# World War II

**Joseph Stalin** grabs control of the Soviet Union in 1924 and squelches all opposition after V. I. Lenin, founder of the communist regime, dies.

Fascist dictatorship
Communist dictatorship
Imperialist military regime

1,500 miles
500 kilometers

**Adolf Hitler** offers economic stability to unemployed Germans during the Great Depression and becomes chancellor in 1933.

**Benito Mussolini** rises to power in 1922 and attempts to restore Italy to its former position as a world power.

**Francisco Franco** leads the rebel Nationalist army to victory in Spain and gains complete control of the country in 1939.

**Hideki Tojo,** the force behind Japanese strategy, becomes Japan's prime minister in 1941. Emperor Hirohito becomes a powerless figurehead.

SOVIET UNION
Moscow
Berlin
GERMANY
Paris
FRANCE
ITALY
Rome
SPAIN
Madrid
Mediterranean Sea
CHINA
Sea of Japan
Yellow Sea
JAPAN
Tokyo
Arctic Circle
ATLANTIC OCEAN
75°N
45°N
0°
45°E

# AMERICAN NEUTRALITY

- Congress passed Neutrality Acts (1935-1937)
  - made it illegal for companies to sell weapons or transport goods to any nation at war
- September 1, 1939, Germany invaded Poland...WWII began

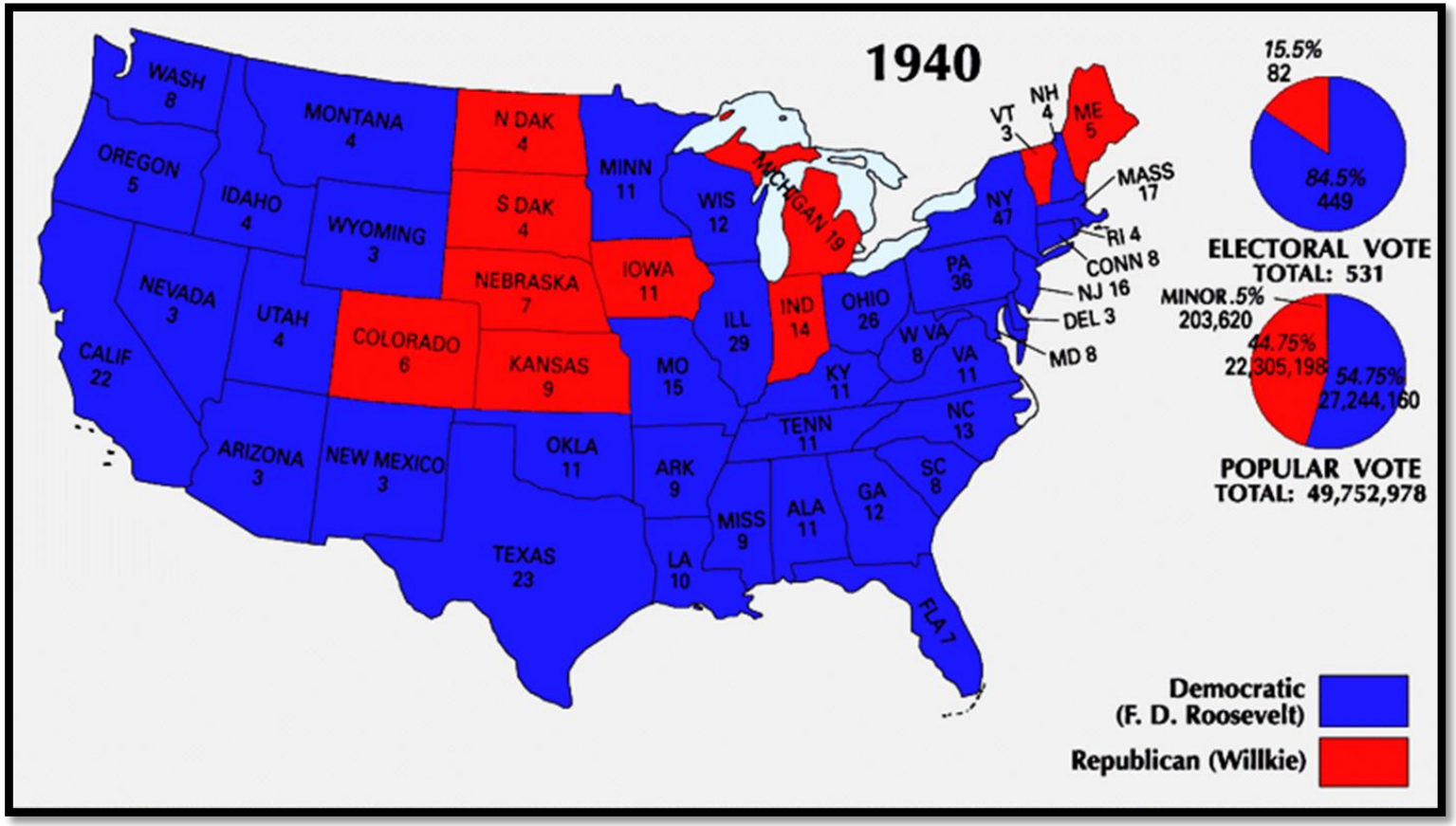
# AMERICAN NEUTRALITY?

