

<u>A World Greatly Changed:</u> The Aftermath of World War II

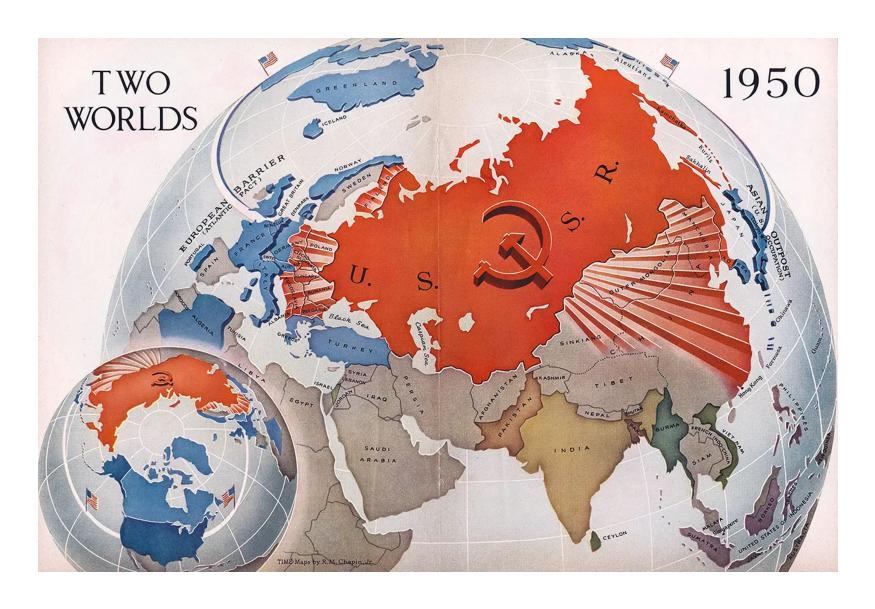
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Quote

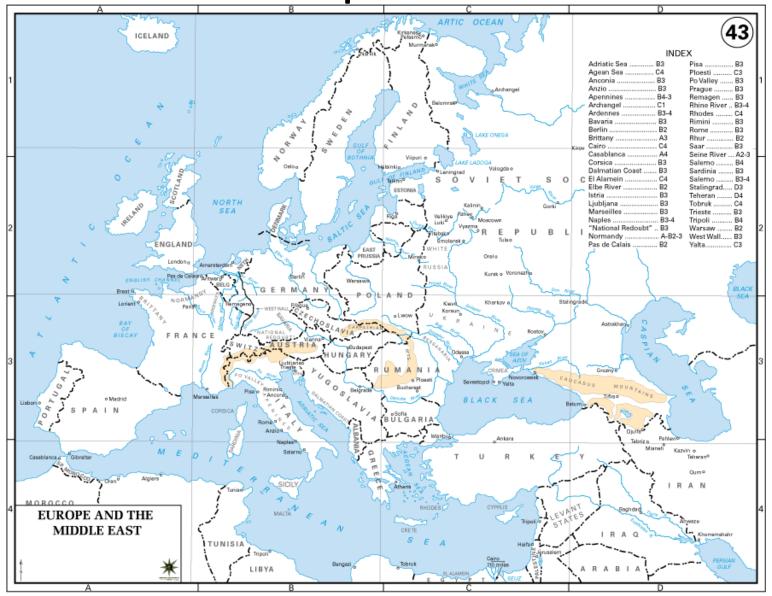
"The successful termination of the war against our present enemies will find a world profoundly changed in respect of relative national military strengths, a change more comparable indeed with that occasioned by the fall of Rome than with any other change occurring during the succeeding fifteen hundred years. This is a fact of fundamental importance in its bearing upon future international political settlements and all discussions leading thereto."

- US Joint Chiefs to Secretary of State, 3 Aug 1944

The Cold War



Europe 1939



Europe 1945



ders were put back roughly where they were before.

