

A black and white photograph showing a vast field of soldiers in uniform, viewed from behind, looking towards a distant stage. On the stage, three tall, dark poles stand in a row, each topped with a white circle containing a black swastika symbol. The scene is set outdoors with trees in the background under a clear sky.

WORLD WAR LOOMS

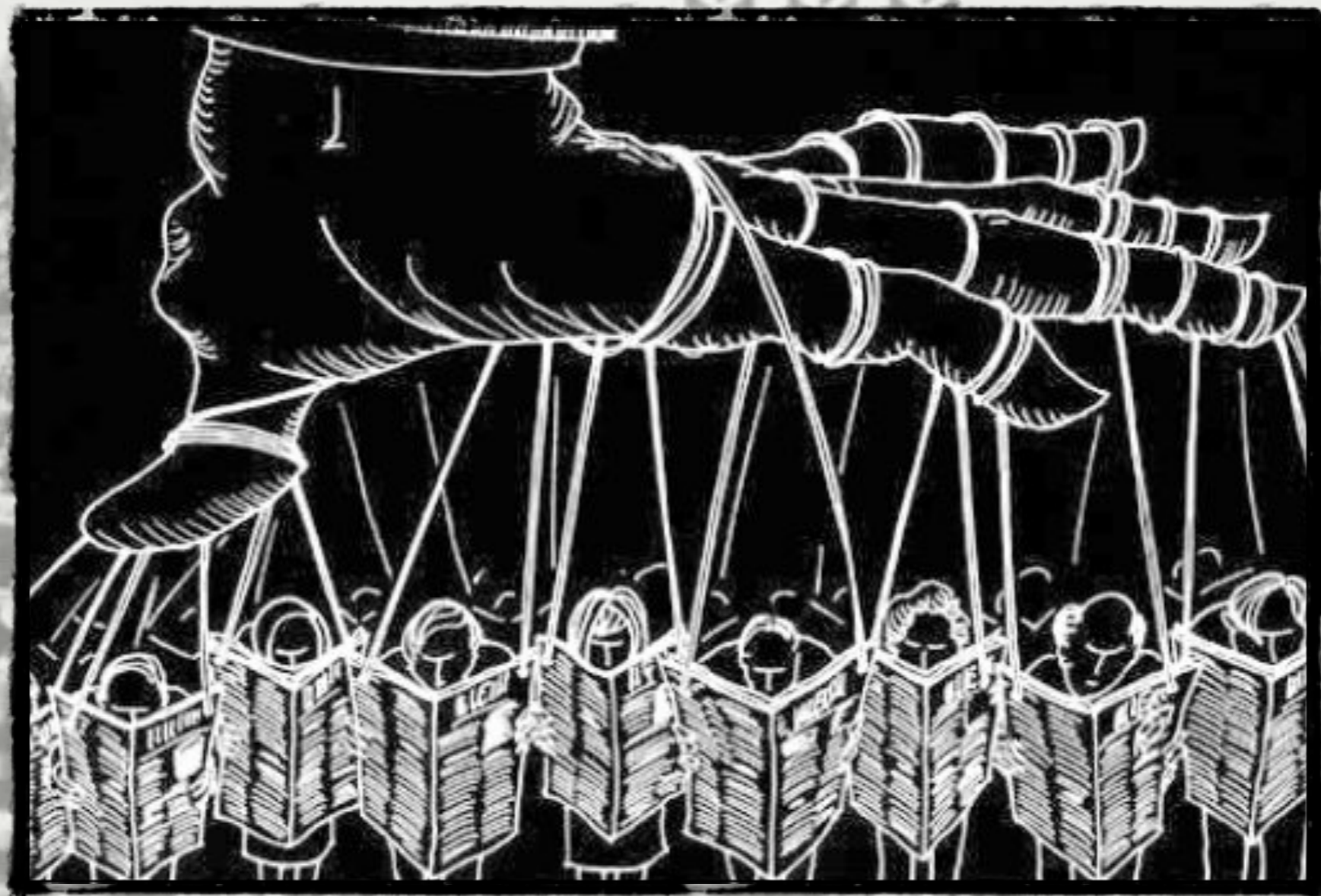
Dictators Threaten Peace

Failures of the WWI Peace Settlement

- Treaty of Versailles causes anger, resentment in Europe
- Germany resents blame for war, loss of colonies, border territories
- Russia resents loss of lands used to create other nations
- New democracies flounder under social, economic problems
- Dictators rise; driven by nationalism, desire for more territory



