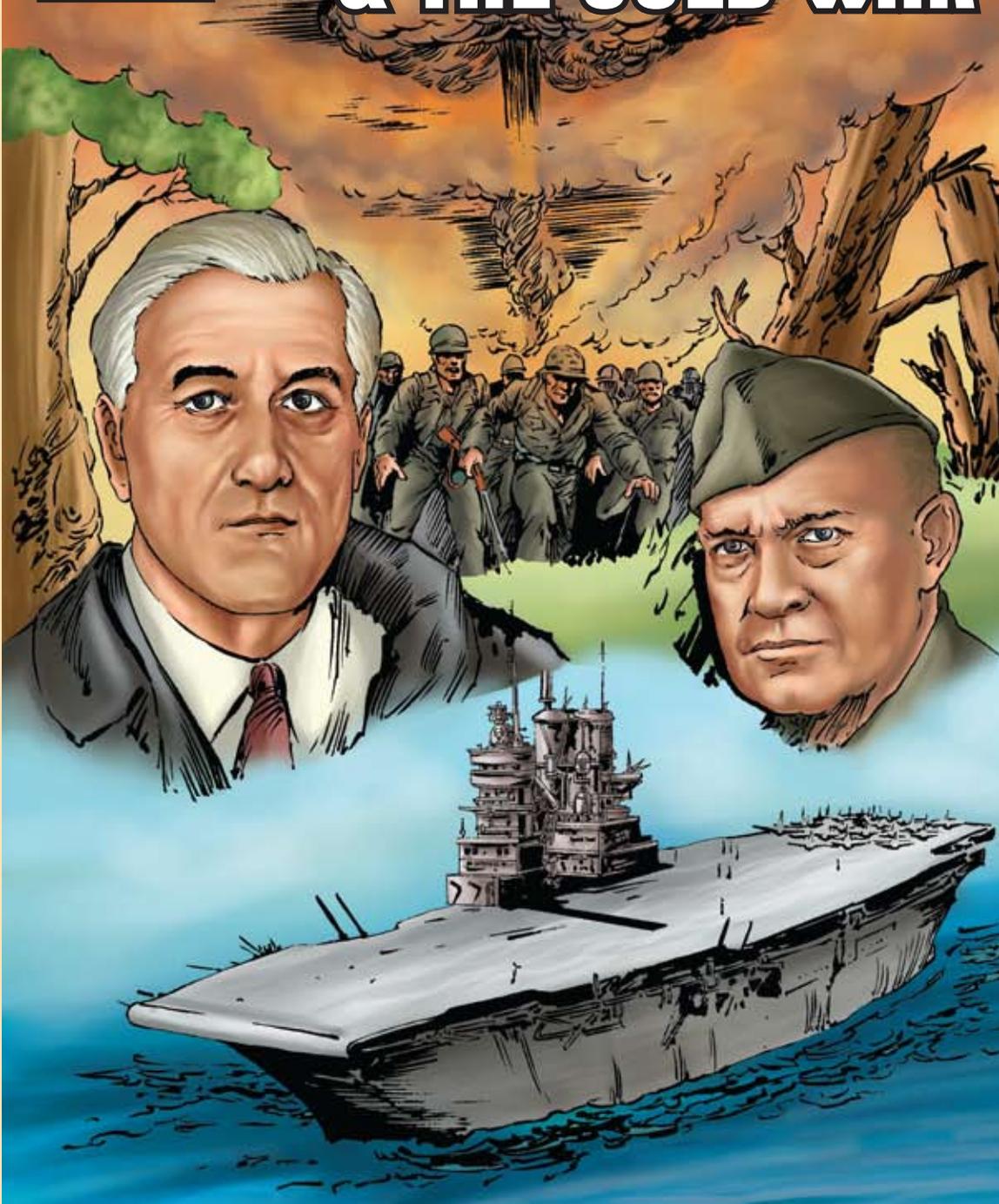




WORLD WAR II & THE COLD WAR





America at last!

In 1620, it took the Pilgrims more than nine weeks to cross the Atlantic in the *Mayflower*.



In 1927, Charles Lindbergh flew from New York to Paris in 33 hours.



Because of the slowness of communication, the Battle of New Orleans was fought two weeks after the War of 1812 had ended.

But by the time of the great New York Stock Market crash of 1929 ...



... the news spread almost instantaneously to London and around the world.

I say! Something frightful is happening in New York!

Mon Dieu! In New York, the market has crashed!

We are wiped out!

My God! I'm wiped out!



In his inaugural address on March 4, 1933, President Franklin Roosevelt recognized that we were living in a smaller world, a neighborhood.

In the field of world policy, I would dedicate this nation to the policy of the good neighbor.



Many Americans felt otherwise.

Why should we care what happens in Europe? We should stay out of their affairs.



We have enough troubles of our own. We should put America first!

During World War I, in 1917, a revolution took place in Russia. The czar was arrested, forced from his throne, and later executed.

