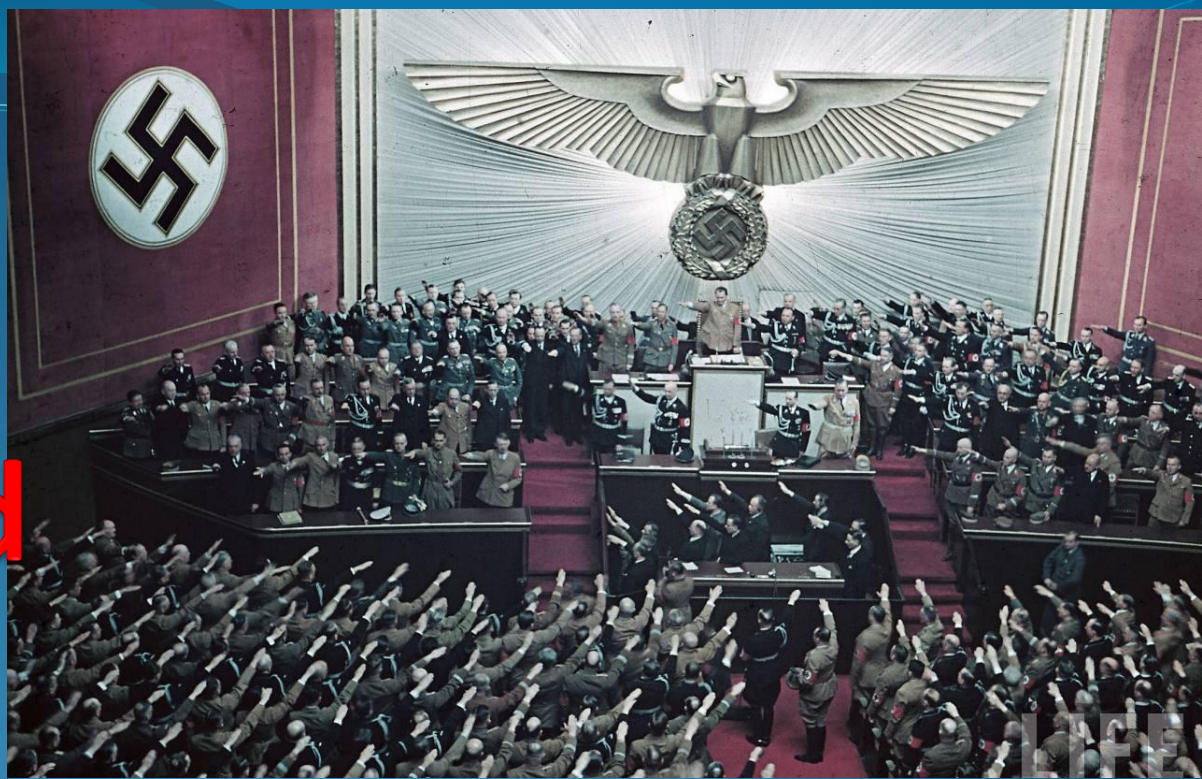


WW II: Background



Today:

- What is happening to other countries during the 1930s?
- How does World War II begin?
- How is WWI a partial cause of WWII?

During the 1930s:

While most of the world can't escape the Depression...

- Germany, Japan and Italy find a solution to their economic problems...

...Militarism, re-armament and expansion!

The massive spending on their militaries helps their economies to recover from the effects of the depression.

During the 1930s:

What happens to these Governments?

- Germany, Italy and the USSR all become **Dictatorships**
- USSR (Russia) = Communist Dictatorship
- Germany/Italy = Fascist Dictatorships

Why? Authoritarian/Totalitarian Gov'ts
promise the change that people want!

Other Governments are also changed (Spain and Japan).

Japan, Italy and Germany

*Lets first look at these countries
during the 1930s...*

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- **1895-1914:** Japan expands into Korea and Taiwan/is in conflict with Russia and China
- **WWI:** Japan takes control of German Colonies in China (Shandong Province)
- **1930s:** Japan expands into Manchuria; the **League of Nations** does nothing.

