

Utah in World War II



WWII: The Holocaust

- Hitler Exterminated the Jews



How the U.S. Got Involved

- U.S. was attacked at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii
- Japanese bombers sunk ships like the USS Arizona and USS Utah



Pearl Harbor



DISCOVERY

EDUCATION

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Victory Gardens

- People were encouraged to grow Victory Gardens so more food would be available to send to soldiers
- Eat your own stuff-> buy less-> more for soldiers



Rationing

- What was the purpose of rationing?
- Everyone got what they needed and the extra went to help with the war effort



How did women get involved?

- Husbands went to war
- Women started making airplanes, guns, and ammunition



Blackout Drills

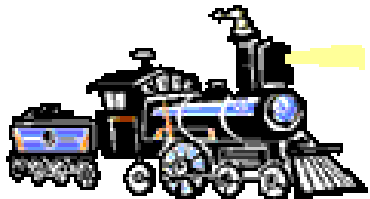


<http://planetgreen.discovery.com/home-garden/images/2009-01/blackout-curtains.jpg>

- To make it more difficult for enemy aircraft, Utah had blackouts
 - Hung heavy black curtains over windows – no light

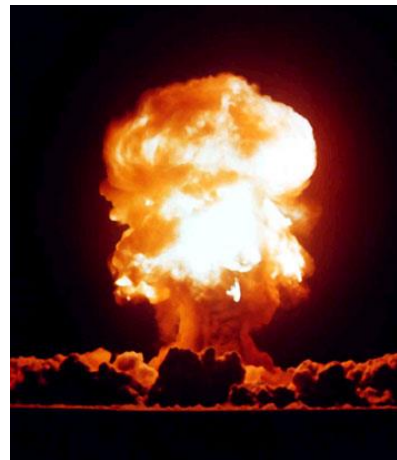
Utah's Contributions

- Far from coast
- Good transportation for troops and materials
- Metals from mines were used for weapons
- Hill Air Field had
 - Huge airplane hangars and runways,
 - Open spaces perfect for pilot training, and
 - Was close to a hospital so it was easy to fly soldiers in for treatment.



More Contributions

- Geneva Steel Company made steel for California shipbuilders
- John Browning improved on the machine gun
- Wendover Air Force Base trained the crew that dropped “Little Boy”



- <http://www.moonbattery.com/archives/Mushroom-Cloud.jpg>
- http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/5/54/Geneva_Steel_Mill_1942_by_Andreas_Feinger.jpg

Prisoners of War



- POWs were sent to Utah General Depot (Ogden)
 - Built/repaired buildings
 - Farmed
 - Worked in warehouses
 - Prepared food in kitchens
 - Built ski runs at Snow Basin

▪ <http://ibiblio.net/hyperwar/USA/USA-E-Logistics1/img/USA-E-Logistics1-p155a.jpg>

Changes in Economy

- WWII was good for Utah's Economy
- Utah's largest employer became the U.S. federal government during the war

Navajo Code Talkers

- Used Navajo language
 - No one in Europe or Asia knew it
 - Very difficult language to learn
 - Our other codes were easy to understand
- Japanese were never able to decode the Navajo language





