

terms of the surrender rather than to create a vacuum by refusing anything to the loser short of his total collapse.

These conclusions are supported by an analysis of Allied policy of unconditional surrender in World War II. In Italy the Badoglio government was ready to turn the nation's fighting forces against the Germans. The Allies refused to discuss such matters, and confined relations to repeated demands for unconditional surrender—that is, the dissolution of the forces which could have provided some resistance to German occupation. The delays resulting from Allied policy permitted German occupation of Italy, requiring its costly conquest, mile by mile. In Germany the Allied policy made less difference since Hitler, like the Allies, preferred his total military annihilation to negotiated surrender. In Japan the Allies in reality, though not in form, abandoned unconditional surrender, agreeing to the rule of the Emperor to avoid the costs of invasion. Had the Allies been willing to negotiate on this basis earlier, surrender might have followed immediately upon the defeat of Germany, and the use of the A-bomb and Russian entry into the Far Eastern war might have been avoided. These are some of Kecskemeti's points.

The last chapter of the book draws implications for the situation in which each side has power to unleash thermodynamic destruction in desperation on the other, even though this may not avert defeat. The implication is that in such a nuclear stalemate the "political pay-offs must be moderate. . . . Imposed terms cannot reasonably be expected to be other than lenient."

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