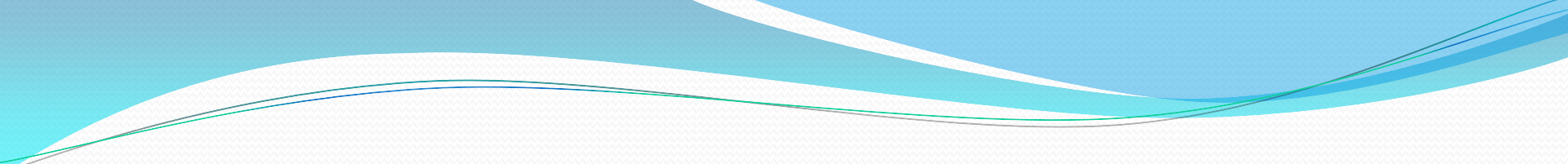


1931-1934: Japan takes Manchuria

- The **League of Nations** again does nothing.
- Hitler is watching carefully and realizes the League isn't able to stop aggressive countries...



1935: Italy Invades Ethiopia



Therefore, my Harry,
Be it thy course to busy giddy minds
With foreign quarrels, that action,
hence borne out,
May waste the memory of the former
days.

-Henry IV, William Shakespeare



“...a splendid little war.”
-U.S. Secretary of State
John Hay, 1898

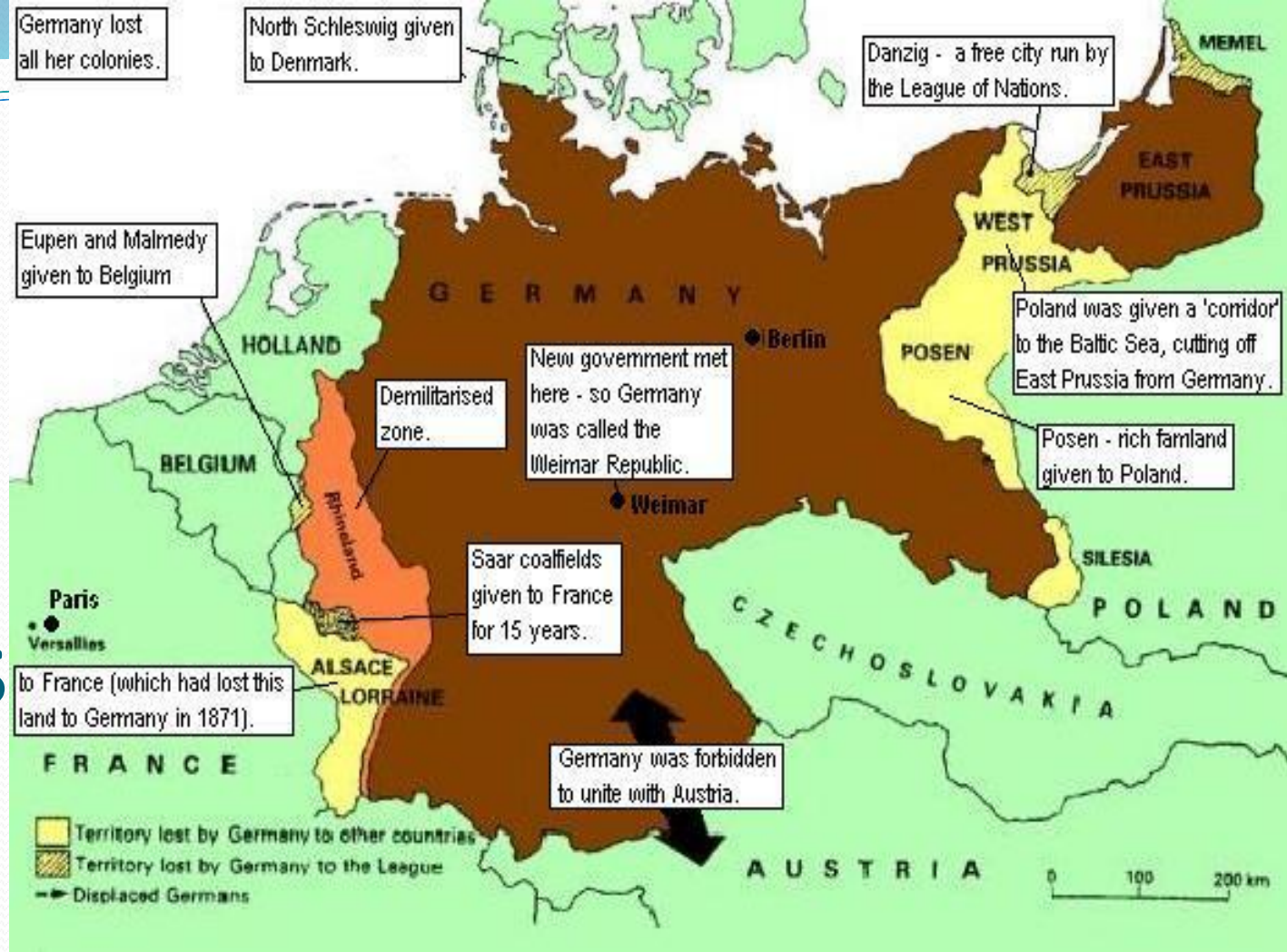
Hitler's Rise to Power



How does a dictator like Hitler come to control one of the most important countries in the world?

- Treaty of Versailles (a cause!)
- Economic Causes
- Political Causes

Review: Treaty of Versailles



1919:

- Germany's territory and military power was reduced.
- Germany must pay war reparations.

German nationalism (pride) is taken away!

Hitler will promise to make the German people proud once more...

Question #1

Economic Causes



- The cost of **WWI** and **Treaty of Versailles** ruined the German economy during the 1920s.
- Germany struggled to pay war **reparations** and was also suffering the effects of the **Great Depression**.

Germany had...

- **Inflation:** To pay reparations, the German Government simply printed more and more money. This money was worth so little it was essentially worthless.
- **Unemployment:** by 1932, nearly half of Germany's workforce was unemployed.



