

An Era of Challenge: The Conferences of World War II



We are living in an era that tries men's souls, for confronting the nation today are many arduous and difficult tasks in this Era of Challenge. The hope of lasting peace and security lies in the success of nations in settling their differences over the conference table.

~ Margaret Chase Smith
August 24, 1947

A Photo Retrospective

Of the Plan for Peace & the Formation of the United Nations

The Margaret Chase Smith Library is pleased to announce the opening of a new exhibit titled *An Era of Challenge: The Conferences of World War II*, a photo retrospective of the major policy defining conferences taking place between the years 1941 to 1945. Beginning with the secretive Atlantic meeting off the shore of Newfoundland in 1941 to the infamous Yalta Conference in 1945 which some believe was the start of the Cold War, a series of over fifteen major conferences took place to strategize about the end of the war, make plans for peace, and formulate the principles of the United Nations. The exhibit features photographs of prominent world leaders such as U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill, and Soviet Premier Joseph Stalin. The display is a compilation of photos from the library's collection, the United Nations Photo Collection, and the personal collection of Terry McManus of New Sharon, whose father served as an Army correspondent during World War II. These photographs offer a rare "behind the scenes" glimpse into the making of the plans and policies for postwar peace. It is on view until May 2007.

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