

The Engelsberg Lecture: The Grand Alliance and Victory in the Second World War

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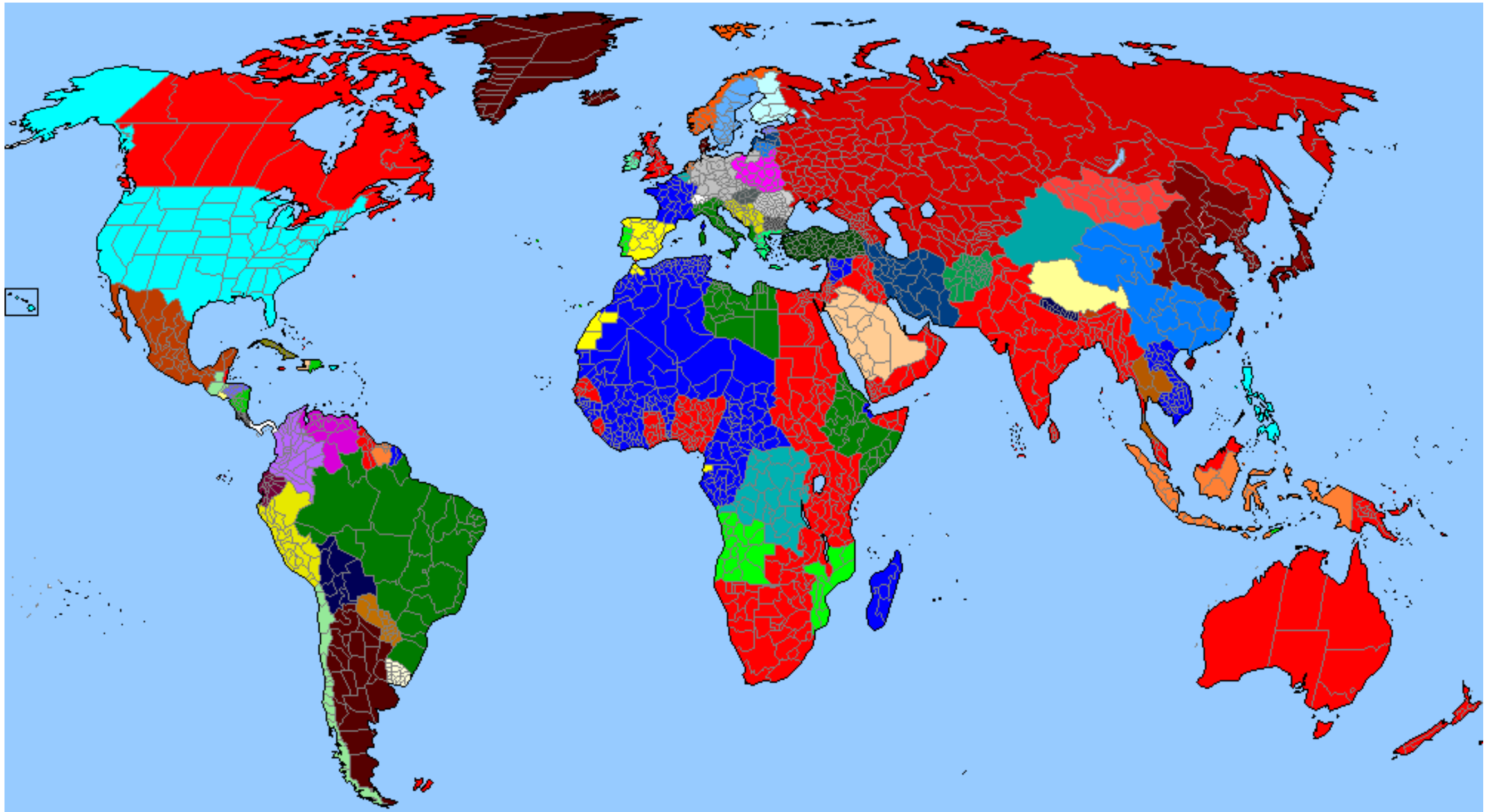
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Atlantic Conference, 1941

President Franklin Delano Roosevelt and Prime Minister Winston Churchill aboard HMS Prince of Wales for the Atlantic Charter meeting.

