



League of Nations Revision

1919 - 1936



LEAGUE OF NATIONS EVENTS RECAP

NO GERMANY, USA, USSR,
OTHER DEFEATED NATIONS



Wilson's League Aims ..
Stop Wars
Improve Lives
Disarmament
Enforce Peace Treaties

1919



Congress blocks Wilson's dream.



The League begins.
Geneva
Switzerland.

1920

THE LEAGUE WOULD
BE DOMINATED BY
THE COUNCIL - BRITAIN,
FRANCE, ITALY + JAPAN.



1920



Vilna
Poland V Lithuania
First Failure
League did nothing.

1925



Incident at Petrich
Bulgaria V Greece
Greece did as told
BUT - hypocrisy!



1921

Washington Conference
An agreement to limit size of navies

1921



Aaland Islands
Sweden + Finland
Sweet Success
Sweden Accepts

**COLLECTIVE
SECURITY?**

1923



Corfu Incident
Italy V Greece
Greece had to pay!
BAD Council!

1923



Ruhr Occupation
France V Germany
100 workers killed
Bad Council!

1921



Upper Silesia
Poland + Germany
Plebiscite
Sharing = caring



1920s

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1925-6

THE LOCARNO AGREEMENT

Germany allowed into the League Council— borders also confirmed.



1924



Geneva Protocol

Britain blocks Benes' proposals to strengthen collective security

1931-32

Manchuria Invasion

Japan attacks China

Know - Lytton Report!



1931-32

Failed Disarmament Conferences



1928



Kellogg Briand Pact

62 Countries re-affirm commitment to achieving peace though collective security



Global Depression

A turning point ...
Say goodbye to cooperation!

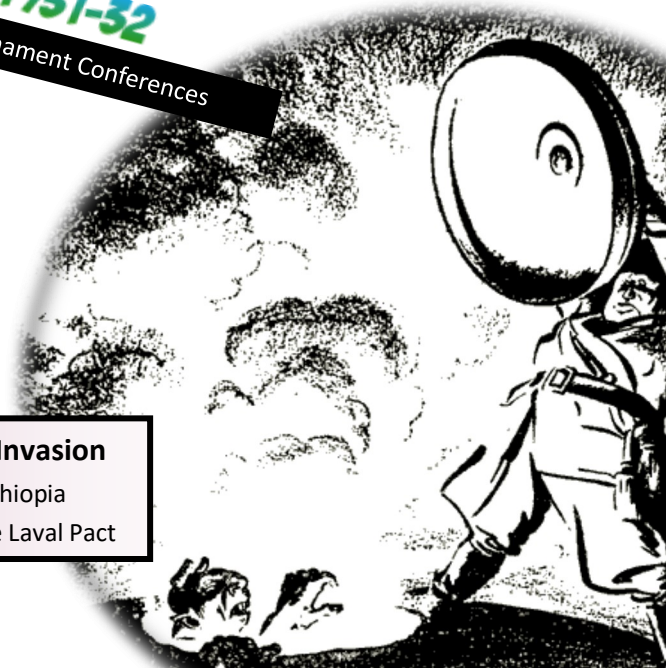
1929 +

1935

Abyssinia Invasion

Italy V Ethiopia

Know - Hoare Laval Pact



The League of Nations Review

Note - also know the League Structure



Aims	20's	30's
S	TOP WARS	
	50%	0%
I	improve lives	
	80%	0%
D	disarmament	
	40%	0%
E	enforce treaties	
	50%	0%

League Powers	
	Moral Pressure
	Economic Sanctions
	Force = X

Successes	Failures
<p>Aaland Islands - 1921 Sweden V Finland Small disputed islands Swedes appealed to League League gave to Finland + Sweden accepted Showed 'small' countries listened to League</p>	<p>1920</p> <p>Vilna - 1920 Poland V Lithuania Poland invaded the Lithuanian capital The League ordered that Poland withdraw Poland ignored this decision The League did nothing</p>
<p>Upper Silesia Germany V Poland Both claimed the area League arranged a plebiscite (people voted) Agreed to split area + even share infrastructure! This was how League worked in the IDEAL.</p>	<p>1921</p> <p>Ruhr Occupation - 1923 France + Belgium V Germany Germany unable to pay reparations in 1922 French + Belgian soldiers marched into the German Ruhr to take over production. Worker unrest - 100 workers killed.</p>
<p>Washington Conference - 1921 USA, UK and Japan agree to limit naval building. Note, the US organised - so not directly a League success but was in the spirit of the League's aims.</p>	<p>1922</p> <p>Corfu Incident - 1923 Italy V Greece. General Tellini murdered on Greek soil. Mussolini invaded the Greek island of Corfu. League told Greece to pay compensation. Greeks agreed but upset Council members got their own way!</p>
<p>Working (ILO) ILO was had limited success in getting employers to keep to a 48 hour workweek. Did manage to get lead banned from paint.</p>	<p>1923</p> <p>The Geneva Protocol - 1924 Proposal by Benes to use sanctions as a tool for collective security. Loved by France - VETOED by Britain.</p>
<p>Incident at Petrich (Stray Dog) Greek soldier shot by Bulgarian soldier on border Led to fighting between the two countries League ordered Greece to pay £45 000 and to withdraw their troops. Greece did as told.</p>	<p>1924</p> <p>Incident at Petrich (Stray Dog) See success element of this ... The Greeks withdrew but complained - comparing it to CORFU. They said same rules didn't apply to more powerful nations = hypocritical.</p>
<p>Locarno Treaties 1925 - 1926 Arranged between Brit, France, Belgium, Italy + Germany. This guaranteed existing western borders and Germany was admitted into the League as a permanent council member.</p>	<p>1925</p> <p>1925</p> <p>1926</p>
<p>Kellogg-Briand Pact - 1928 62 countries ratified the agreement not to use force to settle disputes. This was like a 'renewal of vows' and a promise to follow the concept of peace via Collective Security.</p>	<p>1928</p> <p>The Wall Street Crash is a key turning point ... NO notable successes after 1929!</p>

Why The League Failed

Structure and Organisation

VETO

- P - Veto
- E - Undemocratic
- E - Misused by Council

- P - **Slow decision making**
- E - Unanimous
- E - 'A talking shop'.