The Code

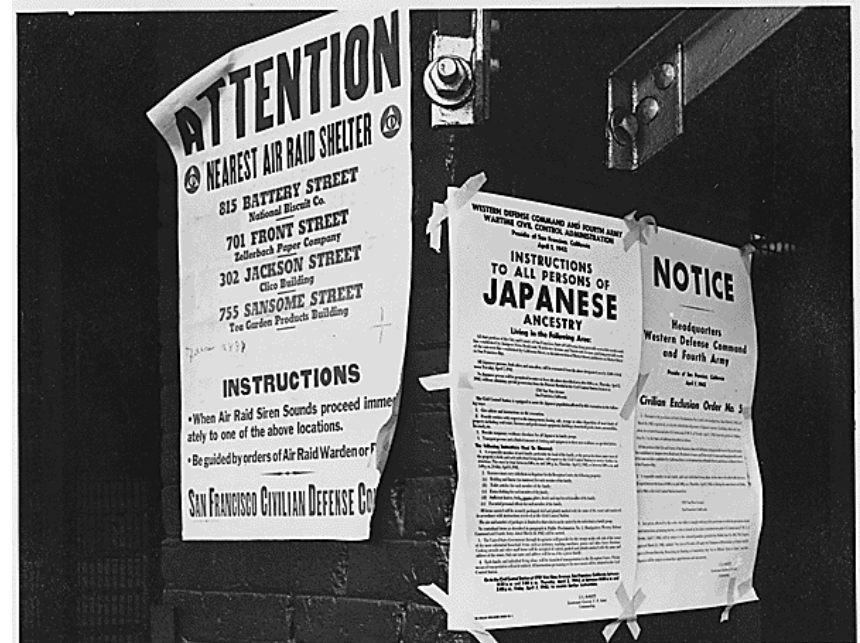
Word	Navajo	Literal Translation
Action	Ah-ha-tinh	Action
Advance	Nas-say	Ahead
Airdrome	Nilchi-began	Air House
Alert	Ha-ih-des-ee	Watchful
Allies	Nih-hi-cho	Our Friends

Alphabet	Navajo	Meaning
A	Wol-la-chee	Ant
B	Shush	Bear
C	Moasi	Cat
D	Be	Deer
E	Dzeh	Elk
F	Ma-e	Fox
G	Klizzie	Goat
H	Lin	Horse
I	Tkin	Ice
J	Tkele-cho-gi	Jump
K	Klizzie-yazzie	Kid
L	Dibeh-yazzie	Lamb
M	Na-as-tso-si	Mouse
N	Nesh-chee	Nut
O	Ne-ahs-jah	Owl
P	Bi-sodih	Pig
Q	Ca-yeilth	Quiver
R	Gah	Rabbit
S	Dibeh	Sheep
T	Than-zie	Turkey
U	No-da-ih	Ute
V	A-keh-di-glini	Victor
W	Gloe-ih	Weasel
X	Al-an-as-dzoh	Cross
Y	Tsah-as-zih	Yucca
Z	Besh-do-gliz	Zinc

Word	Navajo	Literal Translation
Airplanes	Wo-tah-de-ne-ih	Air Corps
Dive Bomber	Gini	Chicken Hawk
Torpedo Plane	Tas-chizzie	Swallow
Observation Plane	Ne-as-jah	Owl
Fighter Plane	Da-he-tih-hi	Hummingbird
Bomber	Jay-sho	Buzzard
Patrol Plane	Ga-gih	Crow
Transport Plane	Astah	Eagle

Japanese Americans

- Suspected of being spies and traitors
 - Some had been born in the United States
- Ordered by government to leave the West Coast
- First lived on an old racetrack, than sent on to Utah



Topaz



- Square mile of barracks in the middle of the desert
- Slept on cots and ate in mess hall
- Very boring life
- Adults paid to work around the camp; children ran free

NOTICE
SURVEILLANCE
CAMERA IN USE

SITE OF **TOPAZ** INTERNMENT CAMP



...two thirds of whom are U.S. citizens, are
...and incarcerated by their own government.
...they are imprisoned in ten Island
...and barbed wire, under suspicion
...of the ten camps. □ Without
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Gold Star mothers, incarcerated behind barbed wire,
welcome home their U.S. veterans spouses— white at the same
time mourn for spouses lost fighting for America.



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Topaz

- 1943: allowed to fight in U.S. Army
 - Had to sign questionnaire stating their loyalty
- 1943: allowed to leave to work for relatives outside of camp



Topaz Closed



- When WWII ended, Topaz was closed
- 1948: Government paid some money as compensation
- 1988: Government paid more money and officially apologized

Atomic Bomb Ends WWII

- Hiroshima

- Nagasaki