

Engaging & Inspiring Info #4 International Developments in the 20s & 30s

1919		Treaty of Versailles American Congress refuses to ratify Versailles Treaty & League Covenant Creation of 3 rd (Communist) International, or Comintern
1920-21		Formation of "Little Entente": Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia & Romania
1921		End of Russo-Polish war
1922		Treaty of Rapallo between Germany & Soviet Russia
1923		French occupation of the Ruhr region
1924		Introduction of the Dawes Plan
1925		Locarno Agreements
1926		Admission of Germany to League of Nations Briand & Stresemann jointly receive the Nobel Peace Prize
1928		Stalin orders communist parties to oppose reformist socialists
1929		French begin construction of Maginot Line
1930		French withdrawal of occupation from Rhineland completed
1931		Japanese invasion of Manchuria Creation of the Second Spanish Republic
1933	Jan	Hitler becomes Chancellor of German Reich
	Oct	Germany withdraws from League of Nations
1934	Jan	Polish-German non-aggression pact
	July	Unsuccessful coup attempt by Austrian Nazis against Dollfuss regime
	Sept	USSR joins League of Nations (w/substantial French support)
	?	Reversal of Comintern Policy, new policy of broad opposition to fascism
1935	March	Hitler reinstitutes draft & announces formation of air force
	May	Pact of mutual assistance between France, USSR, & Czechoslovakia
	summer	7th Comintern officially announces new policy on popular fronts
	Oct	Italian troops invade Ethiopia
1936	March	Hitler remilitarizes the Rhineland
	May	Italian King Victor Emmanuel III declared emperor of Ethiopia
	July	Beginning of Spanish Civil War
	Nov	Mussolini & Hitler form the Rome-Berlin Axis
1938	March	Hitler invades Austria, thus creating a greater Germany (<i>Anschluss</i>)
	Sept	Czechoslovakia forced to give up Sudetenland to Germany at Munich
1939	March	Hitler invades & annexes remainder of Czech lands Germany annexes Memel (Klaipeda) area from Lithuania
	April	Italy invades & occupies Albania
	Aug	USSR signs non-aggression pact with Nazi Germany
	Sept	German invasion of Poland, followed by Soviet invasion from East

Worthy of Note

Raymond Poincaré	Little Entente	Ramsay MacDonald
Eduard Herriot	Aristide Briand	Gustav Stresemann
"fulfillment" (<i>Erfüllung</i>)	Dawes Plan	Locarno Agreements
Geneva protocol	Maginot Line	Leon Blum
<i>Anschluss</i>	Rhineland	<i>Lebensraum</i>
Rome-Berlin Axis	Sudetenland	Eduard Benes
Neville Chamberlain	appeasement	collective security
Joachim von Ribbentrop	Viacheslav Molotov	