

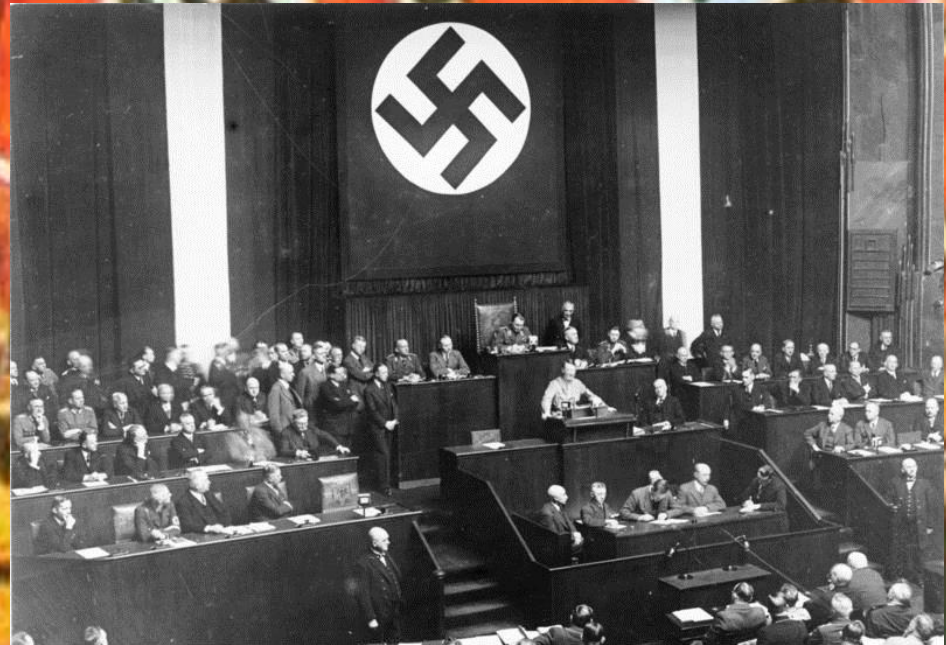


# The Beginnings of World War II

Aggression and Appeasement

# Rise of Adolf Hitler

- Austrian born but highly German nationalistic
- Rose to power through democratic means in 1933
  - Built power through German fears of communism and Jews, and economic problems
  - Eventually gained power as totalitarian dictator



# Rome-Berlin Axis

- Nicknamed the “Pact of Steel”
- Signed by Benito Mussolini of Italy and Adolf Hitler of Germany in 1936



# Germany Re-occupies the Rhineland

- March 1936
- Hitler testing France to see if they would act
- Hitler sends soldiers into Rhineland
  - France removes soldiers
- Showed Hitler the Allies would not act



# The Austrian Anschluss

- March 1938
- Germany annexes Austria
  - Austrians “vote” and approve annexation
- Hitler trying to unify all Germanic peoples



# The Sudetenland

- 1938
- Hitler wants to annex German parts of Czechoslovakia
- British meet with Hitler in Munich to discuss
  - Gives Hitler Germanic regions in return for promise this is it
    - Hitler takes rest of Czechoslovakia in 1939



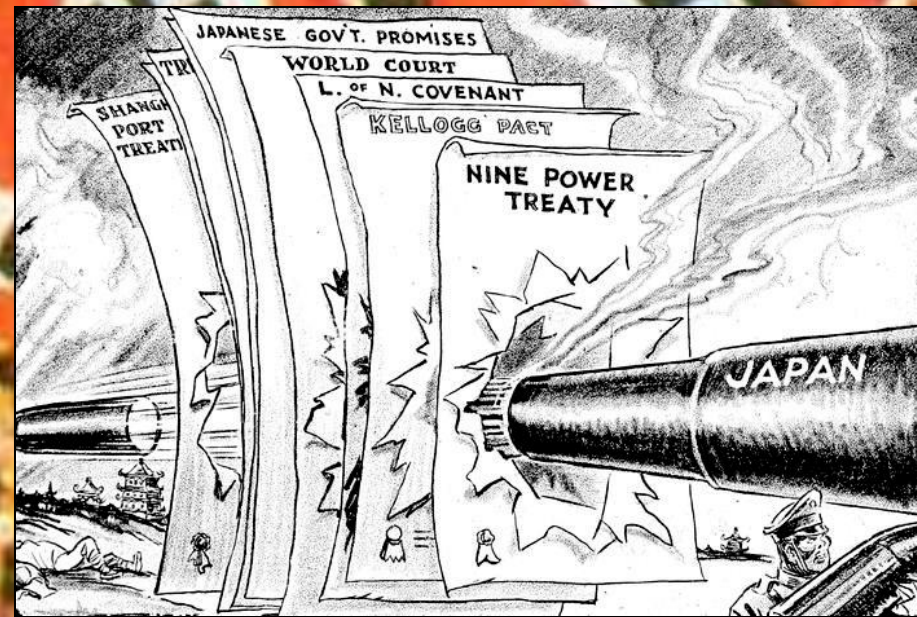
# Nazi-Soviet Non-Aggression Pact

- Treaty signed between Germany and the Soviet Union
- Pledged not to attack each other
- Also made plans for the joint invasion of Poland



# Japanese Aggression in Manchuria

- Japan invades Manchuria in 1931
  - Looking to get vital resources
  - Looking to take over territory it felt it deserved for part in World War I





# Japan's Problem

- Japan imports 88% of all its raw materials
- After Japan's unchecked invasion of Manchuria Japan continues to take portions of China in 1937
- U.S. and Britain raise their embargo on war materials to Japan

