

Some History They Never Taught Us---

From the book "Dark Sun" page 95 //As reported by the JCAE (1951) and other sources:
The American lend lease act (Sept 1941- ~June 1945) delivered almost half-a-trillion dollars worth (all numbers in 2004 dollars) of war equipment supplies and services.

Of this, \$125 billion went to the Soviets including:

Thousands of fighters and B-25 Mitchell bombers, a grand total of 14,798 aircraft,
400,000 GM trucks (!)
210,000 cars (!)
\$8,140,000,000 Munitions
3,000 Anti-aircraft guns
3,734 Tanks
245,000 field telephones
A merchant fleet (100+ liberty ships) and 581 naval vessels (many of these PT boats and smaller ships),
13,000,000 pairs of winter boots,
5,000,000 tons of food,
2,000 locomotives,
11,000 boxcars,
540,000 tons of rails,
\$1,110,000,000 in petroleum products,
Complete alcohol, synthetic rubber, and petroleum cracking plants,
Aluminum, copper, zinc, steel, parts and spares etc., etc., etc., almost without end.

After WWII this incredible largesse was hidden by the Americans (since the Soviets were no longer allies) and by the Soviets (Stalin wanted to take credit for winning WWII himself). This explains some things that have always puzzled me, like why Hitler simply could not invade Britain (most of the remaining \$350 billion went to Britain--so they were very well equipped).

At least 25,000,000 Soviets died in WWII. Something like 85% of the European casualties of WWII were between the Soviets and Germans on the eastern front. A good case can be made for the European front in WWII being called a German-Soviet war with a few other minor combatants (like the British and US). The largest battle in modern history was the battle of Kursk, followed more-or-less by the battle of Stalingrad, Prussia, Vistula, Berlin, Moscow, etc. At Kursk, the Germans fielded 2,700 tanks and assault guns, 1,800 aircraft and 800,000 men. The Russians defended with 1,300,000 men, 3,600 tanks, 20,000 artillery pieces and 2,400 aircraft. So the Russians had some reason to call it their "Great Patriotic War". A Russian general said, that after the war was over, an expensive and destroyed piece of precision German machinery...a field gun, a tank, a command car, an aircraft...was found every hundred meters from Moscow to Berlin over a swath a thousand kilometers wide.

The Japanese understood well that they had to defeat us in less than a year; otherwise America's limitless production would simply bury them. *"In the first six to twelve months of a war with the United States...I will run wild and win victory upon victory. But then, if the war continues after that, I have no expectation of success."* Admiral Yamamoto in an interview with Shigeharu Matsumoto, a member of the Japanese Cabinet, 1940

When the A-bomb was dropped on Japan, there were scarcely a handful of Japanese cities that had not already been completely destroyed by B-29 incendiary raids. The A-bomb's targets had to be reserved in advance, which puzzled the military not in on the secret plan.

The US survived the depression of the 1930's, fought two wars simultaneously in the 40's and it followed this up in the 40's and 50's with the Marshall Plan that fed and rebuilt Europe and Asia. A rich country indeed. And hardly anybody gave us back a dime.