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## **BRITAIN SIGNS PEACE WITH AXIS**

### **Top secret talks in Copenhagen**

Millions all over moaned a sign of relief as the prime ministers, chancellors and presidents of Great Britain and several Axis pact nations announced a peace treaty between Britain and Germany on their New Year Speeches. With the fullest consent of her Allies, Germany had prepared and signed an agreement that might change the world not less than the treaties of Versailles and Vienna.



**Hitler's New Year's speech before the Reichstag**

### **Churchill resigns**

Winston Churchill has resisted the agreement to the last breath. Between Christmas and Sylvester the king has cited him to Buckingham Palace. Previous consultations between top diplomats, British peers and high-ranking German officials in England have resulted in a "common sense paper" that was submitted to the parliaments in London and Berlin. Foreign Minister Clement Attlee pledged his oath as the successor to Churchill on December 31.

### **Restoration of occupied territories**

Most important aspects of the treaty are the restoration of France, Holland and Belgium by Germany. President Pétain announced in a radio address to the nation in 1941 that "the day of France's freedom is the day of Germany's victory of England". Words like these must surely sound like Beethoven in Hitler's ears.

The French rump territory has almost become a puppet state of Greater Prussia. Nevertheless, the moods of the European people are at an all-time high since almost three years now. Spontaneous peace celebrations were observed in numerous European cities across the continent.

### **US still at war with Axis**

Secretary of State Cordell Hull has expressed his doubts to the restoration of said territories. "With the Soviet Union at his back door, Hitler would not dare to abandon these valuable assets. He is fooling us again. How long will we be jerked by this jester?" Certainly a secret protocol called for the return of Germany to the gold standard, a prerogative to any peace stated by the British Empire since September 1939, Cordell explained. The full enactment of this treaty might never be seen, he further concluded, as Germany is practically bankrupt and can only finance herself from the spoils of war. "But the agreement with France rules out any reparations. So Germany simply must maintain the French industrial centers under military government as long as possible", the Secretary stated.

Many Americans feel that our war with Germany has only come into existence because of the Anglo-German war. Asked of when an American-Axis peace would come within range he shrugged. "We will carefully consider our options, including economic warfare", said Hull, unveiling DoD plans to invade Spain, Italy and Germany via Northwest Africa, Portugal and possibly Norway.

# PEACE TREATY

Between

The British Empire

And

The German Reich

**The contracting nations agree to a mutual cease-fire an peace, under the following terms:**

1. Full Prisoner Exchange
2. Britain accepts German control of Poland, Alsace-Lorraine, and the former German African colonies of Cameroon, Togo, German East Africa (Tanzania), and German Southwest Africa (Namibia).
3. Britain accepts Italian control of Malta and Tunisia. Italy gains these lands as reparations for its losses and the unfair territorial settlements it has received in the past.
4. Gibraltar, and Spanish Morocco come under British mandate.
5. Germany recognizes British control of India, Persia, Saudi-Arabia, Kuwait, and New Guinea.
6. Egypt becomes Italian mandate. The Suez Canal will be given a joint mandate between the Italians and the British. Italy is given the rights to the resource in southern Egypt.
7. Serbia is given its independence but Italy will keep no more than 3 corps as occupation forces for a duration of 5 years to insure a safe transfer of power and to protect against communist guerillas.
8. The Free French Government and low countries Governments in exile are expelled.
9. France and its colonies are restored.
10. Belgium and Holland are restored. With the condition that Dutch Oil be sold to Germany for 8\$m per quarter for 5 years.
11. Germany asks for no monetary reparations. Germany recognizes that all nations have suffered in this conflict.
12. Each independent state or colony is allowed stationing of one corps. French colonial troops may not enter mainland France.

Copenhagen the 31<sup>st</sup> of December, 1941

Signed for Germany  
Adolf Hitler  
Deutscher Reichskanzler

Signed for Britain  
Clement Atlee  
British Prime Minister

## SOVIET ATTACK ON ROMANIA

On January 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Soviet Central Front under Commander-in-Chief Marshal Georgi Konstantinovich Zhukov crossed the border to the neighboring country Romania with a total of 57 divisions. The disputed territory of Moldavia is claimed by Soviet Russia since 1922 and was occupied in a swift move. Romanian border battalions were quickly overrun. The Soviet troops advanced to the claimed borders of before 1920.



