's policy of free breeding, "anyone can breed without limit and no costs or consequences," is a failure, too. Ootomom is a failed and false doctrine. China has a one-child policy to deal with the disastrous and predictable consequences of over-population. The USA would be better off with eugenics, than the unlimited free breeding of the lowest IQ and least-productive part of the population, who create more crime and costs. Subsidies make slaves of taxpayers, without any vote.

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Ljrizy

But if we did, you wouldn't be here.

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HistoryNote

Your post caught my attention. Well put.

Your post caught my attention. Well put.

Eugenics is an issue of humankind. Wild animals tend to handle the issue of birth defects privately, or allow mother nature take its course. With humans, the mother has the best luck of producing a non-down syndrome child sooner in her cycle of child-bearing years, rather than later. With animals, it's the opposite. The first litter is likely to produce a defective offspring, whereby subsequent litters are less likely.

Among civilized humans, the eugenic decision, is an agonizing issue, among animals it's simply instinctive.

To read about eugenics at its worst, read below. There is no similar effort, even remotely comparable among any other belligerents in WWII. I was looking for similar issues that would be comparable from the points you provided to other wars. Truly there is evidence of genocide, but I can't find reference of mass eugenics on anything like this scale.

Cite: <http://highschoolbioethics.geo...>

The economy of Germany was in shambles at the end of World War I. The population was decimated. The government—this was the Weimar Republic, which was in power from 1919 until 1933—looked to popular eugenic theories for ways to restore and improve the health and physical well-being of the populace.

In 1932, inspired in part by Laughlin's Model Eugenics Law and other writings in the United States, the Weimar government drafted a plan for sterilizations of individuals with "hereditary illnesses." Many people were living in institutions, and they were costly to the country. Sterilizing them would prevent them from having children; some might then also be able to leave the institution and live on their own. The plan involved those to be sterilized (or their guardians) in decision making, requiring prior consent to the procedure.

The next year, the National Socialists—Nazis—took control of Germany. On July 14, 1933, the new government issued its "Law for the Prevention of Progeny with Hereditary Diseases." This law was far more directive than the Weimar government's plan. People with so-called hereditary illnesses had to be sterilized, even if they objected. And the list of persons classified as hereditary ill included those suffering from "congenital feeble-mindedness, schizophrenia, manic depression, hereditary epilepsy, Huntington's chorea, hereditary blindness, hereditary deafness, and serious physical deformities." People with chronic alcoholism could also be sterilized. The law established some 200 Genetic Health Courts at which teams of lawyers and doctors would subpoena medical records in order to choose candidates for sterilization. The Court proceedings were secret, and the decisions could rarely be reversed.

Throughout Germany, doctors were being trained in "race hygiene." They were identifying and zealously reporting those in their communities who had any of the so-called genetic diseases and would be candidates for sterilization. The Nazis and Nazi doctors also were promoting the eugenics strategy of "selective breeding" as a way to rebuild the nation's population, specifically its Aryan population.

In the six years before World War II, the Nazi doctors sterilized some 400,000 people, mostly German citizens living in asylums. Hitler's Rassenhygiene-race hygiene-program was in full swing. "The 'racial' health of the German people took precedence over the health of any given individual."

By the late 1930s, the Nazi government was using propaganda movies to persuade the public that those who were hereditarily ill and, therefore, dangerous to the health of the nation should be exterminated rather than kept alive as "neutered beings." The targets for extermination were objectified as "beings of lesser worth," "life unworthy of life," "ballast existences," "useless eaters."

In the autumn of 1939, Hitler approved the Aktion T-4 program, which authorized specific doctors and officials to carry out mercy deaths-euthanasia-of those the state deemed unworthy of life. Fifty volunteer physicians coordinated the program from its headquarters in a villa in Berlin located at number 4 Tiergarten Street (hence the name T-4). Again, physicians at hospitals and psychiatric institutions throughout Germany identified and recommended candidates for euthanasia.