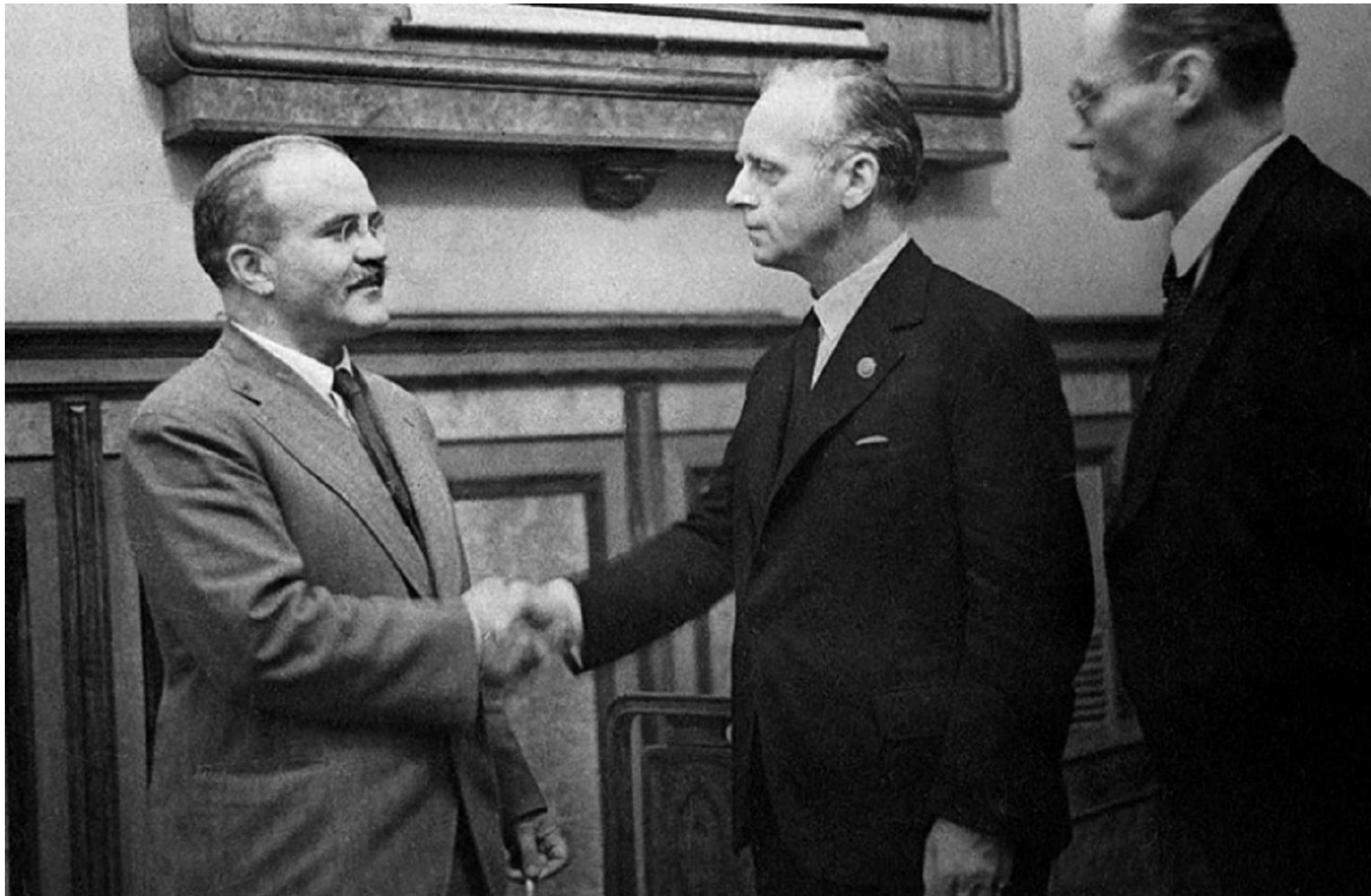
Placentia Bay, August 14, 1941.



