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US and Britain: "Fascism must be exterminated"

An account of the origins of the planetary order that has prevailed until today offers some surprises. The commitments made by the Western powers have not always been, or are, respected.



This article is for the sole purpose of remembering. In view of the striving intention of the Western powers to forget the past so that today's citizens, particularly young people, put aside history, their history, the history of struggle of their parents and grandparents, it is necessary to remember.



Moscow Conference – 1943

Between 1941 and 1945 (both inclusive) five conferences were held in Moscow (one per year) in which senior government representatives of Great Britain, the United States and the Soviet Union (USSR) participated. The third one took place between October and November 1943 when the Nazi troops had already been crushed in Stalingrad and the Soviet armed forces were fully developing the counteroffensive to the west to liberate their territory.



Winston Churchill, Franklin Roosevelt and Joseph Stalin in Yalta, February 1945 –

Source: USA National Archives.

The event ended on November 11 of that year was attended by diplomats, senior officers of the armed forces and other officials, as well as the foreign ministers of the three countries who together with the ambassador of the Republic of China to the USSR signed

a document known as the Four Nations Declaration that included four parts: declaration on general security, declaration on atrocities, declaration on Italy, and declaration on Austria. In the same way, the conclave was propitious to discuss transcendental issues of world problems at the same time that measures were taken to shorten and end the war. At this conference for the first time there was talk of founding a world organization that would guarantee peace on the planet. It was the germ of the creation of the United Nations (UN) that would materialize two years later, after the end of the conflict.

For the purposes of this article, we will recall some of the agreements taken and included in the first two statements. In the area of general security - as mentioned above - the need to establish an international system and an organization based on principles of sovereignty and equality of all States that would benefit from the maintenance of international peace and security as the property of all mankind was recognized.

Likewise, the participants expressed "complete agreement" in Italy, "fascism with all its evil influence and configuration must be completely exterminated" so that the Italian people would have the power to establish democratic institutions both in the governmental sphere or any other. To make this agreement valid, the declaration clearly stated that "all institutions and organizations created by the fascist regime" would be abolished. Likewise, any fascist or pro-fascist element could not exercise functions in the field of public administration. On the other hand, all political prisoners who were political prisoners for having fought fascism should be released immediately and be granted full amnesty.



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The statement also instituted that fascist leaders and senior army officers who were "known or suspected" to be war criminals would be placed under arrest.

After Great Britain, the United States and the Soviet Union had shown that Hitler's troops had committed crimes, collective executions and other heinous crimes, and the use of brutal and oppressive methods to dominate and subjugate the peoples of the occupied countries was confirmed, they solemnly warned and declared that when the war was over, officials at all levels, If, like those affiliated with the Nazi Party who were responsible for these heinous crimes or who have accepted them, they would be handed over "to the countries where they committed their abominable acts, to be tried and punished in accordance with the laws of such liberated countries and of the free governments established therein."

This Declaration was signed by Anthony Eden, Foreign Minister of the United Kingdom, Cordell Hull, Secretary of State of the United States and Vyacheslav Molotov, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Soviet Union.

A year and a half, after the leaders of these same powers Joseph Stalin, chairman of the Council of People's Commissars of the Soviet Union, Winston Churchill prime minister of the United Kingdom (since July 26, Clement Attlee, who succeeded Churchill after winning the election), and US President Harry S. Truman met in Potsdam (near Berlin), Germany between July 17 and August 2, 1945 already finished the war. At this conference held on German territory, in addition to agreeing on how this country that had been defeated in the conflict would be administered, the triumphant powers debated about the international order that would be established from that moment and discussed peace and the effects of war.



Group photo: Behind from left to right: [William D. Leahy](#), [Ernest Bevin](#), [James F. Byrnes](#) and [Vyacheslav Molotov](#). Front from left to right: [Clement Attlee](#), [Harry S. Truman](#) and [Joseph Stalin](#)., with their delegations in the garden of Cecilienhof Palace after the Potsdam Conference, August 2, 1945.

Although the agreements adopted were of little use, since only 4 days after the end of the conclave, President Truman ordered the dropping of atomic bombs on the surrendered and defenseless cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki thus establishing a world order based on nuclear power, the signatories of the Potsdam Conference stipulated that Germany should be demilitarized, de-Nazified and democratized. Perhaps it is no accident that these are the same objectives proposed by Russia for its special military operation in Ukraine.



Point 3 (I) of the agreement provides that all German industry which could be used for military production shall be abolished in such a way as to permanently prevent the restoration or reorganization of militarism and Nazism within the armed forces of Germany and even in "all other military or quasi-military organizations, together with all clubs and associations that serve to keep alive the military tradition in Germany."

In section III of the same point, it is decreed the necessity of "destroying [sic] the National Socialist Party and its affiliated and subordinate organizations, dissolving all Nazi institutions, ensuring that they do not re-emerge in any form, and preventing all Nazi or militaristic activity or propaganda." In later points, the abolition of the Nazi laws that constituted the basis of the Hitlerite regime is established precisely from the establishment of differences between citizens for racial, religious or political opinion reasons "whether legal, administrative, or of another nature".

The document strictly and scrupulously states that all war criminals who have participated in the creation or projection of Nazi enterprises who have committed atrocities or war crimes or are complicated in their perpetration will be arrested and put on trial. The same measure would apply to Nazi leaders and prominent promoters and supporters of Nazism and to senior officials of Nazi organizations and institutions.

All this legal and political framework that was built when the war was still in full swing were the support that gave rise to the "Charter of the United Nations". [Article 23](#) of that document sets out the responsibilities of the members of the UN Security Council for the

maintenance of international peace and security.



Article 106 expressly refers to the Declaration of the [Four Powers signed at Moscow on 30 October 1943](#), so that, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 5 of that Declaration, "consultations may be held among themselves, and where appropriate, with other members of the Organization, with a view to agreeing on behalf of the Organization such joint action as may be necessary for the maintenance of international peace and security".

However, the Council did absolutely nothing to guarantee peace and prevent the genocide that began to take effect in Ukraine after the coup d'état of 2014. On the contrary, in their eagerness to extend the area of control of their influence eastwards, using NATO, the United States and Britain not only promoted and organized the coup d'état of February 2014, but also supported, armed and financed the Ukrainian government that emerged from the coup d'état and that, Violating all previous agreements that they themselves signed to extirpate fascism and Nazism, they encouraged the presence of Nazi formations within the government, in particular the armed forces, thus favoring the "free performance" of extreme right-wing organizations that were created to persecute, murder and exterminate the ethnic and religious minorities of the country, which should have been considered a threat to peace according to Article 39 of the UN Charter. Such actions are even in violation of the very preamble of the great document.

One might wonder to what level of moral degradation the United States and Britain have reached in their quest for global domination so that, after having been promoters and protagonists of the anti-fascist and anti-Hitler struggle in the Second World War, they have now mutated into organizers and financiers of fascism and Nazism, stimulating the Ukrainian government to carry out actions that do not differ much from those carried out by their German counterparts during The Second World War.

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