- 1937: Congress amended Neutrality Acts to allow for "cash and carry" trade w/ Allied Powers
  - Countries at war must pay CASH and CARRY war materials on their own ships.

Remember unrestricted submarine warfare??

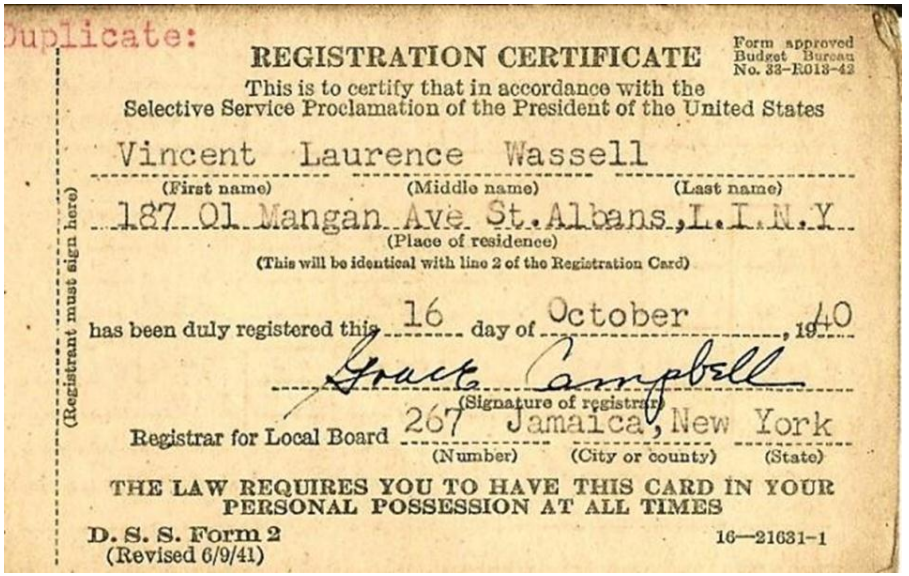
# 1940

- FDR elected to third term
- Platform: neutrality with preparedness



# 1940

- Called for the first peacetime draft
- France fell to Axis Powers
  - FDR concerned that Britain was next



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**REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE**

Form approved Budget Bureau No. 33-R013-42

This is to certify that in accordance with the Selective Service Proclamation of the President of the United States

Vincent Laurence Wassell
(First name) (Middle name) (Last name)

187 01 Mangan Ave St. Albans, L.I. N.Y.
(Place of residence)
(This will be identical with line 2 of the Registration Card)

has been duly registered this 16 day of October, 1940

Grace Campbell
(Signature of registrant)

Registrar for Local Board 267 Jamaica, New York
(Number) (City or county) (State)

THE LAW REQUIRES YOU TO HAVE THIS CARD IN YOUR PERSONAL POSSESSION AT ALL TIMES

(Registrant must sign here)