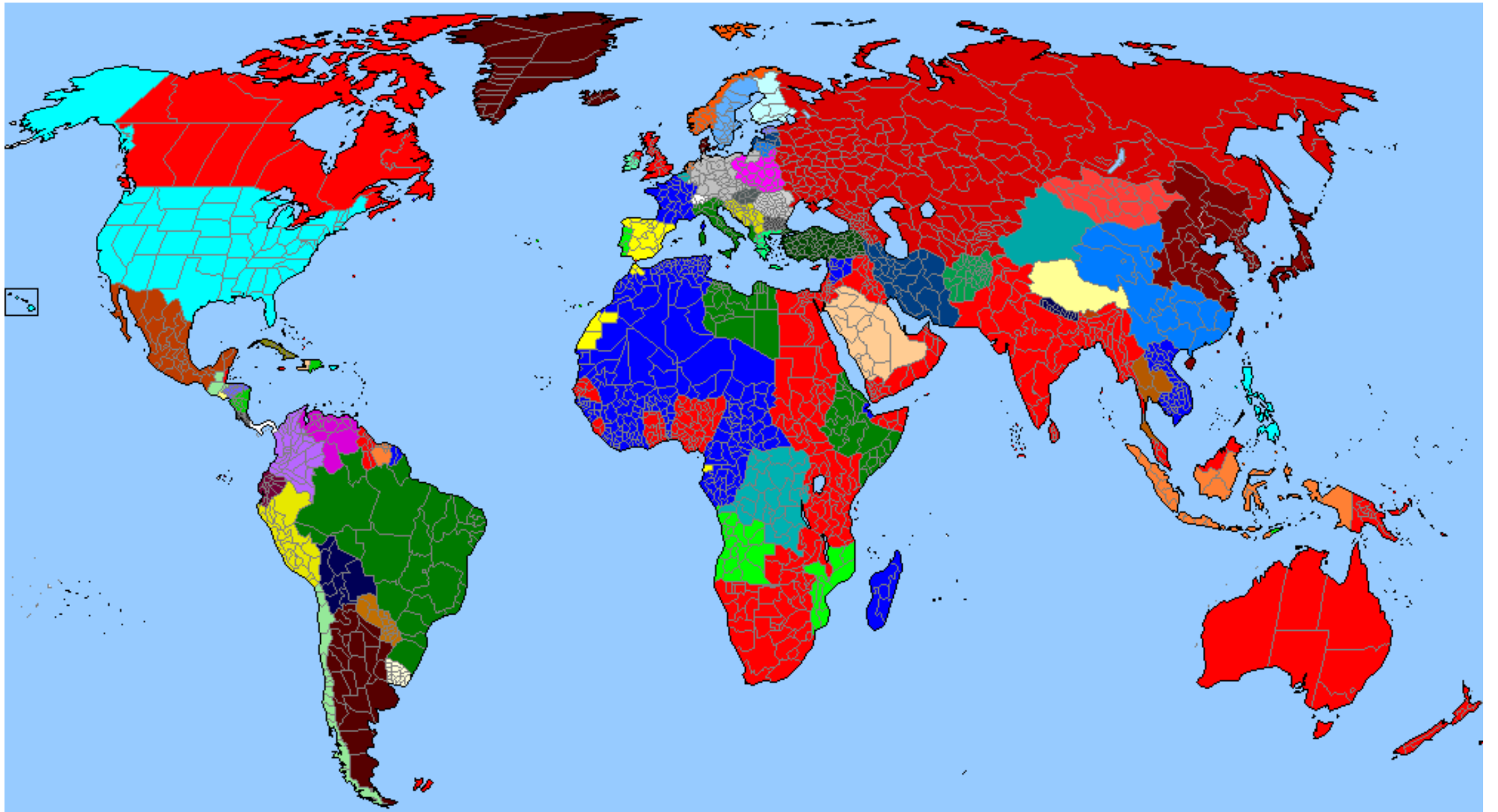
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The Molotov- Ribbentrop Pact

23 August 1939



July 1939





Tehran Conference, 1943

Joseph Stalin, Franklin D. Roosevelt and Winston Churchill on the veranda of the Soviet Legation in Teheran, during the first “Big Three” Conference, November 1943. In the background are aides to the US President.

Soviet Embassy, Tehran





D-DAY, June 1944

An American landing craft off Omaha Beach during the invasion of Normandy, France.

Photograph by U.S. Coast Guard Chief Photographer's Mate Robert F. Sargent, 6 June 1944.

Yalta Conference, February 1945

Winston Churchill, Franklin D. Roosevelt and Joseph Stalin at the Yalta Conference at Livadia Palace, Yalta, Crimea.

Standing left to right: Anthony Eden, Edward Stettinius, Alexander Cadogan, Vyacheslav Molotov and W. Averell Harriman.





Cartoon: Big Three, 1945 'And How Are We Feeling Today?'

English cartoon depicting the 'doctors' Churchill, Roosevelt, and Stalin, published shortly after their meeting at Yalta.

Cartoon by Sir Bernard Partridge, 1945.

Surrender of Germany, May 1945

Allied delegates celebrating at Rheims, France after the surrender of Germany.

Left to right: Soviet General Ivan Susloparov, U.S. Lieutenant General Walter B. Smith, General Dwight D. Eisenhower, Royal Air Force Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Tedder. Behind the Soviet General is General Sir William Morgan.