Totalitarian State



- **Totalitarian state**: a government that has total control over its people (dictators control all aspects of life); individual seen as a threat to the state

Traits of a Totalitarian State

1. **Single** party with a blind obedience to a **single** leader.
2. State control of the economy.
3. Use of police spies and terror to enforce the will of the state.
4. Government control of the media to indoctrinate and mobilize citizens through propaganda.
5. Use of schools and youth organizations to spread ideology to children and youth.
6. Strict censorship of artists and intellectuals with dissenting opinions.

“All within the **state**, nothing outside of the
state, nothing against the **state**.”

—*Benito Mussolini*—



How Do Dictators Rise to Power?

Poor Economic Conditions

Nationalism

Death

Joseph Stalin



Nation Ruled

Soviet Union

Political Mvmt & Beliefs

- promote communism
- 5 year plans - bring Soviet Union up to date w/ other advanced nations

Aggressive Actions

- Great Purge(s)- eliminate ANY opposition
- Signs non-aggression pact with Hitler

Benito Mussolini

Nation Ruled

Italy

Political Mvmt & Beliefs

- Treaty of Versailles should have given Italy more land
- est. Fascist Party
- anti-communist
- militaristic (wants to expand)



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Benito Mussolini

Aggressive Actions

- Rome-Berlin Axis: allies Germany & Italy
- Invades Ethiopia (1935)
- March on Rome: 1st country to create totalitarian state



The Rise of Fascism in Italy

- Unemployment, inflation lead to bitter strikes, some communist-led
- Middle, upper classes want stronger leaders
- **Fascism** stresses nationalism, needs of state above individual
- **Benito Mussolini** plays on fears of economic collapse, communism
- Supported by government officials, police, army
- 1922, appointed head of government, establishes totalitarian state



Adolf Hitler

Nation Ruled

Germany

Political Mvmt & Beliefs

- nationalism (builds German pride post-WWI)
- anti-Semitic (Jews) & anti-communist
- motivational & charismatic
- becomes Chancellor in 1933



