

MOBILIZING FOR WAR

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**HOW DID THE GOVERNMENT
MOBILIZE AMERICAN SOCIETY AND
THE ECONOMY FOR WORLD WAR II?**



U.S. ENTRY INTO WORLD WAR II

- **December 7, 1941** – Japanese attack Pearl Harbor
- **December 8** - United States declared war on Japan – President Roosevelt’s Speech to Congress “**A Date Which Will Live in Infamy!**”
- **December 11** - Germany and Italy declared war on the U.S.





OFFICE OF WAR INFORMATION



MOBILIZING PUBLIC OPINION

The Propaganda Campaign

Propaganda: ideas or information designed and spread to influence public opinion.



MOBILIZING RESOURCES AND INDUSTRY

- **Rationing** - Every American was issued ration books with removable stamps good for items, like sugar, meat, cooking oil, and canned goods.
- **Factories** - converted for war production
- **Income Tax** – highest in American History
- **War Bonds** – borrowed \$ - deficit spending



IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS

1. Coupons can be used only in connection with the vehicle described on the front cover. Detached coupons are VOID.
2. If you stop using your car, this book and all unused coupons must be surrendered to your Board within 5 days.
3. If you sell your car, this book and all unused coupons must be surrendered to your Board. The purchaser will not be issued a gasoline ration unless he presents the receipt which you receive at the time of such surrender.

★ GPO

A BASIC MILEAGE RATION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
OFFICE OF PRICE ADMINISTRATION

NAME OF REGISTERED OWNER

W. O. Manselle

ADDRESS—NUMBER AND STREET

916 W 7th St.

CITY AND STATE

Dallas Texas

LICENSE NO. AND STATE

94-227

YEAR MODEL AND MAKE

37 Chrysler

Must fill in any blank spaces above before the first purchase of gasoline.

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"OF COURSE I CAN!"



I'm patriotic as can be —
And ration points won't worry me!"



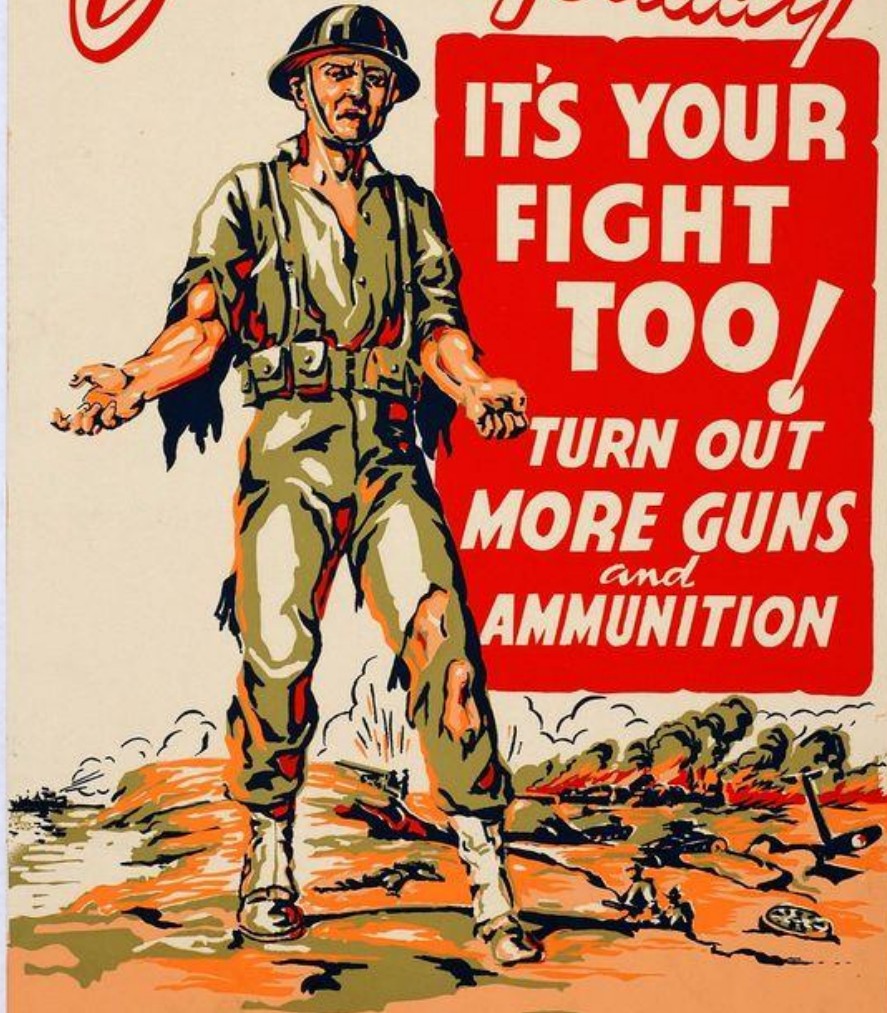
IS HE YOUR CHILD?
you don't want this!



