

## Chapter 29 Between Two Fires

### Sec 1 The Postwar World

#### -Changing Patterns of Life

- 1920 Warren Harding elected “return to normalcy”
  - unable to return
  - WWI brought world close now no turn back
  - disillusionment make artist and intellectuals look for new postmodernism
- 1920 19<sup>th</sup> Amend women’s suffrage
- era of new freedom working make-up/skirts/haircropped/flapper/smoke
- Charles Lindberg over Eng. Channel Date Long Island, Paris
- war open new areas help rebuild and supply Europe and feed U.S. market

#### -Technology

- war always helps
- automobile, highways
- radio uniform culture
- advertisement/capitalism
- packaged and processed and frozen foods
- refrigerators-electric vacuums-iron
- more leisure time for entertainment
- driving/clubbing/radio/movies

#### -New Ideas

- Albert Einstein 1905 Theory of Relativity  $E=mc^2$ 
  - matter directly into energy produce huge amount of energy (atomic)
- Sigmund Freud-unconscious mind shapes behavior/painful memories, suppression, disorder
  - unshared in modern psych.
- Arts disillusioned by war and disenchanted
  - Lit and Arts and music
- T.S. Eliot/Hemingway/Fitzgerald/Picasso/Louis Armstrong/Benny Goodman
- Cubism-surrealism-jazz
- Culture
- Architecture modern and cubist/geometric
  - mix art and function Frank Loyd Wright
- movies able escape reality of world
  - silent and talkies Charlie Chaplin/Laurel and Hardy
- groundbreakers no interest politics and leave tradition and world on upswing
  - October 1929 all crashed with stock market

## Sec 2 Western Dem.

### -U.S.

- suffered little from war and very strong
- Wilson want U.S take lead role with League
  - Congress-many Republicans-want isolation and no entanglements
  - because strong business many invest with credit
- bus. over produce goods and not raise pay so surplus begins
- October 1929 several lg. lenders demand payment-panic begins
  - investors unable pay so sell stocks cover loans
  - domino effect-stock market crash
  - by 1933 25% workforce unemployed
  - in the beginning gov. and many Am. Believe people help self
  - things get worse
- 1932 FDR elected w/promise "new deal"
  - believe fed. Gov. provide help to pop.
  - FDR send bills and expanded role of gov. w/public works
  - not give money directly but made pop. Work
  - help restore confidence
- mostly isolationist but 1922 in D.C hosted int. conference on disarmament
- limit number of worships Jp-Gb-US and others followed sign
  - Japan not follow

### -G.B.

- lost leadership and power role to U.S.
  - U.S. and Jp. Have newer and better equip. to produce-stole many markets in wartime
  - caused depression by 1921 in G.B.
- 1926 coal miners call general strike all workers after 4 month coalmine strike
  - wanted better wages and caused gov. declare state emergency and deploy troops ran services
  - 1426 strike collapsed and 1927 Trade Dispute Act-gun strike illegal
  - Labour Party gain control slowly
  - 1929 2<sup>nd</sup> lgst. Party- follow socialism
- 1931 Parliament pass statue of west minister- establish Commonwealth of Nations
  - made Australia and Canada completely independent and equal.

### -Fr.

- worst effected by war b/c much fought there.
  - 50% males 18-32 killed in war
  - industry ruined and country almost bankrupt
- no majority party b/c all represented based on % of vote
  - relied on coalitions (alliances) in govt. to get majority
  - socialists- communists-Fascists all compete for power
  - rallies- protests- fights common
- supported league b/c not want another war
  - also looked for alliances and opened ties w/ Gr. Weimer Republic

- 1925 Fr. Sign Locarno Treaty w/ Gr.-It-Belg-Br.
- began Maginot Line for protection- Fr. Military “never can be crossed”
- not along Belg./guns only one way/ many resources used towards it