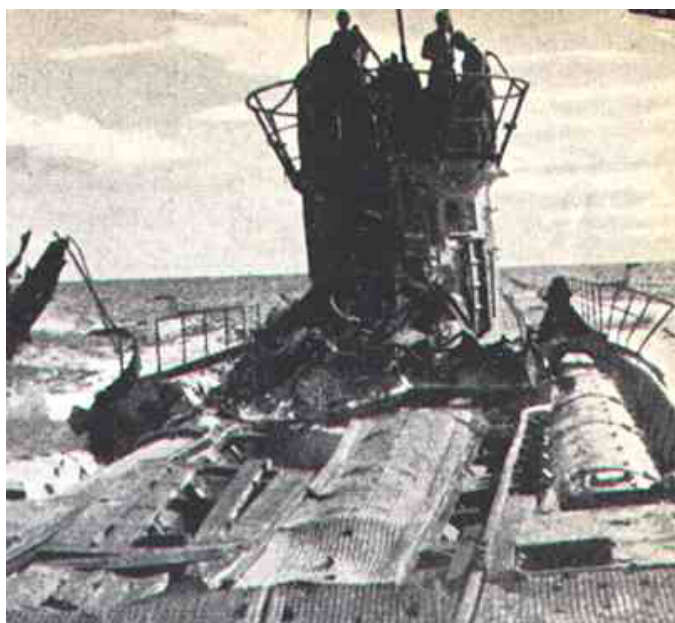
**Soviet heavy tank KV-1, one of over 1200 pieces in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tank Army**

Romania was obviously prepared for such a move and had not stationed any regular forces in the area. Consultations between Bucharest, Rome and Berlin have been underway since. It was decided that the alliance case was not to be exclamation. Germany and Italy promised to immediately send “shield forces” to the endangered ally. Romanian king Carol II announced that he does not expect “further aggression” by Russia, nonverbally admitting that the Axis had accepted the Soviet fait accompli. World Observer European correspondent James Reather noted that Russia still maintains claims to several islands in the Danube delta and that Germany is already engaged in a limited hot war with Soviet Russia on foreign or neutral ground, says “Hitler pretends that the Balkans are luke warm. Actually it is a damn hot place to live right now”.



## BALTIC AGAIN SCENE OF FIGHTING BETWEEN GERMAN AND SOVIET SHIPS

The Russian Baltic Fleet was again attacked by the German Navy this month in the vicinity of Finland. According to the Kriegsmarine attaché in Stockholm, U261 spotted the Soviet fleet on January 26 and attacked BB Marat and accompanying destroyers. Marat and four destroyers were hit. The crews reported the noises of 2 sinking vessels before diving to escape the counterblow. 6 boats were lost after extensive Russian depth-charging.



**The Kriegsmarine lost several boats in the Baltic**

While occupied with hunting down the subs, German 2. Flotte approached the area and managed to sneak close with 3 CLs and 30 DDs against the Marat and ca. 40 destroyers of the Soviet Baltic Fleet, ca. 50 miles north of the Dagö island.

Both sides reported heavy casualties upon the other. The Germans admitted to have retreated into the fog after realizing unfavorable odds against the Soviet battleship.



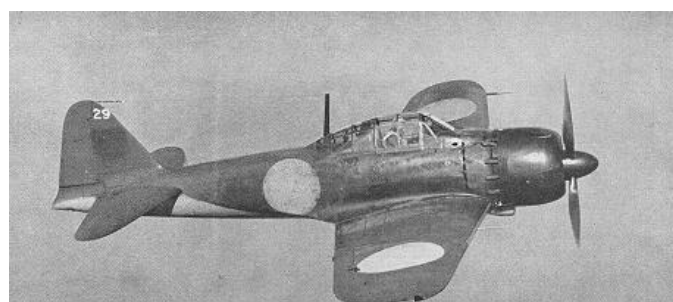
**BB Marat, sister ship of Oktabrya Revolutsiya**

## ATTEMPT ON HITLER'S LIFE

Berchtesgaden. A week after what is possibly Hitler's greatest success in life, German royalists attacked and seized the Führer HQ at Berchtesgaden/Obersalzberg, near Austria. Hitler was found to be out on a walk at that time. The rebellious troops searched the Obersalzberg area for hours. For him a loyal officer, possibly a member of the secret commando group that attacked Hitler's mountain retreat, found him and escaped with the chancellor to a small airstrip nearby and flew him to Munich. Both were reported wounded lightly but alive and well. Propaganda minister Goebbels announced the traitors will meet with the full force of the nation's revenge. The name of the hero who saved the Führer was kept strictly secret, Berlin rebuffed the curious press.

## JAPAN GEARS UP WAR PRODUCTION

Tokyo. Japanese Minister of Finance Okuro Yashimono published the latest figures for the 1942 State Budget. Total state income will increase by 1.2 trillion yen (1 billion dollar) to 7.2 trillion yen (6 billion dollar). The armaments spending is scheduled to increase from 800 billion yen per quarter last year average to 9 billion in the first quarter, 1942, and 1.4 trillion yen in the fourth quarter, 1942. A hefty tax raise by Tokyo will not only hit the purses of Japanese citizens but mostly those of the poor oppressed people in occupied China.



**Japan focuses war production on modern fighter aircraft such as the A6M Zero-Sen depicted here**

A major increase in armaments production is seen by the air force. Navy builds are slightly increased. Yashimono stated that this increase in Naval builds is not directed against the US. The Japanese Empire has continued to provoke American reaction to their expansive politics in Asia since their attacks upon the British Commonwealth and the East Indies two years ago.