Question #2

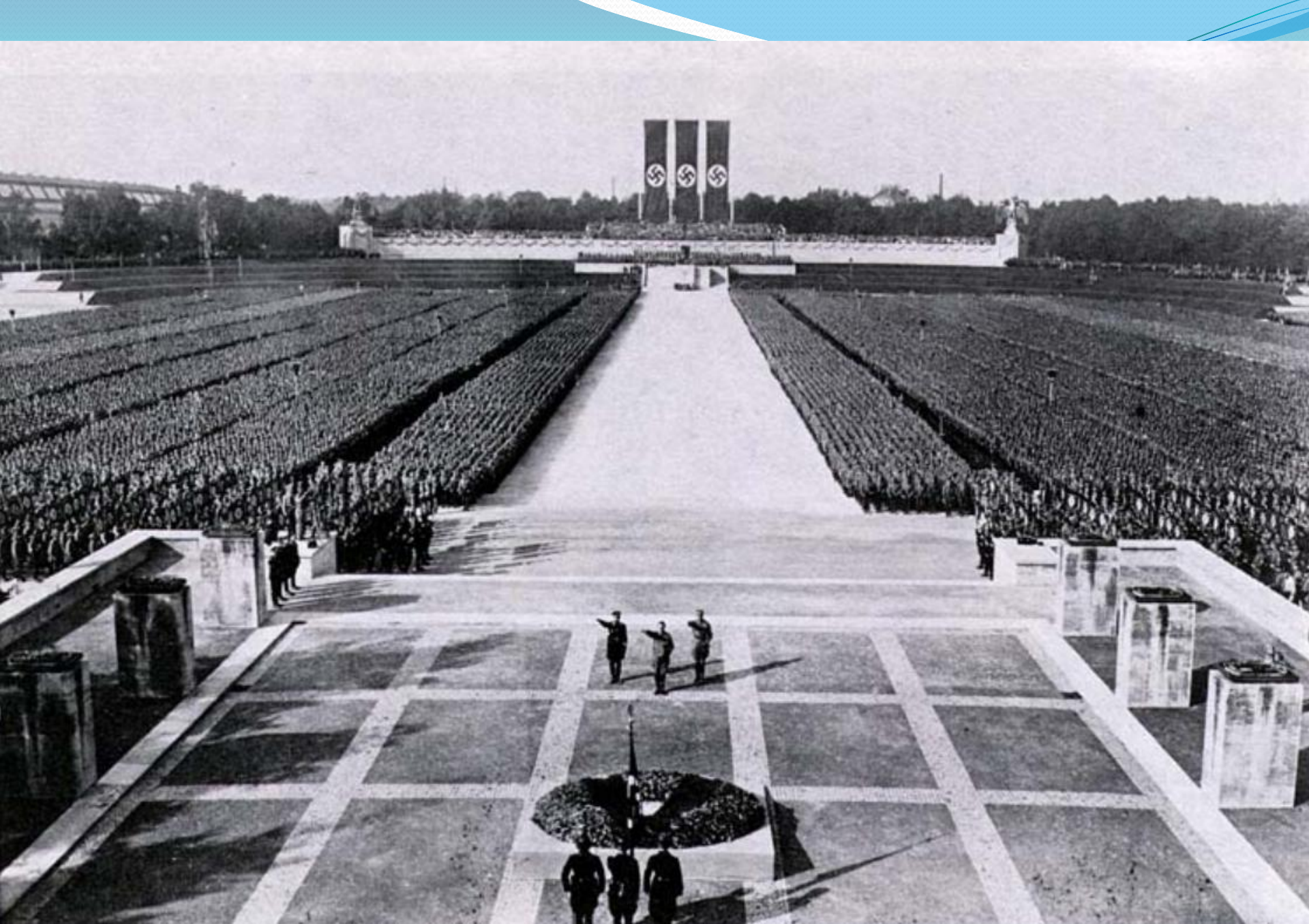
Political Causes



- Hitler told Germans he could fix the Depression.

*He would fix the economy
and make the country strong!*

- In 1930, Hitler and his Nazi Party gained the 2nd most seats in the German Parliament
- In 1933, Hitler is elected (!) German Chancellor



The Führer Speaks





Hitler Takes Control...



- ...and spends money:
 - *expanding the German Military*
 - *improving conditions for farmers*
 - *funding public works projects (ie. highways)*
- Unemployment dropped; the economy improved
- Hitler abolished all other political parties, and declared himself “**Der Führer**,” (leader for life)

LEAGUE OF NATIONS



SOCIETE DES NATIONS

Collective Security

- Countries were to work together to stop countries from attacking other countries.

Problems:

- Important countries weren't a part of the League
 - Including: US, USSR, Japan, Germany, Italy
- The League wasn't willing to take military action to stop aggression...

What does Hitler want?

lebensraum

How will he get it?

“Drive to the East”



Appeasement:

To appease: *to end conflict by giving the other side what they want, in return for promises to stop causing future problems.*

In the 1930s:

“Give Hitler what he wants and he’ll eventually be satisfied and we won’t have to go to war with him”