At first, in accordance with the T-4 program, the physicians murdered 5000 congenitally deformed children. The children were given lethal injections or were starved to death at six special asylums that had been remodeled to accommodate the killings. Then, the T-4 program expanded to include adults, who were taken to killing asylums as well. Death certificates were sent to families of those who were killed, falsifying the reasons for their relatives' 'sudden deaths.'

Eventually, church groups and the general public raised objections to the T-4 program. In response, Hitler called a halt to the program. But, by then, August of 1941, almost 70,000 people had been killed under T-4. And, although Aktion T-4 stopped, the killing did not.

Doctors and nurses around the country continued to select and kill people and cover up their actions. Physician historian Edvard Ernst writes that Aktion T-4 "turned out to be nothing less than a 'pilot project' for the extinction of millions in the concentration camps." Most of the health care practitioners involved in T-4 simply transferred their "technology for killing on an 'industrial scale'" to the Aktion 14f13 program. Through this next program, six million Jews were exterminated in the gas chambers of the concentration camps as well as millions of political prisoners, Gypsies, the handicapped, those too ill to work, Jehovah's Witnesses, homosexuals, Afro-Europeans, and Soviet and Polish prisoners-of-war.

Hitler's race hygiene program relied on and succeeded because of the enthusiastic collaboration of people in the medical community. Wrote Ernst: "German physicians had been involved at all levels and stages. They had developed and accepted the pseudo-science of race hygiene. They were instrumental in developing it further into applied racism. They had evolved the know-how of mass extinction. Finally, they also performed outrageously cruel and criminal experiments under the guise of scientific inquiry. The aim of generating pure Aryans had taken precedence over the most fundamental ethical issues in medicine." Under the Nazi medical system of routinized killing, writes physician historian Michael Burleigh, "no one was safe in the presence of the carers."

German physicians conducted numerous 'medical' experiments in the concentration camps between 1941 and the end of the war. Karl Brandt, Hitler's personal physician, suggested that the camps would be the perfect "laboratories" for their experiments. Experimentation was pivotal for race hygiene, and killing could be rationalized and "treated not as murder but as healing-as a therapeutic imperative aimed at preserving the health of the one racial community which really mattered."

The physicians considered the people in the concentration camps to be the "living dead." If they served as objects of medical research, their useless lives might have some utility. If they died, nothing was lost. They were destined for death anyway, being unworthy of life.

The concentration camp doctors perfected techniques for sterilization and euthanasia. Did high doses of radiation bring about sterilization? What about new surgical techniques? They injected people with gasoline and shocked them with electricity to see if these procedures would kill them. They took away the prisoners' food and watched to see how long it took them to starve to death.

The camp doctors used twins in many of their experiments, because twins provided a perfect built-in 'control' for each study. One twin would be injured, infected, or treated in some way and then let die. Then, the other twin was killed, so that their bodies could be compared. The Nazis also were interested in twins because, if they could figure out how to produce more twins, the population could be restored faster.

When the doctors wanted to complete a skeleton collection at the Reich University in Strasbourg, they selected 112 healthy Jewish prisoners, photographed them, measured them, and murdered them. They studied their bones and tissues and then sent the bodies to Strasbourg, where the flesh was removed and the skeletons put on display.

The eugenics-based horrors of the Holocaust were influenced by political, economic, social, and military factors. But it was the added factor of the Nazis' total disregard for the rights and dignity of human beings that made the Holocaust possible.

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Don Edward Hapuarachchi

It is very good to see the evil side of war. Otherwise one day there will be people who would say OUTSWITZ/BERGEN BELSEN/BUCHENWALD etc etc., are all made up stories. There should be no wars between ethnic,religious or cultural divides ever. One should be free to select whatever faith,language or life style he/she pleases to carry on in life, provided always, it does not interfere with the liberties of the fellow citizens.

Don Edward- Sri Lanka.

