The rise of Totalitarianism

Start New Test Notes

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I. International Relations
A Weak League of Nations

The League of Nations:
- **Green**: Members for the duration of the League (1920-46)
- **Light Green**: Late joiners who remained in the League until the end (1946)
- **Blue**: Colonies of League members (1946)
- **Light Blue**: League of Nations Mandates

**Members who were expelled or otherwise left early:**
- **Yellow**: Membership lasted more than 15 years
- **Pink**: Membership lasted less than 15 years
- **Blue**: Colonies
The Ineffectiveness of the League of Nations

- No control of major conflicts.
- No progress in disarmament.
- No effective military force.
2. Locarno Pact - 1925

- France, Germany, Great Britain, Italy

- Guarantee existing frontiers
- Establish DMZ 30 miles deep on East bank of Rhine River
- Refrain from aggression against each other
3. Naval Disarmament
   a. Washington Conf. – 5:5:3:1.75
   b. London Naval Conf. – 10:7
   c. Japan demands =

   a. US Sec. of State Kellogg & Fr. Briand
   b. Renounce war, except defense, no sanctions

GB, US, Japan, Fr, Italy
International
Chaos League of Nations

Totalitarian Regimes

Great Depression

Naval Disarmament

Kellogg-Briand Act/Locarno Pact

No/Reluctant World Leader
II. Isms Sheet
III. Italy and Mussolini
III. Italy & Benito Mussolini (Axis) (Belligerent)

A. Factors Leading to the Rise of Fascism

1. Economic Problems
2. Fear of Communism
3. Nationalism
4. Weak Gov’t
6. Benito Mussolini - video
   a. Person
   b. Organizes Fascist Party 1919
   c. Promises:
      - Glories of Rome, land, eco.
      - end communist/socialist threat, jobs
   d. Black Shirts / March on Rome

7. 1922 Mussolini gains control of Italy - PM
8. Mussolini in Action (IL Duce)

a. Felt dem. Weak – Fascism
b. No freedoms of …
c. Opponents jailed
d. Propaganda
e. Youth movement – “Sons of Wolves”
f. Outlaw Divorce and…
h. Rewrite History
i. Corporate State – yes unions, no strike
j. Militarism
k. Religion & Government Are Intertwined

• Fascist governments tend to use the most common religion in the nation as a tool to manipulate public opinion.

• They meld religious rhetoric, symbolism, mythology, etc., into their policies [appears to give a religious imprimatur to government policies!]
I. Jews Are the Enemy!
Gli Ebrei in Italia (1937)

- Provided the intellectual premise for the 1938 racial laws.
- Attacked Jews for:
  - Their alleged Zionist sympathies.
  - Their championing of degenerate *avante-garde* cultural expressions.
  - For their doubtful loyalty to the Fascist regime and its imperial claims.
Anti-Semitism

- 50,000 Jews lived in Italy in the 1930s.
- Mussolini did NOT implement an extermination program in Italy.
  - 75% of Italian Jews survived World War II.
  - 8,000 died in German extermination camps.
- 1938 → anti-Semitic laws passed
  - Manifesto degli Scienziati Razzisti [The Manifesto of the Racist Scientists].
    - Excluded foreign Jews [most of them were sent to German death camps].
    - Forbade all Jews from teaching.
    - Excluded Jews from serving in the government or in the military.
m. Disdain for Intellectuals & for the Arts

- Open hostility to higher education and academia is promoted.
- Professors and other academics are censored or arrested.
- Free expression in the arts and letters is openly attacked.

The Liberty of the Press. Signor Mussolini. "You see, ladies and gentlemen, I don't muzzle him. The sagacious animal puts on his own muzzle himself."
n. Rampant Cronyism & Corruption

• Fascist regimes are almost always governed by groups of friends and associates who appoint each to government positions.

• This group uses governmental power and authority to protect their friends from accountability.