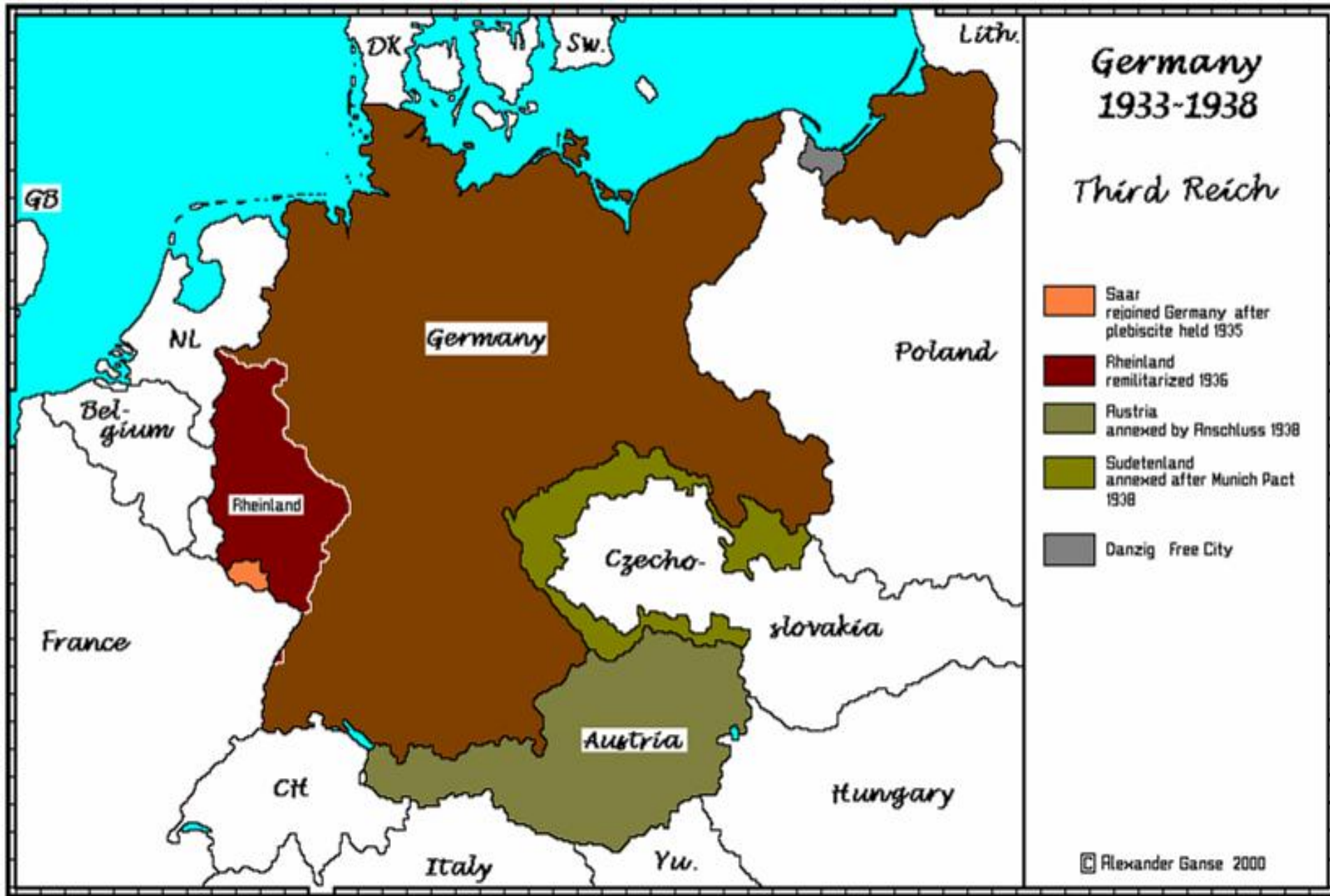
Neville Chamberlain, British PM
(1937-1940)

Germany Expands (Handout Side 2)

Use page 124 of your textbook to fill in the map:

- Occupies the Rhineland 1936
- Annexation of Austria 1938
- Annexation of the Sudetenland 1938
- Invasion/Occupation of Czechoslovakia 1939
- Invasion of Poland 1939

*Germany begins by taking back what it lost in 1919!
Britain and France don't do anything until the
Invasion of Poland. (Appeasement)*



German Appeasement

"Why should we take a stand about someone pushing someone else when it's all so far away. . ."



What do you see? Who do you see? What does it mean?

'Remember . . . One More Lollypop, and Then You All Go Home!'



Other appeasement cartoons...



August 1939: Nazi-Soviet
Non-Aggression Pact