

# Five Titans Led The 'People's War'

**World's Worst Disaster Was Clash Between Tempers, Ideals Of Leaders**

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This has been a personalized war in Europe. Through the long years leading to the struggle and the bloody years of battle, the destiny of all has rested in the hands of a few leaders of nations. The great figures — Roosevelt, Churchill, Stalin, Hitler and Mussolini — "men of the hour," were men of royal blood. The world of World War II has been a struggle of entire peoples, and the leaders probably will ponder the destinies of the leaders' personalities upon events. Each has displayed to the world the national characteristics of his state or its form of government.

**The Sinister and the Rosy**  
First of the dictators was strident, pompous, braggart Mussolini. His stature shrank as that of his pupil, sinister Adolf Hitler, increased. Thwarted, overweening in ambition, fanatical, brutal, the Fuehrer played upon the ingrained militarism of his people, still stinging from defeat.

United Nations leadership for the European conflict was in the hands of a trio of different stamp. Churchill, "the rosy little man," a master of rhetoric, looks like John Bull and clinched fame by carrying the torch for the British Empire through the dark days of 1940-41. Russia's fate was entrusted to Joseph Stalin, inscrutable master player in the international poker game of diplomacy, who gained time by siding with the Nazis at first, who let the world think Russia could not fight victoriously, and who drew Hitler onto a battlefield of death.

The United States was led by Roosevelt, a phrasemaker himself, a master of timing and a leader so popular he could ask and get for the first time in history a third presidential term. He not only helped a peace-loving, complacent country reach war tempo, but insisted on being in fact the military



trusted the U.S.S.R., he must have thought, and the deed must have played a part in the later Russian policy, shifting and enigmatic as it seemed to the outside world.

Il Duce, when the showdown came in September, 1939, showed his inherent weakness by pulling aside as a non-belligerent, then found outlet for his braggadocio in May, 1940, by jumping on France when he thought the battle was over. His action resulted in Roosevelt's tide-changing "stab in the back" speech one day later.

**The Atlantic Charter**  
Personalities were transcendent when in 1941 the Anglo-American leaders held the first of their get-togethers and drew up the Atlantic Charter. With it, generalized as it was, the two astute leaders silenced many skeptics of Allied war motives.

The later meetings of the leaders proved how their dominating beliefs and characteristics belittled the minor currents in the stream of conflict.

In the later days of the war, as the psyches of Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin came into permanent dominance over the tottering personalities of Mussolini and Hitler, individual differences again shaped events.

Hitler, the egotist and mystic, during the day of German victories, sowed the dragon's teeth of suspicion and contempt among the professional Prussian militarists. He spurned them, recalled them, dismissed them and cajoled them until even the homefront suspected the omnipotence of the Reich's man-god.

Mussolini, when war overwhelmed Italy, found the years

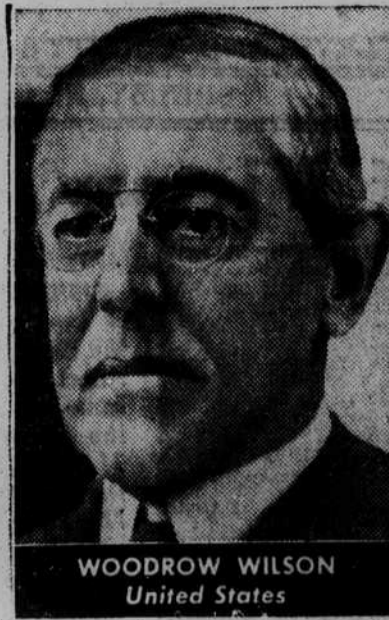
head of the nation, as well as the political.

**The Might Have Been**  
What has been the effect of these personalities on events?

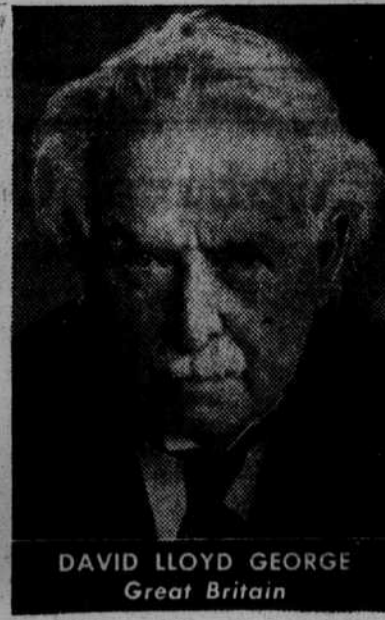
At Munich Hitler pulled a gun on the Allied Leaders of 1938, Chamberlain and Daladier. They quailed, and Mussolini who had been called in to play the role of interlocutor, decided history by putting his chips with Hitler, whom he had bluffed in similar fashion on the matter of Austria's freedom in 1934. Churchill would scarcely have been bluffed that way.