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brian downes

iran is saying that now about the israeli deaths in camps so you are perfectly right in what you say

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guy

OUTSWITZ????????????????? you're kidding right?

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Bella

I read your notes very true....Why not all the good citizens of this world think alike so this world could be a better place for all mankind.

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Mltamar

Very moving pictures. I grew up in safe Switzerland, but my late husband - who was 5 when he and his parents were sent to Bergen Belsen were interned there for 3 years starting in 1942. They were liberated by the americans and later emigrated to the USA.

This is the first time I have seen a picture (# 24) of Bergen Belsen.

Tamar.

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Sirius1935

If your husband's parents were liberated at bergen Belsen they were liberated by the British, not the Americans. I know....I have been there.

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EthanG

There will never be peace in our world as long as a religious Muslim people follow a book, a fabrication that has no place in it for forgiveness for

their own people and a mission to destroy all non believers..Christians, Jews, and everyother religious following.Me, I am an infidel a Christian, but unfortunately for those who would do harm to me and mine, not a coward hiding behind and even shooting and blowing up my own followers to further the lunacy of radical Islam. Let the weak bow to you.. If I offend you come, see what I have for you. I will help you get to your virgins....

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Sjunaid48

there will be peace ONLY if ALL religions follow what God Almighty wanted them to. NO religion teaches violence / aggression / arrogance / it is ONLY when we do NOT follow God's will that we land in trouble. GREED for POWER is the killer.

[5 months ago](#) [in reply to EthanG](#) [9 Likes](#)

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Campbell

Yea...I'm sure the creator of the universe dropped off the only keys to the kingdom to a bunch of ignorant primitives who believed in witches and tought the earth was flat. If he did he has one elluva sense of humor

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Bernief12

I agree with you 100%. How do we get Hollywood to get on board and people in general to wake up to the growing threat from RADICAL ISLAM? bernief12@gmail.com

[5 months ago](#) [in reply to EthanG](#) [8 Likes](#)

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pacifist

you must be an american ? the country that used atomic bombs and chemical warfare in its previous wars and is killing thousands of innocents to capture a few radical extremists. Why does america think they have the right to massacre anyone they chose and think "god" is with them , why do they think anyone is more of a despot than thier countries leaders, wake up america --hello!!! you have been responsible for more innocents deaths than hitler. typically your last line of rhetoric is to kill an unknown human being-- gung ho!

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Brian Fowler

Pacifist,

Think about who started the war and America's initial reluctance to enter the war before you go blaming the US. The war and violence in Europe and the Far East started years before we got involved, and we only got involved after we were attacked! Yes, we dropped atomic weapons... to stop the war. If we just wanted to kill people, why did we not continue to drop atomic weapons? After all, we had or could produce as many as we wanted.

It is estimated that hundreds of thousands of lives were saved due to Japan's surrender rather than have the US launch a protracted ground war on Japan's mainland.

Hitler is credited with killing 5 to 6 million Jews. Where are you getting the number for innocent deaths caused by the US?

War is a horrible thing. However, peace at any price is unacceptable!

[4 months ago](#) [in reply to pacifist](#) [20 Likes](#)

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Wahoo1on

America Yes: note so those for those in the know at the time. We had cracked the Japanese code earlier and also the radar site in Hawaii spotted the incoming Japanese planes and the warning was ignored.

The fall guys , two Admirals forgot their names. Dirty tricks,things haven't changed musch.

[4 months ago](#) [in reply to Brian Fowler](#) [4 Likes](#)

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Schase30025

you re a jerk and hope you live in a 3rd world country if not move there we don't want you America is the best and God has always been with us and hopefully always will be so go ass---- .Hell yes I am an AMERICAN and proud to be an one. JERK!!!!!!