Buy **WAR BONDS**
before is TOO LATE!



Come-on Buddy



**IT'S YOUR
FIGHT
TOO!**

**TURN OUT
MORE GUNS
and
AMMUNITION**

WINCHESTER
TRADE MARK



<https://vimeo.com/63467857>



ROSIE THE RIVETER

- Is anyone familiar with the World War II character "Rosie the Riveter?"
- How would you describe her?



ROSIE

- [YouTube - Rosie The Riveter by The Four Vagabonds](#)



We Can Do It!





Norman
Rockwell



IMPACT OF WAR ON WOMEN

- "Women at Work" (those who joined the American work force) – “Rosie the Riveter”
- "Women at Home" (those who made contributions from their households).
Rationing · liberty gardens
- "Women at War" (those who served in the military)
 - The Women's Army Corps (WAC)



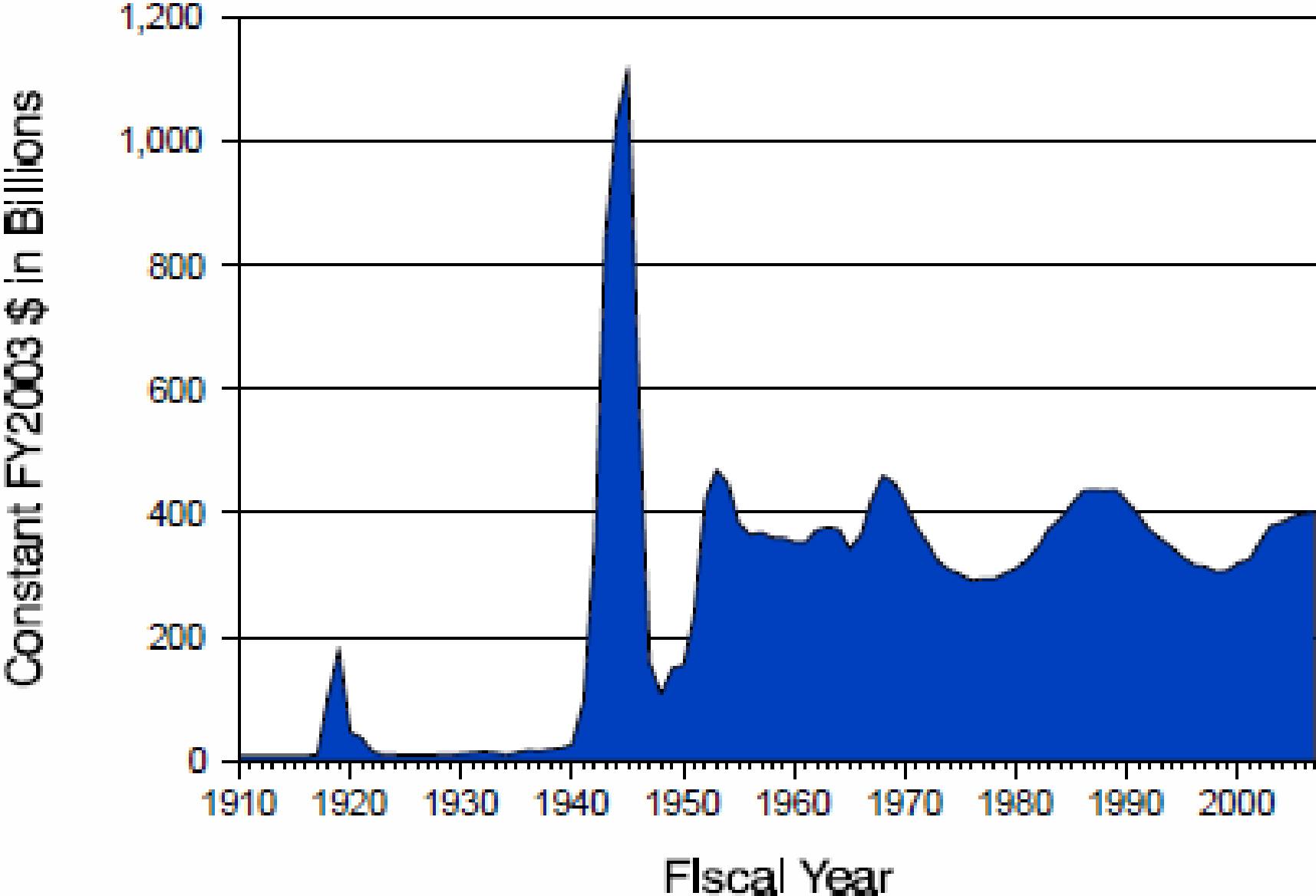
IMPACT OF WAR ON AFRICAN AMERICANS

■ African-Americans

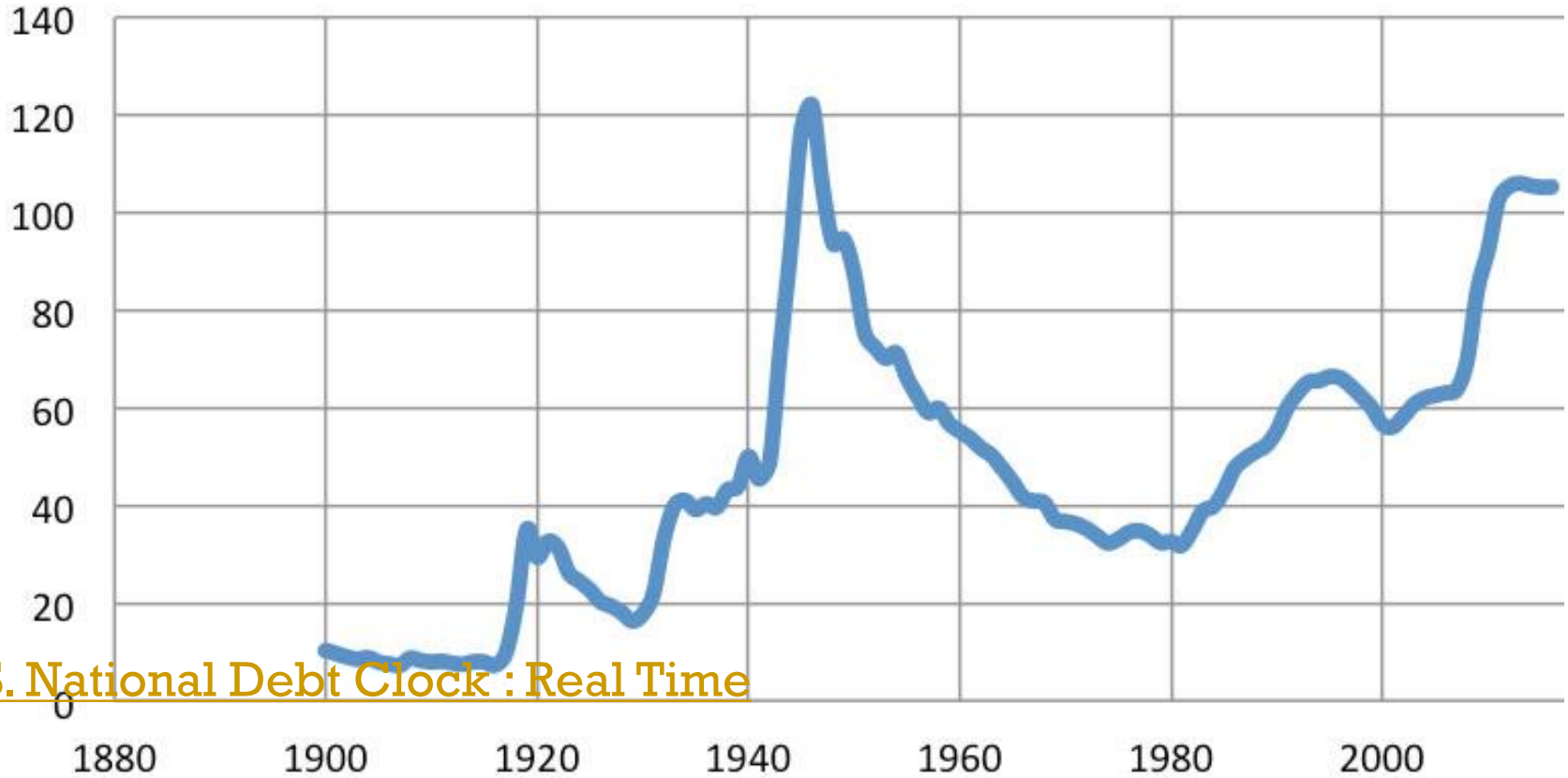
- Executive order prohibiting discrimination by defense contractors
- Resumption of Great Migration
- Military still segregated
- Many questioned hypocrisy of fighting war against racism abroad while discrimination existed at home



