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OUR PERIL IF BRITAIN FALLS

1. What the Axis Gets If We Let Britain Fall

HITLER GETS:

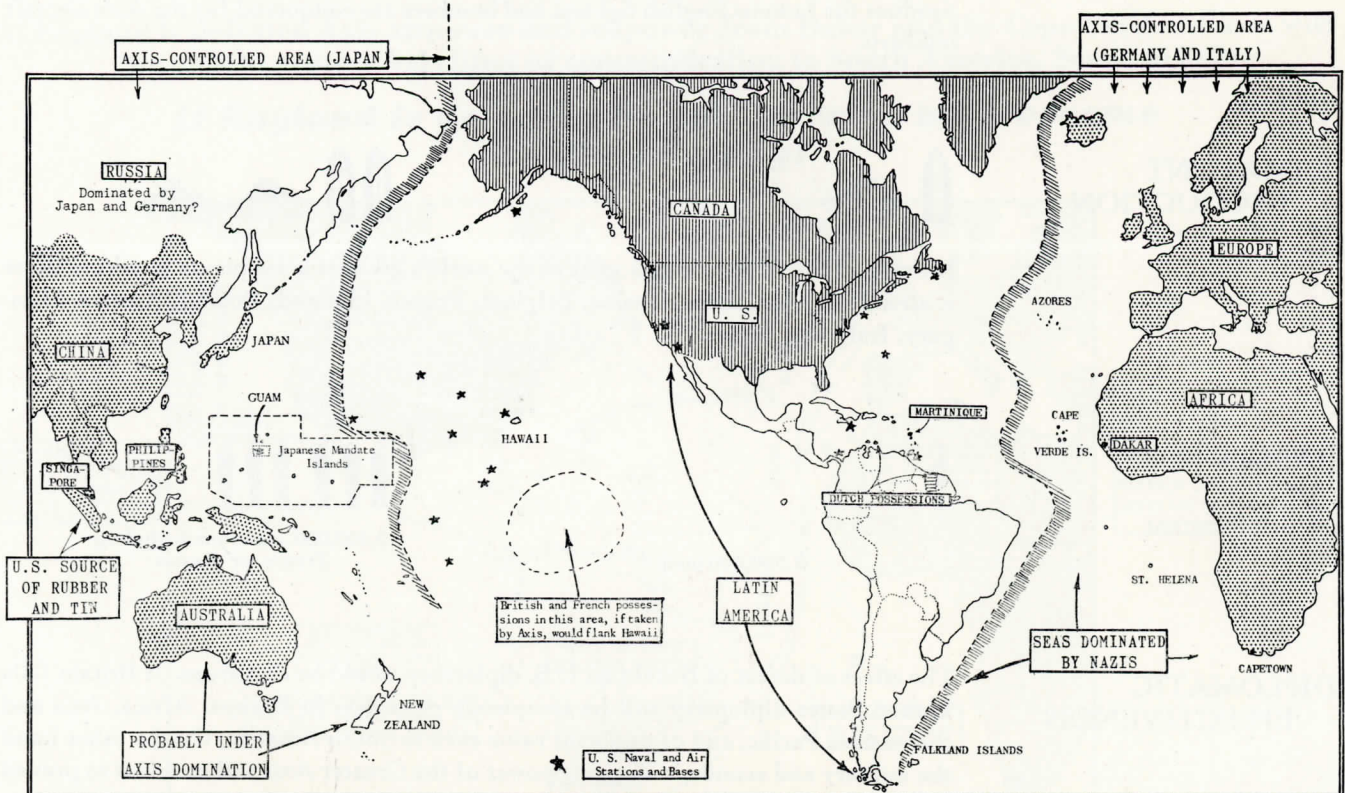
1. Permanent possession of key Atlantic bases and islands: Iceland, Gibraltar, Dakar, the Azores, the Cape Verde Islands (unless we occupy them and are able to hold them alone).
2. Quasi-legal claim on French, Dutch and British possessions—Martinique, key base in West Indies, Dutch Islands in Caribbean, The Guianas, British and French islands in Pacific south of Hawaii.
3. Undisputed mastery of Europe, Africa and Southwest Asia.
4. Control of the remainder of the French fleet and probably some of the British fleet.
5. Possession of great shipbuilding, armament and aircraft works in Great Britain, France, Holland and Czechoslovakia—enough to assure the Axis permanent superiority in naval and military armament over the United States.
6. Two hundred million slaves who must work for him or starve.