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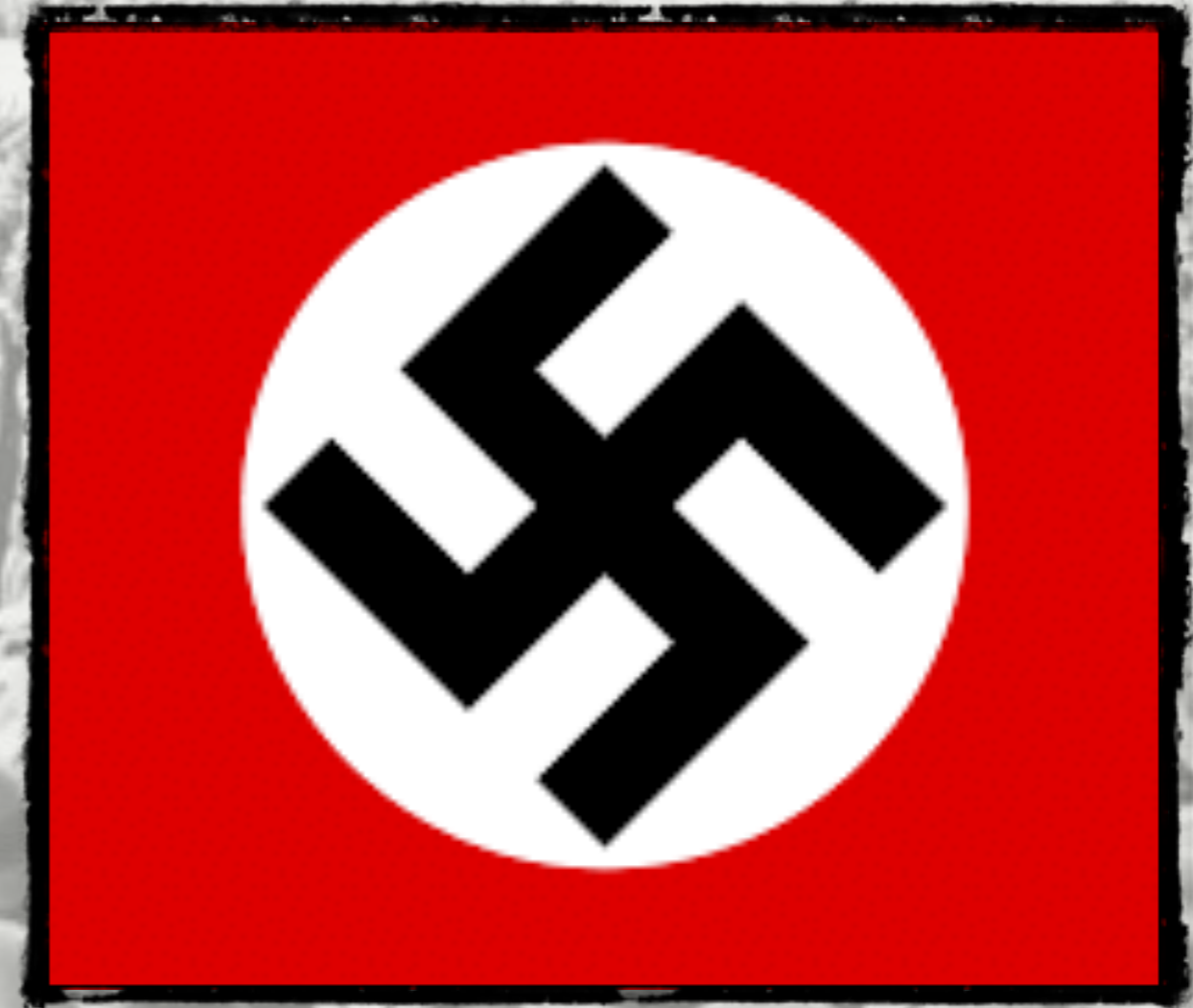
Aggressive Actions

- 1937: meets with leaders & prepares for war
- 1939: Germany invades Poland
- 1940: Germany invades France



The Nazis Take Over Germany

- **Adolf Hitler**, leader of National Socialist German Workers' Party
- *Mein Kampf*- basic beliefs of **Nazism**, based on extreme nationalism
- Wants to unite German-speaking people, enforce racial purification
- 1932, 6 million unemployed; many men joined Hitler's private army
- Nazis become strongest political party; Hitler named chancellor
- Dismantles democratic Weimar Republic; establishes **Third Reich**



Aggression in Europe & Africa

- 1933, Hitler quits League; 1935, begins military buildup —sends troops into Rhineland, League does nothing to stop him
- 1935, League fails to stop Mussolini's invasion of Ethiopia



Hideki Tojo



Nation Ruled

Japan

Political Mvmt & Beliefs

- Japanese General & Prime Minister
- Builds empire & military regime
- anti-communist

Aggressive Actions

- invades Manchuria (1931)
- invades China (1937)
- pulled out of League of Nations

Militarists Gain Control in Japan

- 1931, Nationalist military leaders seize Manchuria
- League of Nations condemns action; Japan quits League
- Militarists take control of Japanese government



Francisco Franco

Nation Ruled

Spain

Political Mvmt & Beliefs

- fascism
- militarism
- wants expansion for Spain

Aggressive Actions

- leads uprising against elected government & incites CIVIL WAR!



Civil War Breaks out in Spain

- 1936, General **Francisco Franco** rebels against Spanish republic
 - Spanish Civil War begins
- Hitler, Mussolini back Franco; Stalin aids opposition
 - Western democracies remain neutral
- War leads to **Rome-Berlin Axis**—alliance between Italy & Germany
- 1939, Franco wins war, becomes fascist dictator