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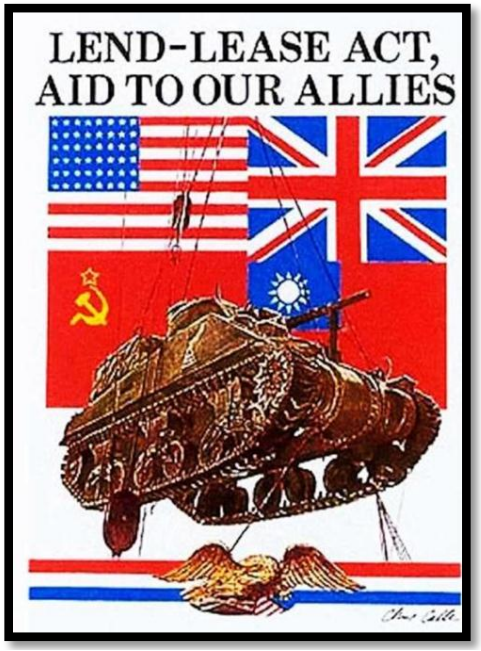
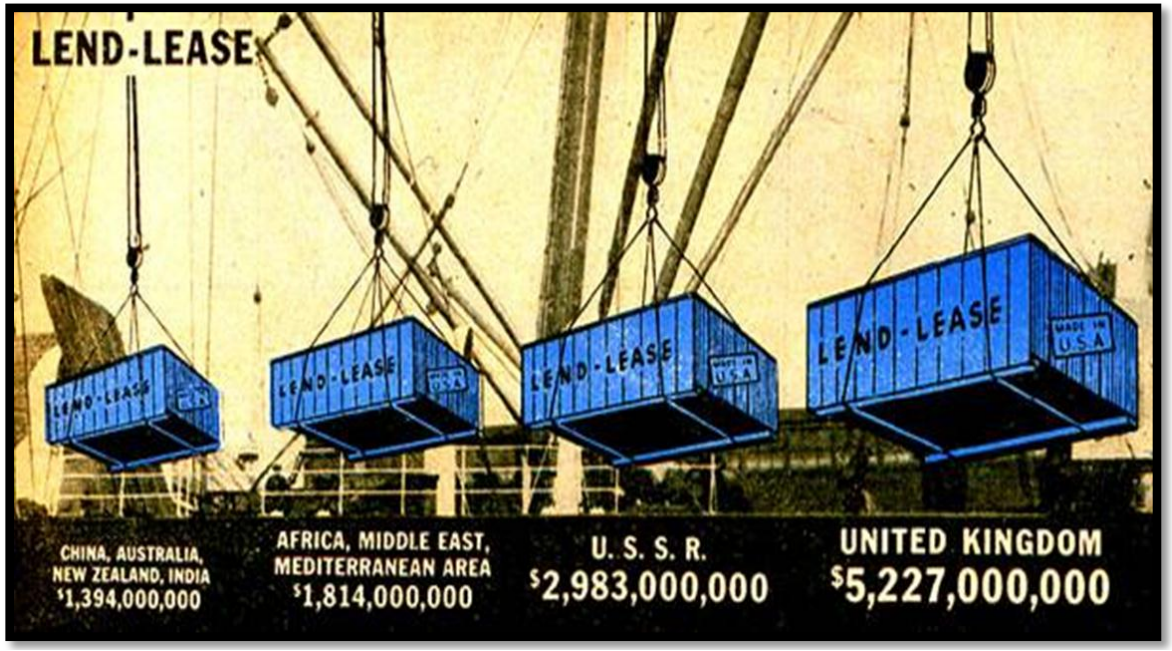
# LEND-LEASE

- 1941: Congress passed Lend-Lease Act
  - allowed the USA to send war supplies to Allied nations and transport war-related goods to Europe on armed ships
- USA became an "arsenal of democracy" and helped end the depression in America



# PROBLEM...

- USA trading across Atlantic Ocean...Germans patrolling Atlantic Ocean
- Hitler invaded Soviet Union...no sign of stopping aggression
- Japan taking Pacific Islands with little to no opposition