4 months ago [in reply to pacifist](#) [3 Likes](#)

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Msmithberkeley

My father in law served in the 442 while his relatives were in concentration camps here in the US. He met his Japanese wife in the war. So I kind of owe my husband to that war. Yin Yang

4 months ago [in reply to pacifist](#) [2 Likes](#)

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Guest

Taking nothing away from the heroic 442nd, only 4% of the draft-age internees enlisted. Those "concentration" (actually Relocation) camps were so terrible that the people did not want to leave them at the end of '44 and had to be ordered to move so they could close them! Read the WRA's final report from 1946 and get the real facts: 42,000 were NOT U.S. citizens and thousands refused to sign the loyalty oath, renounce loyalty to the Emperor, and thousands actually renounced U.S. citizenship and requested repatriation to Japan, modern-day PC revisionism notwithstanding.

4 months ago [in reply to Msmithberkeley](#) [6 Likes](#)

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Gabriele Mario Braun

I am not an American. I am a Hungarian living in Brazil. Unfortunately atomic bombs were necessary to avoid millions of American soldiers to die. If you are anti-American, there is no reason to explain things as you will continue with your own (wrong) theories. Unfortunately I have some experience with that kind of people.

5 months ago [in reply to pacifist](#) [12 Likes](#)

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Duffy

Was in "Boot Camp" (Basic Training) in summer of 1945, training for hand to hand combat, in preparation for the Invasion of Japan, where it was assumed that 500,000 American Military would die. When Mr. Truman, our former Missouri Senator, Authorized use of the Two Atomic weapons, it SAVED those lives. Am now 85 years old, and have enjoyed a fruitful, meaningfull life because of his decision. Count me only as one in 500,000 who have benefited his decision. You may, of course, remain a Pacifist. That is your right and privilege in our land. The Brits, French, Danes, and rest of Europe, the Chinese, who were ravaged by the Japanese, the Phillipinos, and Australians and many many other cultures will doubtless disagree with your attitude of we Americans to challenge Despots in every corner of the earth.

5 months ago [in reply to pacifist](#) [18 Likes](#)

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HistoryNote

You should probably provide some factual numbers to support your claims at this point.

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Lhm

I'm very glad to know that you're Infidelyou'll get what you deservethis is not the place to express your hatred to Muslim people ,these photos here are showing what Christians did to each others and Muslims has nothing to do with this war ... I wonder why you're talking

about them...? Racist , hatred, ignorance and your lunacy is quite obvious. ?

5 months ago in reply to EthanG 2 Likes

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51diggerdugin51

IDIOT

4 months ago in reply to Lhm 3 Likes

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HistoryNote

Just an FYI...

Minutes of the meeting with Hitler and Grand Mufti Haj Amin al-Husseini: 1941.

Source: Documents on German Foreign Policy 1918-1945, Series D, Vol XIII, London, 1964, pp.881 ff.

German Chancellor Adolf Hitler and Grand Mufti Haj Amin al-Husseini:Zionism and the Arab Cause (November 28, 1941)

Haj Amin al-Husseini, the most influential leader of Palestinian Arabs, lived in Germany during the Second World War. He met Hitler, Ribbentrop and other Nazi leaders on various occasions and attempted to coordinate Nazi and Arab policies in the Middle East.

Record of the Conversation between the Fuhrer and the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem on November 28, 1941, in the Presence of Reich Foreign Minister and Minister Grobba in Berlin.

The Grand Mufti began by thanking the Fuhrer for the great honor he had bestowed by receiving him. He wished to seize the opportunity to convey to the Fuhrer of the Greater German Reich, admired by the entire Arab world, his thanks of the sympathy which he had always shown for the Arab and especially the Palestinian cause, and to which he had given clear expression in his public speeches. The Arab countries were firmly convinced that Germany would win the war and that the Arab cause would then prosper.

The Arabs were Germany's natural friends because they had the same enemies as had Germany, namely the English, the Jews, and the Communists. Therefore they were prepared to cooperate with Germany with all their hearts and stood ready to participate in the war, not only negatively by the commission of acts of sabotage and the instigation of revolutions, but also positively by the formation of an Arab Legion. The Arabs could be more useful to Germany as allies than might be apparent at first glance, both for geographical reasons and because of the suffering inflicted upon them by the English and the Jews.