### Sec. 3 Fascist Dictatorship

- U.S/G.B/Fr. Able maintain stable gov. despite depression
- It./Gr/Soviet became totalitarianistic states
  - control all aspects of life and society and business
  - propaganda and organizations everywhere
- Italy and Germany
  - It. Rationalist upset w/treaty b/c not given much land from former central powers
    - veterans return and no work-went on country wide strike and peasants revolt
    - gov. unable to provide relief and weakend
  - Benito Mussolini-former socialist new harsh nationalist
    - formed Fascist party in 1919
    - glorification of state/single party role/strong ruler/ intense nationalist
    - protected private property and business w/restrictors
- Mussolini gains Power
  - after war line falls and depression begins-prices rise and countrywide strikes occur
  - peasants rise against landowners and tenants refuse pay rent
  - mid. And upper class worry communist rev. begin
  - Mus. Promises something for all
    - landowners-private property protected
    - workers-full employment and benefits
    - nationalists-to return It. To Roman Emp. Glory
  - dem. Gov. allow Mus. And Blackshirts to operate b/c able control pop
    - Oct.1922 Mus. Organize massive rally and march on Rome
    - cab. Ask king declare martial Law but refused (King Victor Edmund)
    - Cab. Resign and king not call new elections
    - named Mussolini prime minister
- Dictatorship-Il Duce “The Leader”
  - 1924 elections-Fascist candidates win control of parliament
    - voter intimidation
  - recognized gov. into corp.state
    - banned non-fascist parties and formed syndicates
      - each sector of industry(workers and businesses) have group
      - sent rep. To legislature
        - worked together set prices and wages
    - many not want but harshly put down
    - put people to work by building up military

### Weimer Republic 1919-1933

## -Problems

- leaders viewed as traitors b/c accepted treaty
- 35 billion in reparations crippled gov.
  - unable to pay and Fr. Send troops into Ruhr Valley 1923
  - coalmines and steel mills taken over/give back after compromise
  - high inflation and 1923 4 trillion marks=1 dollar wipe out savings
- Nat.Socialist Workers Party –Nazi
  - early recruit Adolf Hitler corporal and failed artist
  - formed Brownshirts-private political army
  - attempted revolt but arrested and revolt collapsed
    - in prison Mein Kampf
    - stated why war lost and who blame
      - Jews Communists
    - Gr. Master race and should rule
- 1929 Depression hits Gr. Hitler appeals to workers
  - promise jobs and restore Gr. Military might
  - Nazi win seats in Reichstag
  - 1933 Hitler elected Chancellor

## -Hitler in Power

- Nazi still minority and need boost
- weak before election Reichstag caught fire
  - Hitler blame Communist and workers turned to Nazi
  - Brownshirts w/oppression get Nazis elected
  - no civil rights and only Nazi party
- Hitler paranoid and get rid Brownshirts June 30, 1934 Night of Long Knives
- 1935 Nuremberg Laws take rights and citizenship from Jews
  - no school/work/Nov9,1938 Kristallnacht-vandalize
- Gestapo arrest Jews and gov. opposition and send to concentration camps
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Reich(Rome 1<sup>st</sup>-Fr w/Nap. 2<sup>nd</sup>)
  - ignore Versailles and build up military
  - P.R. campaign-best ever –propaganda press radio-meetings
    - brought artists glorify Gr. w/art-music-architecture
    - many scientists and intellectuals fled
  - indoctrination of youth 6-18 Hitler Youth

## Sec.4 Soviet Union

- Since the Great War/rev./civil war
  - 27 million dead b/c battle-starvation-disease
  - transportation broken and economy shattered
  - Lenin in control w/Bolsheviks and introduce communism
  - gov. move to nationalization-all industry and business under state control
    - all 16-50 must hold job
    - gov. huge but efficient bureaucracy w/much power
  - Lenin introduces New Economic Policy
    - major industry w/gov control but some capitalism-farmers sell crop

- departure from Marxism
- write new constitution
- U.S.S.R. New socialist state
  - dictatorship of proletariat
    - theory of workers in charge
    - but com.party control
  - gov. want country intact so
    - set up ethnic semi-independent states
      - Moscow still ultimate control
  - Lenin have stroke 1922 and dies 1924
    - 2 major contenders Leon Trotsky and Joseph Stalin
    - Trotsky believe com. State strong before settle
      - help spread to whole world
    - Stalin better politician and able get supporters into power
      - gained control of party and put Trotsky in exile
        - to Siberia then out of Soviet Union
        - settled Mex. City and began writing
        - Stalin hitman executed 1940
- 5 year plans
  - Stalin fear war in w. and end NEP and begin plan 1928
    - set economic goals and all production under gov. control
      - mostly heavy industry and little consumer goods
      - bureaucrats Moscow control plan and out of touch
      - began collective farming and further angered farmers
        - thousands of protesters arrested sent camps
      - in Ukraine all food taken by gov. "terror Famine" millions die
    - 1<sup>st</sup> 5 yr plan work but high cost pop.
  - Stalin Dictatorship
    - Demand complete obedience
    - secret police much power and encouraged "vigilance" among pop.
      - disloyal shot or camps-general fear
  - Purges 1930's
    - "paranoid and worked to eliminate all opposition real and imaginary
    - 1934 assassins kill high party official
      - millions expelled from party-arrested-shot-camps
        - given false charges
  - Arts used like other fascist countries
    - invoke nationalism-militarism-"superiority"
    - Socialist Realism-glorified and dietified soviet hero's