JAPAN GETS:

7. Final victory over China.
8. Singapore and Dutch East Indies—and therefore control of the U. S. rubber and tin supply.
9. A position that assures success of attack on Australia.
10. Bases that would greatly facilitate an attack on the Philippines.

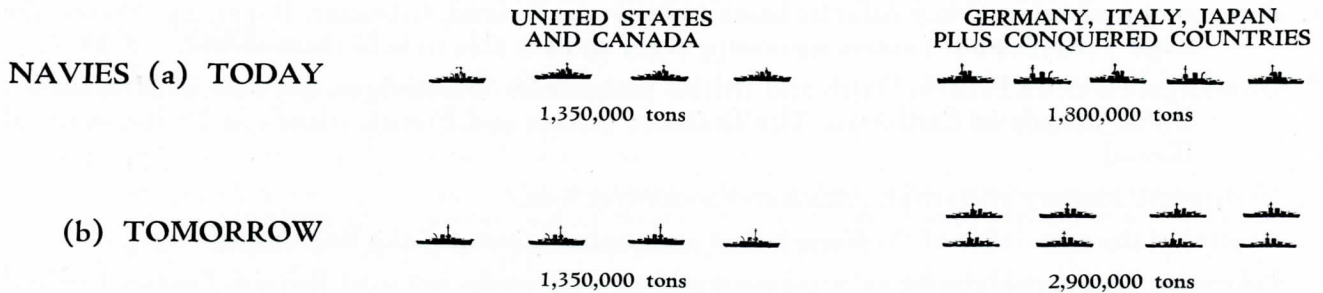
—in short, Germany, Italy and Japan get unlimited raw materials for their war machines—steel, oil, copper, rubber, etc.—and the power to shut off the United States from rubber.

And this is what the map will look like!



2. U.S. vs. The Axis

How the United States (plus Canada) will stand relative to the Greater Axis if Britain falls.



The U.S. will be outnumbered more than 2 to 1 tomorrow if Hitler gets remainder of French fleet and half of British fleet. And since European-Japanese shipbuilding capacity far exceeds that of the United States, the Axis could outbuild the United States in a naval race. Thus even the two-ocean navy to be completed by 1946 may well turn out to be inferior in both the Atlantic and the Pacific.

AIRCRAFT CAPACITY



The odds against the United States will be greatly increased if the factories which produce the famous English fighters and bombers are conquered for the Axis aircraft industry.

ARMAMENT PRODUCTION



If England falls the Axis gets some of the world's greatest arms plants to add to those it already has in Czechoslovakia, Belgium, France, Holland, Poland, Austria, Hungary, Italy and Japan.

ARMIES



DIPLOMATIC EFFECTIVENESS

The effect of defeat of Britain on U.S. diplomacy would be disastrous. If Britain falls United States diplomacy will be completely powerless in Europe, Africa, Asia and the western Pacific, and of doubtful value even in South America. On the other hand the military and economic slugging power of the Greater Axis will enable it to prevail in diplomacy nearly everywhere, including most of South America.

3. Next Nazi Step—Bloodless Invasion of South America?

WHY NOT?

The Nazis have always planned to colonize South America in the shaded area in the map below.

Already: German-controlled airlines operate 20,000 miles of line in South America.

Already: Nazi agents have been busy for many years lining up German, Italian and Japanese minorities for sabotage and military action.

Already: Anti-U.S. undercover agitation is going on in several South American countries, in Central America—even in Mexico!

How long—if the Axis wins—will South America remain friendly to the United States?

Look at the map on page 1—look at the area and resources the Axis may control—look at the line-up on page 2.

How could any South American country (except those adjacent to the Caribbean) afford to antagonize the Greater Axis shown on page 2, refuse to “collaborate” with the Power that controls the very seas that wash its shores?