The general form of these postwar boundaries

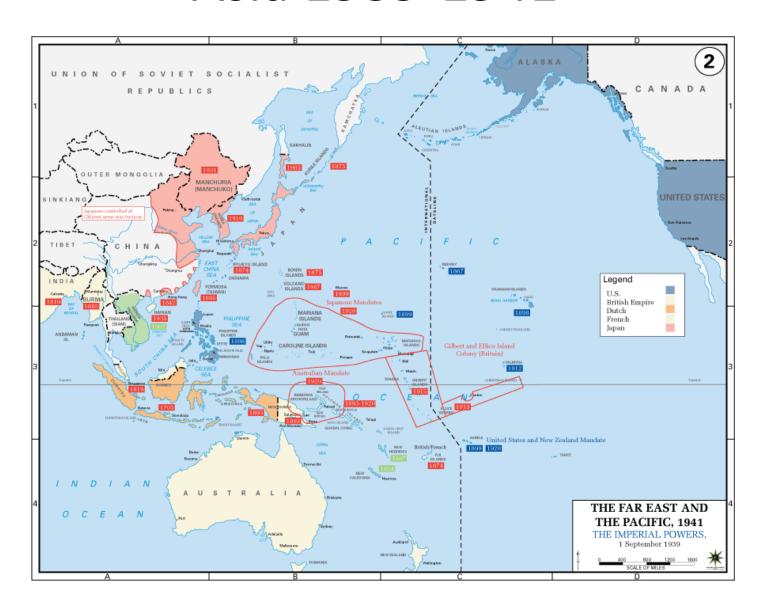
Poland (in light red); and such countries as Lith-uania, Latvia and Estonia which no longer exist

tled, although some, particularly those concerning Italy, will continue to be protested. For detailed maps of individual trouble spots, see next page.

British Withdrawal from Palestine



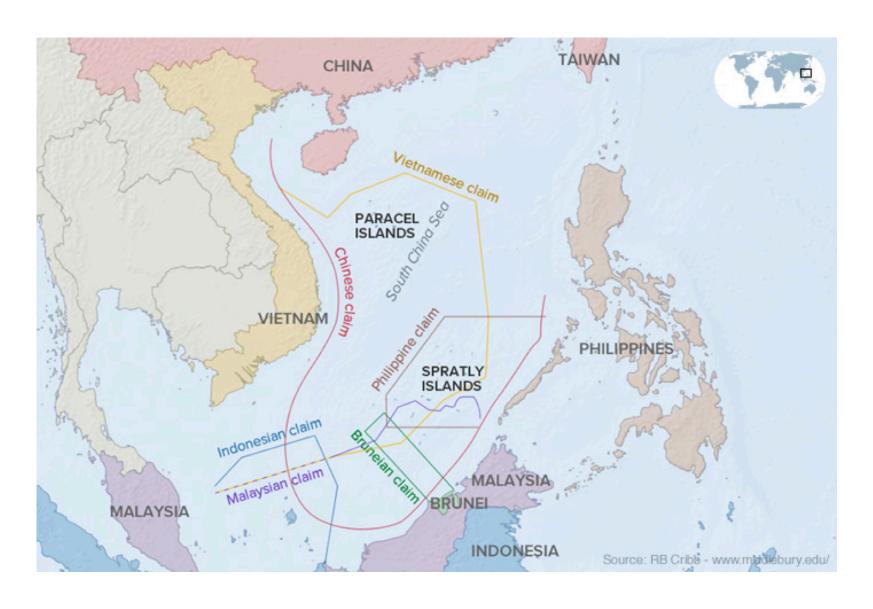
Asia 1939-1941



Asia After 1945



South China Sea



Partition of India



Other Impacts

- Global Demographic Earthquake
- UN, World Bank, etc set up in USA
- US Women's Rights & Armed Forces Integration
- US GI Bill
- Interstate Highway System
- WDVA & Veterans Benefits
- Historical memory of the war as political factor (Russia/Europe, Korea/Japan, Japan/China, etc)

Personal Impacts

- Loss of property & restitution
- Ike, JFK & Khrushchev
- Vladimir Putin
- Smothers Brothers
- My paternal grandparents in UK & Poland

Last Words

When you go home
Tell them of us and say
For your tomorrow
We gave our today
- The Kohima Epitaph

Questions and Discussion