

## **Awesome & Awe-Inspiring Information #3**

### **Italy & Germany in the 1920s**

#### **A Chronology on Fascism in Italy (thru 1929)**

1896	Defeat of Italians by Ethiopians at Adowa
1912	Benito Mussolini becomes editor of socialist newspaper <i>Avanti!</i> ("Forward!")
1914	Mussolini expelled from Italian Socialist Party for his pro-war stance Mussolini starts his own new newspaper <i>Il Popolo d'Italia</i>
1915	Italy enters World War I on side of the Entente
1919	Formation of the first <i>fasci</i> ( <i>Fasci Italiani de Combattimento</i> ) Waves of strikes and land seizures begin, initiating a near civil war Poet Gabriele d'Annunzio organizes volunteers to occupy Fiume (Rijeka)
1920	Workers occupy factories in Turin & Milan
1921-22	Paralysis of parliamentary government in Italy
1922	"March on Rome": Mussolini comes to power as prime minister
1923	Italians invade and occupy island of Corfu Passage of Acerbo Election Law (gives 2/3 of seats to party with most votes)
1924	Mussolini's coalition gains 374 out of 535 seats in elections (by Acerbo Law) Murder of Giacomo Matteotti, leader of the parliamentary socialists
1926	By end of 1926, emergence of personal rule of Mussolini and Fascist monopoly
1929	Mussolini signs Lateran Pact with Papal authorities

#### **A Chronology on the Weimar Republic (thru 1933)**

1918	Sept	Supreme Army Command calls for armistice & parliamentary gov't
	Oct	October Reforms: Constitutional monarchy established
	Nov	Proclamation of Republic, armistice signed
1919	Jan	"Spartacus Uprising" of radical socialists
	Jan	Elections to National (Constituent) Assembly
	Feb	Friedrich Ebert (Social Democrat) becomes Reich President
	June	Versailles Peace Treaty signed
	Aug	Weimar constitution signed
1920	March	Kapp Putsch & general strike
	June	Reichstag elections: defeat of "Weimar Coalition"
1922	April	Germany & Soviet Russia sign Rappallo Treaty
1923	Jan	French occupation of the Ruhr
	Oct	Attempted communist uprising in Hamburg
	Nov	Abortive "beer hall putsch" led by Adolf Hitler in Munich
1925	April	Hindenburg elected Reich President after Ebert's death in February
1926	Sept	Germany joins League of Nations
1929	Oct	Beginning of world economic crisis
1930	March	Presidential regime established; governance thru emergency decrees
	Sept	Reichstag elections: significant gains by NSDAP
1932	July	Reichstag elections: NSDAP becomes largest party
	Nov	Reichstag elections: NSDAP loses ground for the first time
1933	Jan	Hitler asked to form cabinet

### Astounding Terms, People & Concepts

Benito Mussolini	syndicalism	Fascism
<i>fasci di combattimento</i>	Gabriele d'Annunzio	Fiume (Rijeka)
<i>Squadristi</i> (Blackshirts)	"March on Rome"	Italo Balbo
Lateran Pact	Friedrich Ebert	Erich Ludendorff
Paul von Hindenburg	<i>Dolchstoßlegende</i> —"stab in the back" legend	Kapp <i>Putsch</i>
Wolfgang Kapp	NSDAP (Nazis)	Adolf Hitler
"Beer Hall <i>Putsch</i> "	"Weimar Coalition"	