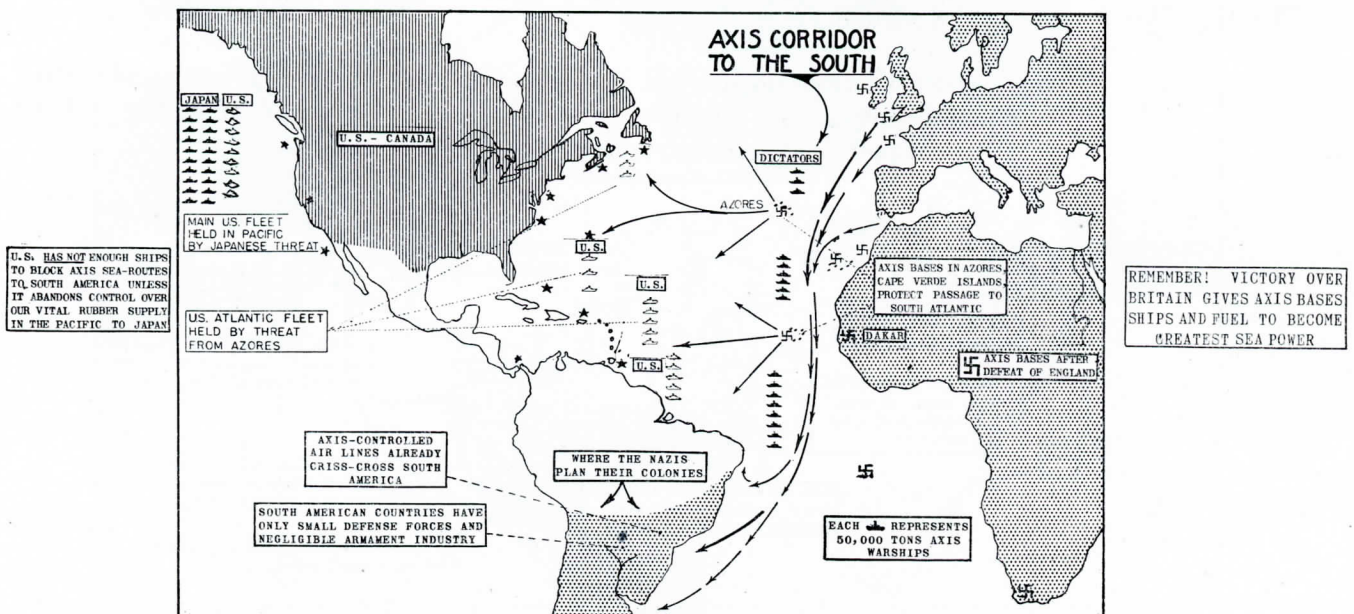
If—as isolationists desire—Britain should submit to a “negotiated peace” and “collaborate” with today’s Germany, why should not South American countries “collaborate” with tomorrow’s Greater Axis? And where would that leave us?

How long before pro-Axis groups would muscle into control of one or more Latin-American countries or start revolutions?

If the Nazis secured the cooperation of only one South American country, they could build up military forces, equipment and supply industries over a period of time, **AND THE UNITED STATES COULD DISLodge THEM, IF AT ALL, ONLY BY A MAJOR OVERSEAS LAND WAR.** Look again at page 2.

If England is defeated Axis airpower and seapower from Dakar and the Cape Verde Islands will be able to protect Axis lines of communication to South America. See map below.

If England is defeated South America may become a Nazi Colony!



4. The Last Act—?

Nazis establish bases near the Caribbean!

Nazis destroy the Panama Canal in furious attack!

Nazis bomb U. S. cities! Demand U. S. accept the New Order!

WHY NOT?

“These things can’t happen,” say the isolationists.

But they are wrong. It is tragic to say and pretend that what may be impossible for Germany, Italy and Japan today will also be impossible for the Greater Axis tomorrow.

Who is there so brazen as to promise that the Greater Axis, although having the resources and workers of Europe, Asia and Africa and perhaps part of South America to command, will nevertheless be unable to outbuild the United States in ships, in planes, in tanks and in guns?

If a “have-not” Germany of today can build the greatest war machine the world has so far seen, why cannot the “have” Axis of tomorrow—which may control three-fourths of the world—build a still greater war machine?

The map below shows possible developments in an Axis attack on the United States. As you study it

REMEMBER! THAT THE GREATER AXIS WILL HAVE THE SHIPS, PLANES, MEN AND BASES FOR EFFECTIVE CONTROL OF THE SEAS.

REMEMBER!! THAT THE GREATER AXIS WILL HAVE THE MEN AND RESOURCES TO OUTBUILD THE UNITED STATES ON LAND, ON THE SEA AND IN THE AIR.

REMEMBER!!! THAT THE WEAK NATIONS OF SOUTH AMERICA MAY HAVE NO OTHER CHOICE BUT TO FALL IN WITH THE PLANS OF THE AXIS.

**Count the cost to the United States of defending itself—
alone—against such a combination**

