

POSTDAM CONFERENCE

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- this day three Allied leaders met – Stalin, Truman, Attlee

WHAT HAPPENED TO ROOSEVELT AND CHURCHILL?

WHAT ANOTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENT HAPPENED THE SAME DAY?

LOOK AT THE PHOTOGRAPH. WHAT COULD YOU READ OUT?

TERMS:

- in fact the Postdam Conference decided very little.
- it was the last meeting of the wartime alliance

LOOK AT THE FOLLOWING SOURCES AND TRY TO GUESS THE FATE OF THE POST-WAR EUROPE.

Friendship had already given way to suspicion and that would soon turn into open hostility

The crippling of France and the impoverishment of Great Britain ensured that the confrontation was essentially between America and the Soviet Union.

(the historian Richard Mayne)

I am trying my best to save peace and to follow Roosevelt's plans

(Harry Truman)

On July 24th I casually mentioned to Stalin that we had a new weapon of special destructive force. The Russian Premier showed no unusual interest. All he said was that he was glad to hear it and hoped we would make good use of it against the Japanese.

(Harry Truman)

Photograph

The personal meeting with Stalin enabled me to see what the West had to face in the future. Force is the only thing the Russians understand. Stalin showed what he was after.....the Russians were planning world conquest.

(Harry Truman)