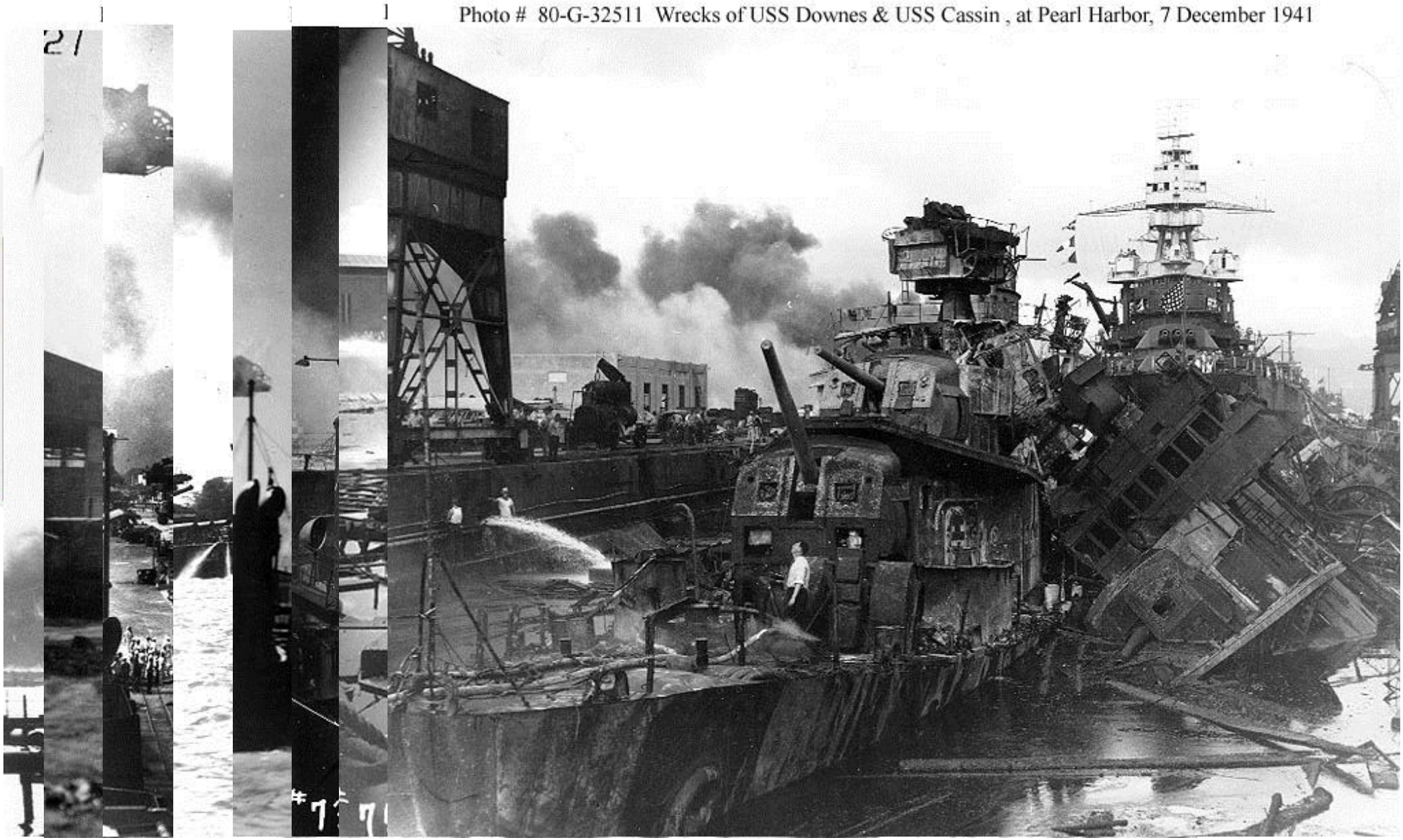
# ATLANTIC CHARTER

- Agreement between USA & Great Britain
  - war strategy IF the USA entered the war and a plan for a post-war United Nations

# IN THE PACIFIC…

- To protect American territories and allies in the Pacific, FDR ordered an **embargo** on all iron and oil sales to Japan
- Hideki Tojo sent an envoy to negotiate a resolution, but secretly plotted to attack the United States

# On December 7, 1941 the Japanese military led a surprise attack on the U.S. naval base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii



# DECLARATION OF WAR

- In addition to Hawaii, the Japanese attacked U.S. naval bases at Guam and Wake Island
- Congress declared war on Japan
- U.S. now had to fight a two-front war in Europe and Asia

Minneapolis Morning Tribune

JAPS OPEN WAR ON U. S.!

Attack Hawaii, Guam, Singapore; U. S. Army, Navy Losses Heavy

CONGRESS TO HEAR F. R. TODAY

THE PACIFIC FRONTIER

Roosevelt Will Tell Joint Session of War Status

BULLETINS

New York World-Telegram

LATEST WALL ST. PRICES

1500 DEAD IN HAWAII

CONGRESS VOTES WAR

Tally in Senate Is 82 to 0, In House 388 to 1, with Miss Rankin Sole Objector

100 to 200 Soldiers Killed in Japanese Raid On Luzon in Philippines