Photograph, 1 May 1945.





The Potsdam Conference, July 1945

Prime Minister Churchill,
President Truman and
Marshal Stalin shake
hands after the
conference.

Potsdam Conference, 1945

Allied leaders Clement Attlee, Harry Truman, and Joseph Stalin seated at the Potsdam Conference in occupied Germany.





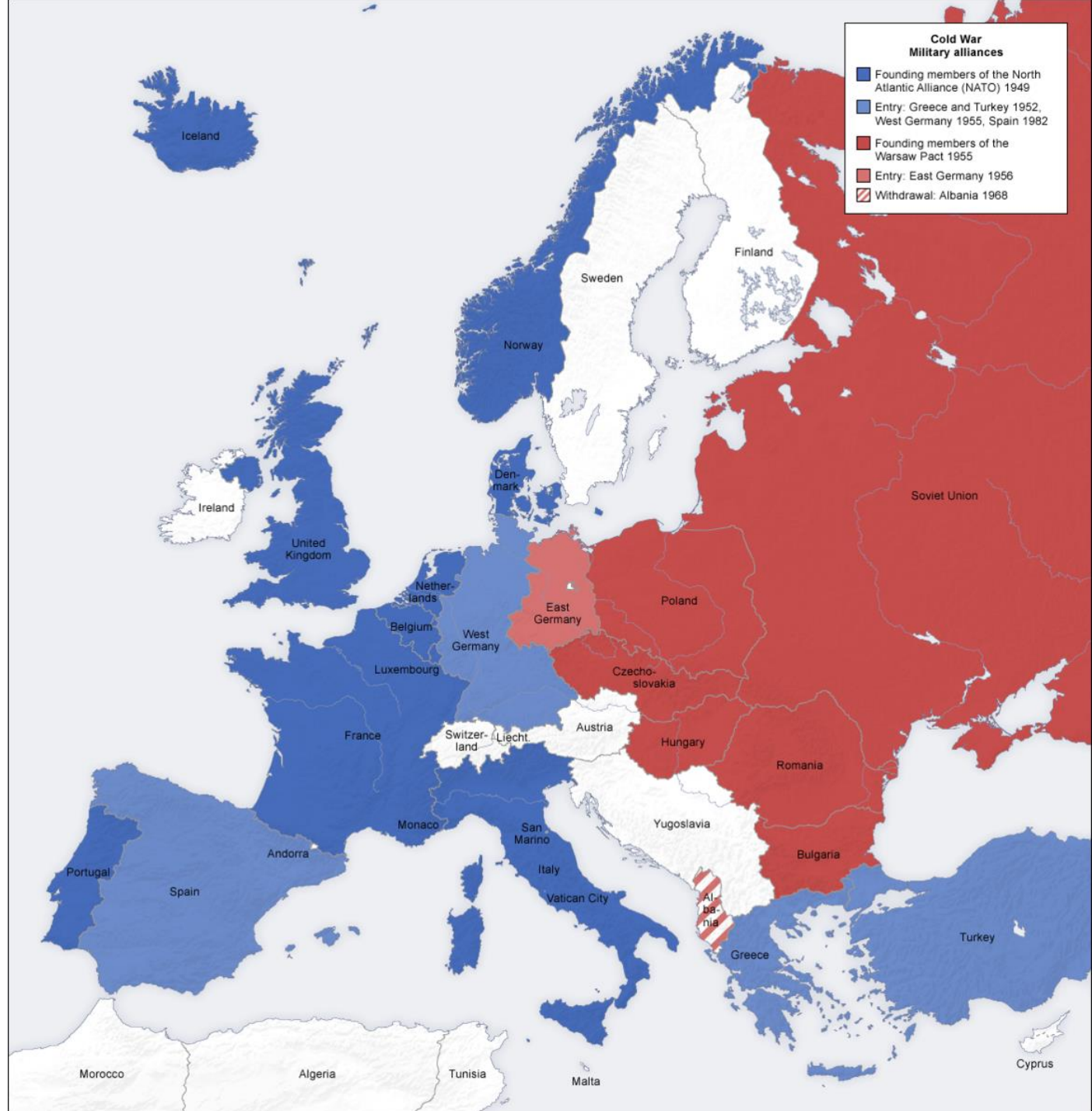
San Francisco Conference, 1945

The Earl of Halifax, British Ambassador to the United States, signing the Charter of the United Nations at the San Francisco Opera House.

Photograph, June 26, 1945.

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Cold War military alliances



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