• National resources and even treasures can be appropriated or even outright stolen by government leaders.
Emphasis on Physical Fitness
Mussolini Was Hitler’s Role Model
D. Conquests

1. Mediterranean Sea –
2. 1934 – Ethiopia – **Abyssinia** Haile Selassie
   - 10 -1 kill ratio, used mustard gas and attacked the Int’l Red Cross
3. 1936 – Spain
4. 1936 – Rome-Berlin Pact (Iron Pact) – he is scared
5. 1939 – Invades Albania
6. Egypt - ???
IV. Germany and Hitler (Axis)

A. Germany following WW 1
   1. Depression/Eco. Problems
   2. Wiemar Gov’t
   3. No Dem. background

B. Adolf Hitler Steps in
   1. Early life
      a. WW 1
b. Joins Nazi Party – 1919
   - Beer Hall Putz 1923
   - Mein Kampf

c. After jail – promises –

d. Brown Shirts/SA – Sturmabteilung or Storm Division

400,000 personal army
2. Growth of Nazi Party
   a. Eco. Distress
   b. Fear of Communism
   c. Appeal to Nat’lism
   d. Anti-Semitism
   e. Weaknesses of Wiemar Gov’t
   g. Leadership of Adolf Hitler
- Youth Movement
- People
- Herman Goering
- Joseph Goebbels
- Heinrich Himmler
- Swastika
3. Nazis seize Power
   Hitler named **Chancellor** 1933, Reichstag fire, Hindenburg dies 1934
4. Proclaims “Third Reich” – becomes **Fuhrer** (1933-45)
   a. Gov’t
   b. Propaganda
   c. Ed.
   d. Science & Culture
   e. Gestapo
   f. **Persecution**
   g. **Religion**
   h. Women
   i. Industry
   j. Militarism
   k. Breeding camps???
k. Hitler on the Move

1. 1933 – Leaves League of Nations
2. 1936 – Rearms Rhineland
3. 1936 – Spanish Revolution helps Franco – p. 433
5. 1936 – Anti-Comintern Treaty

6. **Austria** – p. 436 - 440
   - Hitler sends in Nazi’s
   - Germans being mistreated
   - Pressure
   - Threaten Schuschnigg
   - Anschluss in 1938
7. Czechosloviakia
- Hitler sends in Nazi’s
- Germans being mistreated
- Pressure
- Czec. Alliance with Fr. and USSR
- Munich Pact
- Winston Churchill’s feelings
- Appeasement
- All of Czec. falls March 15, 1939

“Britain and France had to choose between war and dishonor. They chose dishonor. They will have
8. **Poland** –
- Hitler sends in Nazi’s into Danzig Corridor
- Germans being mistreated
- Pressure
- Poland Allied with –
- Non-Aggression Pact – Ger & USSR
- Blitzkrieg – Sept. 1 1939
- World War II starts???
Pop Quiz - Do you know these???

- Brown Shirts
- Appeasement and who?
- Blitzkrieg
- Genocide
- Holocaust
- Final Solution
- Third Reich
- der Fuhrer
- Mein Kampf
- Nuremberg Laws
- Kristallnacht or …
V. Soviet Union under Stalin
   A. Stalin’s Rise to Power
      1. Joseph Dzhugashvili – Stalin
      2. Out maneuvers Trotsky
      3. Dictator of Russia 1927
   B. 5 Years Plan – do 50 yrs. in 10
      1. Replace NEP
      2. Goal: Raise standards
      3. Eliminate: Kulaks go to collectivization
      4. Results: 1\textsuperscript{st} okay, 2\textsuperscript{nd} bad
C. Totalitarian State
1. Encourage family
2. “New Czar”
3. New upper class
4. Militarism
5. Police Terrorism
6. Communist Party
7. Propaganda
8. Re-education
9. Social benefits
10. Morales and ethics
11. Women lose rights
12. Death – “Great Purge”
D. Foreign Recog.
• Cheka
• Comintern
• Great Purge
• Lenin, Trotsky, Stalin
• The Church under Stalin
• Russification
• Gulag
• Kulaks
• Collectivism
• NEP
• 5 Year Plan

Video???
Who???

- Which of the totalitarian states would have you wanted to live in from 1930 – 40?
- Which would you have not?
- Three choices – Germany, Italy, USSR