Furthermore, they had had close relations with all Moslem nations, of which they could make use in behalf of the common cause.

The Arab Legion would be quite easy to raise. An appeal by the Mufti to the Arab countries and the prisoners of Arab, Algerian, Tunisian, and Moroccan nationality in Germany would produce a great number of volunteers eager to fight.

Of Germany's victory the Arab world was firmly convinced, not only because the Reich possessed a large army, brave soldiers, and military leaders of genius, but also because the Almighty could never award the victory to an unjust cause.

...the document continues much on the same matter.

5 months ago in reply to Lhm 10 Likes

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History Fan

Glad you expounded on this. Islam has been at war with the world and in particular Jews and Christians since Mohammed created the religion. It always amazes me that so few have read of the alliance between the Mufti and Hitler, and the Mufti's provision of ground troops for the Nazi cause....because they were united in their hatred of Jews and were planning their decimation with glee. Not much has changed.

3 months ago in reply to HistoryNote 9 Likes

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Donacsmith

These pictures were amazing, I pray that the world will come to it's senses soon and stop the killing. Please learn from the past. Dona Smith

5 months ago 8 Likes

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JMSantillJr

Let us pray that we never again have a "World" war and that the pursuit of world peace becomes this ages highest priority. John Santilli

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Claus Prufer

Having lived in Germany during the war these pictures bring back memories some of which we like to forget. Isn't war a gruesome thing , with little or no redeeming features all slaughtering soldiers of both nations whose mothers saddened by useless and criminal deeds cry without solace

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Christa_deutsch

I grew up during this time, it's bringing sad memory for me. CD. Hummel

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Suzanne

As for picture #37, the British unfairly split the land between the Jews and the Arab population who were fighting them - giving the Arabs much for territory. At that time, it was the Jews who were known as "the Palestinians". Yes, there were Arabs that lived in what is today Israel and the Jews invited them to stay and live peacefully with them but many of the Arabs in the area would have identified themselves as Syrians or some other nationality as many had only recently come to the area from neighboring countries looking for work which the Jews provided. There many mixed with the local Arab population and became an enemy of the Jewish state from the beginning. In conclusion, there were no such thing as "Palestinian Arabs" at that time in the 1940's. The term was made up by Yasser Arafat in the 1960's in order to confuse global community into believing that the Jews had stolen the land from an indigenous and historical population.

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WD Patriot

Here is how the lands in the middle east have been fought over, controlled, and now are pursuing the end of all forms of life except for Islam. WE of the world must resist them at every turn, if not we will become their slaves. Here is the link:

<http://www.conservativecrusade...>

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Lyle B

Suzanne, you are very right. And, retribution is being exercised to this day. Look at the major problem the British are having what with all the Muslims in their society, trying to change the government and all the bombings, plus all the slum neighborhoods rising which are predominantly Muslim. It isn't that they don't have the money to live better, it is because this is the way they choose to live. Yes, there are exceptions.

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John Sproule

Suzanne, let me recommend Ilan Pappé's scholarly work, "The Ethnic Cleansing of Palestine." Pappé (Jewish) is Professor of International Studies at the University of Exeter, UK. ISBN-13:978-185168-55-4.

John

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Rick Fochtman

Patton was actually killed in Germany and is buried in Europe.

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George

Sheer nonsense...

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Musicbymingus

I caught that also. He died (I believe) in Germany in a Jeep accident.

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Bbeadel

You're right. A local physician, the late Dr. Ned Snyder, was an Army doc at the time and treated Patton right after the accident. He said that Patton had no chance of recovery.

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Zzeitgeist1

Fascinating !