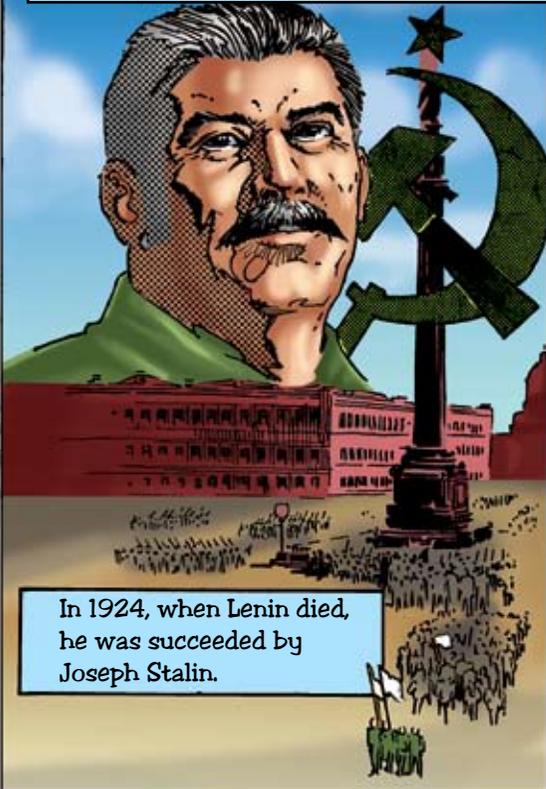


A constitutional democracy was set up, but was overthrown by the extreme revolutionists, and Vladimir Lenin became premier.



We will now proceed to construct the socialist order!

The Bolsheviks established a Communist dictatorship and Russia became the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, or the USSR. They proclaimed their intention of promoting worldwide revolution.



In 1924, when Lenin died, he was succeeded by Joseph Stalin.

In Italy in 1922, a crowd of men in black shirts marched on Rome.

We want Mussolini!



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Viva Il Duce!

Victor Emmanuel III was king of Italy, but he was powerless.



What can I do? Send for their leader, Benito Mussolini.

Mussolini, leader of the Fascist Party, came to Rome.

I request you to head the government and form a new cabinet.



At once, Your Highness! I will save Italy from the evils of Communism!

When Americans went to the movies, they saw newsreels of world happenings.



He looks so pompous, it's hard to take him seriously.

You'd take him seriously, if you were in Italy. People who oppose him are thrown into prison or killed!





He is a National Socialist—a Nazi. He has great ideas!

Like what? He sounds like a rabble-rouser.

He says it wasn't our fault we lost the war! It was the slackers back home, the Jews and the Communists!

That's crazy!

I'm a Jew, and I fought beside you at the front! My father was a Jew, and he worked himself to death in a factory, making ammunition! We're Germans, too!

Oh, I didn't mean you! But *somebody* has to take the blame for losing the war.



Somehow, my friend, you frighten me.

Soon Hitler and Mussolini met.

This Pact of Steel we sign today will signify to the world that power in Europe revolves around a Berlin-Rome axis!

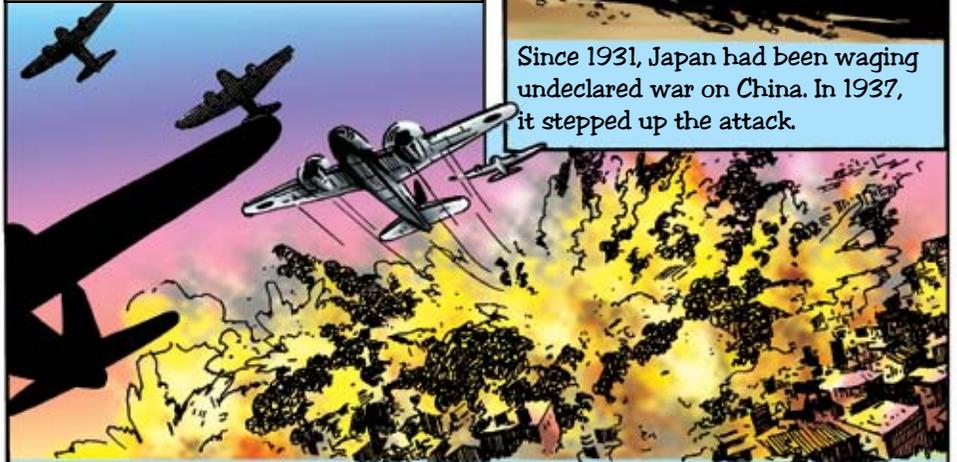


And long may the Fascist-Nazi friendship flourish!

On the other side of the world, the military dictatorship of Japan had been steadily arming.



Since 1931, Japan had been waging undeclared war on China. In 1937, it stepped up the attack.



Over the Chinese mainland, Japanese planes dropped bombs on city after city.



Japanese troops waded ashore to occupy Chinese territory.

