

YALTA AND POTSDAM CONFERENCES - THE PREMISES OF THE BEGINNING OF THE COLD WAR

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ABSTRACT

In the 20th century, no state other than the United States of America had such a profound impact on people's lives. Germany unwittingly aided American supremacy in half of Europe and in the world. During the first half of the 20th century, Germany fell victim to its idea for inaccessible greatness. The violence created by the ideology of the "chosen nation" and of the "superior race" has created a memorable tragedy in the human consciousness. From year 1945 up to year 1990, Germany helped make the world fairer. It was completely destroyed by World War II and found itself in the center of the Cold War vortex. It didn't matter where the ideological adversaries would clash during the Cold War, there was always Germany in mind, and even the Cold War itself began for its own sake. Each of the three powers had brought in Yalta its own priorities. The British wanted to maintain their empire, the Soviets to strengthen and seal their conquests in Europe and go as far as the Far East and the Americans to put Russia in the Pacific war. The fate of Europe occupied almost the whole second day of discussions. The military of the three countries have presented the map, to how the areas of influence were to be divided and how the states, especially Germany, was transformed.

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