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Allan Howerton

As a World War II combat veteran, I lived through this period and wrote two books relative to it. INFORMATION:

Go to: <http://bookstore.xlibris.com/A...>

or Google: Allan Wilford Howerton.

It was a time of great promise before the onset of the Cold War and all that has happened since. It was a time when the now commonplace greeting "Thank you for your service" would have seemed weird and unnecessary because everyone in the country had served and sacrificed, in one way or another, on the home front or overseas. Hopefully, we will someday, without all the loss, pain, and destruction that WW II entailed, regain that since of unity, which prevailed for all too short a time.

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alf564

Totally amazing....the big thing is that it never ends...now along come the Muslims in their attempt to rule and control the world....Peace is really never achieved in the entire world. Always somewhere some little despot needs to prove his or her power ...

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WD Patriot

In total agreement. Here is a great map that shows who controlled the middle eastern countries and areas over the span of history. If you look carefully at the last part you see that the major turmoil has been during the last 50 years really. The Crusades were an attempt to take control of Jerusalem by the Christian forces of England and its areas. They were trying to return it to the original owners of the area they say. In the last many years the change has been sudden, constant, and destructive to people, freedoms, and the good of mankind. Where has

most, if not all of that originated? Islam0ville, Muslimland. Check out the map, it is amazing that most will argue about the mUslims not being a threat to anyone, and then be able to watch this map and say the same thing. Here tis:

<http://www.conservativecrusade...>

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Guest

Yes truly amazing. alf564 now sees the Muslims as the enemy
trying to control the world -- but apparently cannot see that the US is the new Nazis trying to control the world by more than 50 invasions or bombing or overthrowing weaker nations since the end of WWII. With this kind of "cognitive dissonance" no wonder wars continue.
JJR

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51diggerdugin51

You IDIOT go to the filthy country and live. Bin Laden and Fred Flintstone will always have something in common. They wake every morning, look out the window and see Rubble. In all their history they have produced nothing but devastation, no useful thing for humanity. You should GO quickly and only buy a one way ticket.....

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Donnie

Typical left-wing hatred for America. In your warped view, freeing people from tyranny, putting an end to mass murder, or retaliation for attacks on the U.S. means "overthrowing". You are pathetic and do not deserve the freedom you enjoy.

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Water46

Donnie, it is your view that is warped. When we waged war in Viet Nam, killing c. two million human beings, we did so despite there being NO threat that NVN posed to us. We did so in ignorance and disregard of the history of the Vietnamese opposition to the Chinese for the previous 1500 years. In fact, just a few years after we left VN the Vietnamese fought a war with China in which the Chinese lost as many dead in only two months as the US did in over a decade. Then we invaded Iraq for no discernible reason; it, too, posed no threat to us. I do not hate my country; far from it. I do, however, hate the liars who take us to war for no good reason, killing so many and destabilizing entire regions of the world.

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51diggerdugin51

water 46 go and join guest clear out and go live in a muslim country.

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D C Weinczok

No, the reason it never ends is because people like you point fingers at entire groups of people and say 'they're the problem'. That is exactly the kind of rationality that led to the insanity of WW2. Shame on you.

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W Harms

No, it is people like you that are unwilling to do their duty to deal with groups of people that are violating international law like the

Islamo fascists.

You would have insisted that we not fight Germany because "not all Germans are nazis".

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51diggerdugin51

Thats so true just like all muslims are not terrorist HOWEVER all terrorists are muslims.....

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An excellent collection of photos

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Ljsturdy

The thing that stood out for me was the fact that so many who had gone through so much still had time to smile in the photos. They all gave so much during all the cruelty. Please lets not let this happen again. May God bless us all!!

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god already had his turn at 'blessing us'

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Hyoid

Yeah, God was right in there helping. Wasn't He?

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Kb2muq1

sounds like your anti christian.....are you ?

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Theslice

I am....and any other religion.....how can you trust a god that was on both sides of the conflict.....I would suggest that god(s) only exist in the minds of men

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