In Germany, Adolph Hitler was delighted.

You see? We can take what we want! No one dares to stop us!

On March 11, 50,000 German troops crossed the border into Austria.

Forward!
Heil Hitler!



Infantry, artillery, motorized units, the air force invaded Austria.



The Germans have taken our country without firing a shot!

Nazis took over the Austrian government. Nazi mobs took possession of Vienna and raided the Jewish Quarter. Britain and France issued protests, which Hitler ignored.

Czechoslovakia was the one remaining republic in Europe east of the Rhine. When Hitler threatened to take the country, the Czechs were determined to fight, relying on the help of Great Britain and France. But once again they refused to fight, and Hitler took over Czechoslovakia.

Then Hitler threatened Poland. Sir Neville Henderson, British ambassador to Germany delivered a letter to Hitler.

Sir, have you considered the contents of the prime minister's letter?

The same day in Moscow, the German von Ribbentrop and the Russian Premier Molotov signed a pact of non-aggression.

His protests are nonsense! Britain has no business in eastern Europe! Your support merely encourages a hopeless Polish resistance.

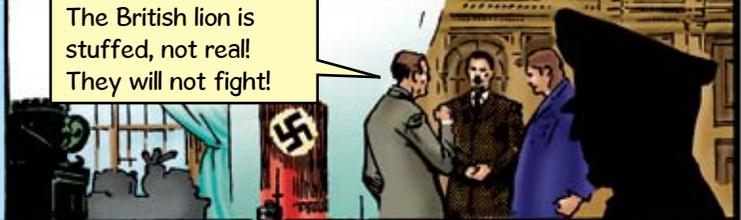
To many years of friendship between our two great nations!

Heil Hitler!



The German ambassador to Great Britain reported to Hitler.

The British lion is stuffed, not real! They will not fight!



But this time there was no choice. Hitler had to be stopped somewhere. The British ordered war ships concentrated in the Skagerrak.



During the 1930s Americans did not want to get involved in Europe.

We've got enough to worry about, trying to get through the Depression.

We fought to save the world for democracy in World War I, and look at it now!



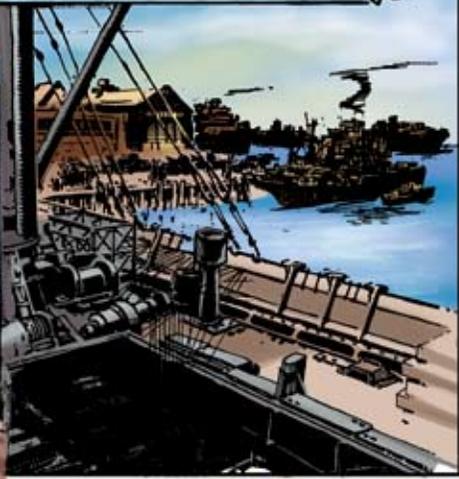
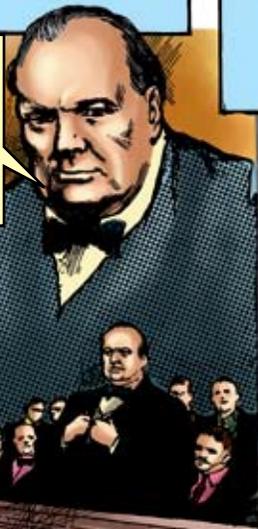
In 1935, Congress passed a neutrality act forbidding the sale of munitions to either side engaged in a war.

In May 1940, Britain had a new leader, as Winston Churchill succeeded Chamberlain.

The Germans invaded Denmark, pouring ashore from ships in the harbor and overrunning the country in one day.



I have nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears, and sweat. What is our aim? Victory!



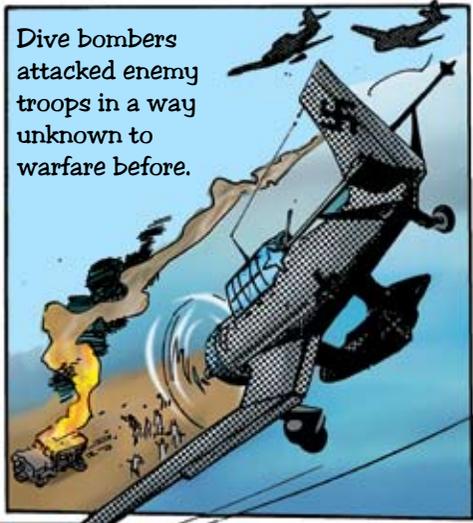
In snowbound Norway, they quickly overcame Norwegians and their British reinforcements.



The Luftwaffe—the German air force—laid waste to airfields and harbors and destroyed Rotterdam.



Dive bombers attacked enemy troops in a way unknown to warfare before.



They also bombed or strafed with machine-gun fire the thousands of refugees fleeing across France ahead of the German armies.



On June 14, the Nazis entered Paris.