Stalin, ignored at Munich, showed his disappointment. No one

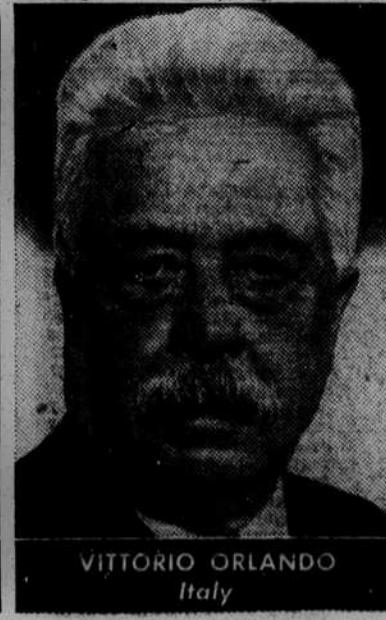
# 4 Who Made Peace After World War I



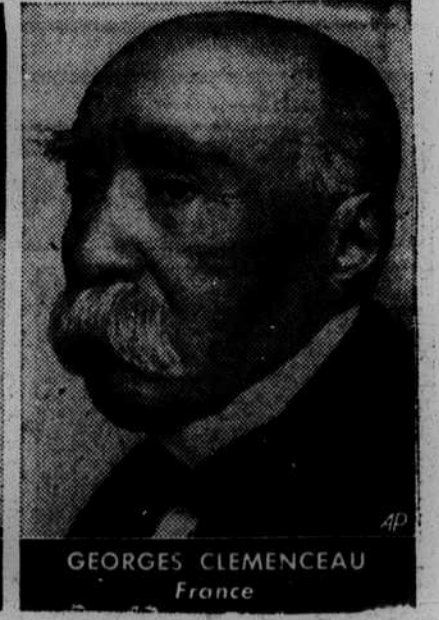
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Great Britain



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Italy



GEORGES CLEMENCEAU  
France

of strutting and imperiousness could not make up for the fact that his regime was termite-eaten.

The two who had trusted no one except a tiny inner circle found even the circle did not trust them.

These five (for it is still too early to judge the ultimate personal element in the Pacific) were products of the times in which they came to power, but more than that the deeds which followed were products of the men.

### Perilous Pinball

SPOKANE, Wash. — (AP) — When her husband operating a pinball machine won \$4, a soldier's wife tried her luck, hit the jackpot and fainted. She was revived at emergency hospital.

### New Plastic Skins A Pig

WILMINGTON, Del. — (AP) — Tough bristles can now be removed from pigs in a simple stripping operation, the Hercules Powder Company reports — and the result is more and better pork products.

The pork carcass is coated with a resin chemical. When the plastic suit is scraped off, the pig is minus hairs.

The removed plastic is remelted and used again.

### Sign Of The Times

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — (AP) — This sign appeared in the pharmacist's window: "delivery boy wanted — please!"

### No Doubt It's Listed As Clean Getaway

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — (AP) — The vice squad automobile stopped and detectives dashed into the house of a raid.

A thief sped away with the police car. Blocks away the auto crashed into a pole at an intersection.

One detective, searching the car for his last clean shirt, learned the thief took it with him on his getaway.

### Just Like Grandma Used To Bake

RYE, Colo. — (AP) — John Robin, signal corps officer now in the Solomons, recently was interviewing a young medical officer, he related in a letter.

Robin and the medical officer were discussing cake. The young medic said the best coffee cake maker in the world was a woman in Tulsa, Okla.

She turned out to be Robin's grandmother.

Coffee grounds and tea leaves will clean short-napped rugs if sprinkled by handful over the rug to be cleaned, allow to remain for 15 minutes and brushed off with a stiff bristled brush.



## REMEMBER

the women in  
Hong Kong . . . Nanking . . .  
Bataan . . . Singapore . . .

## JAPAN MUST PAY!

● The civilized world has been horrified by the outrages committed by the Japanese against the women in the lands that they have overrun. History has no parallel to the atrocities of which they have been guilty on so large a scale.

Let no victory on any other front, lessen our zeal to avenge the honor of these helpless women who have been the victims of the bestial Japanese!

Rather, let the full weight of our righteous wrath deal them a blow from which they shall never recover to repeat their evil deeds.

Maxwell-Morris & Kennedy

## Dreams

... of a happier day

Of a day when he and all soldiers can return to their homes and their loved ones . . . of the day when all strife in the world will be over. These men who have fought and defeated the enemy in Europe know that this day is soon at hand but are determined to finish the fight to the end. May this day be soon.

**Shelby Hotel**

CLEM WILTSEE, Manager

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