Figure 5: National Defense Outlays, FY1910-2007



US Gross Public Debt-fed % GDP



U.S. National Debt Clock : Real Time

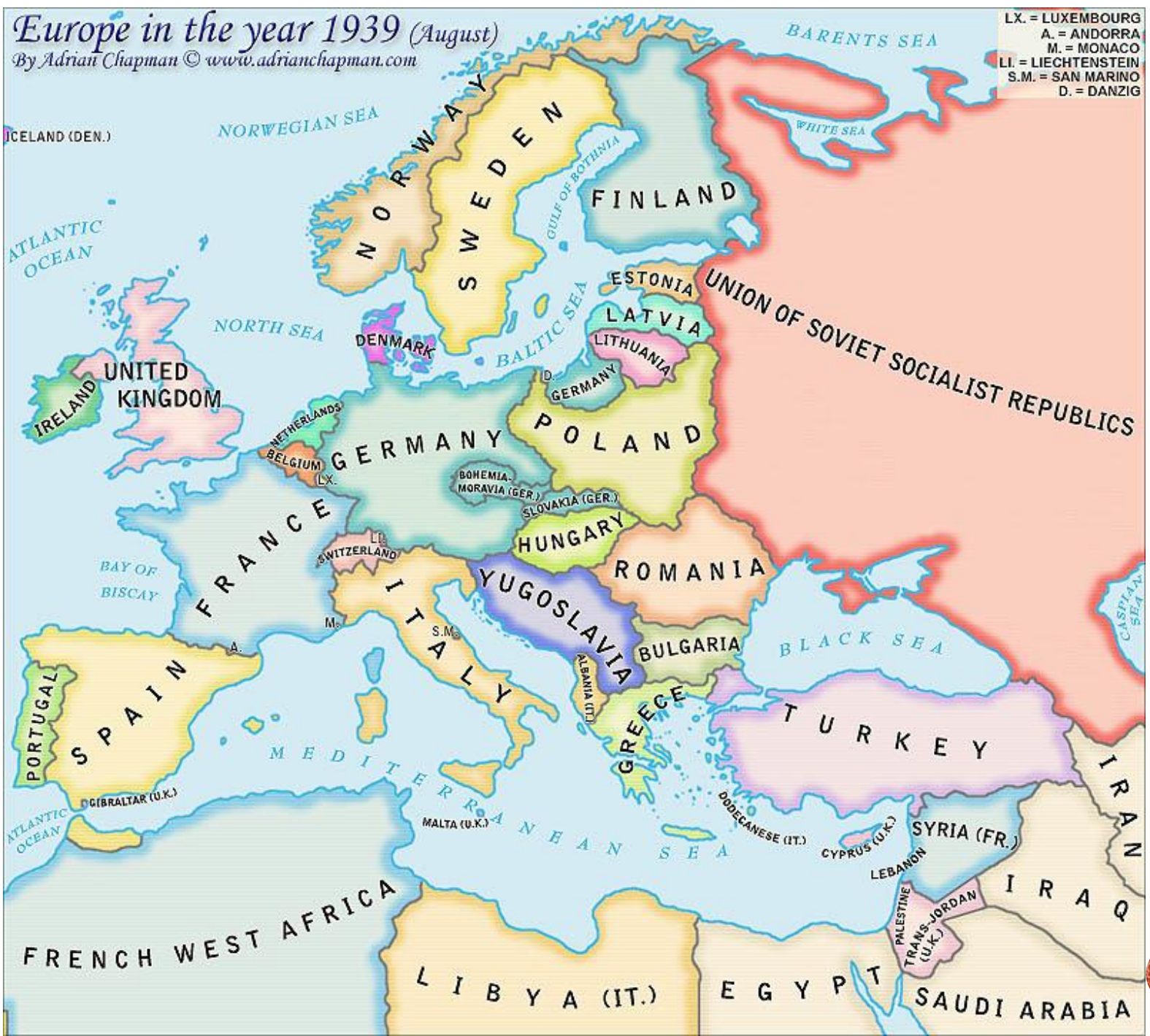
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Europe in the year 1939 (August)

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LX. = LUXEMBOURG
A. = ANDORRA
M. = MONACO
LI. = LIECHTENSTEIN
S.M. = SAN MARINO
D. = DANZIG



ATOMIC BOMB

- [YouTube - The Atomic Cafe 1982 usa documentary part 1](#)



WARTIME CONFERENCES

- Teheran (Nov. 1943)
- Yalta (Feb. 1945)
 - Free Elections in Eastern Europe
 - Division of Germany and Berlin
 - Russia agrees to enter war against Japan 3 months after German Surrender
 - Russia receives land lost in Russo-Japanese War and concessions in Manchuria
 - Agree to establish a UN
- Potsdam (July, 1945)
 - Unconditional surrender of Japan
 - (A-bomb successfully tested during conference)

