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 Avanti! ("Forward!")
1914  Mussolini expelled from Italian Socialist Party for his pro-war stance
      Mussolini starts his own new newspaper Il Popolo d'Italia
1915  Italy enters World War I on side of the Entente
1919  Formation of the first fasci (Fasci Italiani de Combattimento)
      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

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