No Army

- P - **No Army**
- E - Could not enforce
- E - 'All bark no bite'

Membership

- P - **No USA**
- E - Missed leadership
- E - "If the USA does not..."

- P - **League for winners**
- E - Seen as unfair
- E - Argentina boycott

Poor Parents / Leadership

- P - **Hypocritical**
- E - Actions of members
- E - Italy / Corfu 1923

- P - **Greedy**
- E - Self Interest of BR / FR
- E - *Geneva Protocol*

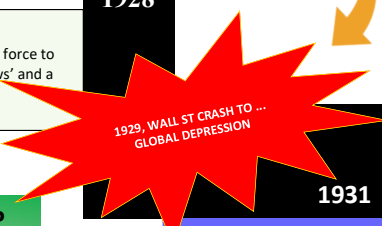
Global Depression

A **domino effect** that led to a rise of extremism. League members had their **own problems** and were **unable** to stand up to aggressive actions of Japan, Italy and Germany.

Health Commission
Helped to combat disease such as small-pox and leprosy. Also advised USSR how to cope with a plague outbreak in Siberia.

Slavery Commission + ILO
League agree to the slavery convention in 1926. Helped free 200 000 slaves from Sierra Leone and Burma.

Refugee Commission
League helped get 400 000 POW's back home after WW1. Also helped rehome people in Turkey after an earthquake.



League Failures 1930's

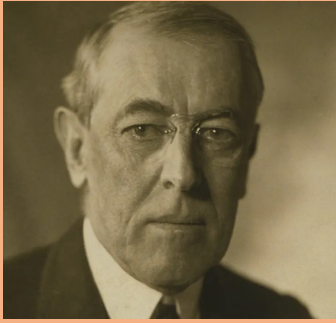
How did the Global Depression weaken the League?

A domino effect – put in order and explain each step.

<p>6</p> <p>Aggressive Foreign Policy Jap, Italy and Germany pushed the League beyond its limits and exposed its weaknesses.</p>	<p>1</p> <p>WSC - Global Depression. The Wall Street Crash destroyed the US economy. This would have a global impact.</p>
<p>2</p> <p>Protectionism. In an attempt to protect their own trade countries began to put tariffs on imports. This created a 'tit for tat' response. It also damaged relationships.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Socio / Economic Problems As trade dried up jobs were lost creating unemployment, homelessness and hunger. (40% Japan's factories closed)</p>
<p>5</p> <p>Militarism Extreme leaders began to build up their military capabilities.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>The Rise of Extremism. Desperate people turned to extreme leaders who promised radical solutions.</p>

1931	1932	1935
<p>Japan Attacks Manchuria</p> <p></p> <p>Why Japan Invaded? 1 Military had taken over 2 Hit hard by G Depression 3 Manchuria = land + resources 4 Chinese = sub human</p> <p>HOW THE LEAGUE FAILED 1 Slow = 12 months 2 KNOW= Lytton Report 3 _____ 4 Only condemned Japan</p> <p>WHY THE LEAGUE FAILED? 1 Global Depression impact 2 Japan major Brit trade partner 3 Slow - weak leaders - no army</p> <p>CONSEQUENCES 1 Japan left (Council member) 2 League humiliated 3 Hitler + Mussolini watched "with interest"</p>	<p>Italy Attacks Abyssinia</p> <p></p> <p>Why Mussolini Invaded? 1 To boost his falling popularity 2 Revenge - 1896 Adowa defeat 3 Hit by G Depression 4 Abyssinia = Land + Minerals</p> <p>HOW THE LEAGUE FAILED 1 Slow 2 KNOW = Hoare - Laval Pact 3 Sanctions weak = No Oil 4 Britain didn't block Suez Canal</p> <p>WHY THE LEAGUE FAILED? 1 Global Depression impact 2 Keep Mussolini on side + away from Hitler 3 General weakness exposed</p> <p>CONSEQUENCES 1 Italy left (Council member) 2 Rome Berlin Axis = 1936 3 "The real death of the League was in 1935". AJP Taylor.</p>	

Wilson



The League of Nations was Woodrow Wilson's baby.

Sadly, for him the USA never took part in it due to its entry being blocked by Congress.

Instead his baby would be given to poor guardians. Bri + France + Italy + Japan.

Idealist

League Aims

Stop Future Wars

Improve Lives

Disarmament

Enforce WW1 Treaties



NO TO WAR

Collective Security



One of the KEY principles behind the League was achieving peace through Collective Security.

Banding together to stand up to bullying and aggression.

ALL FOR ONE + ONE FOR ALL

Membership = Absentees

USA = Congress blocked

USSR = Communist

The defeated powers of WW1 were not allowed to join - Germany, Austria, Turkey.



Democratic?

Vilna



Poland V Lithuania

Poland invaded - Lithuanian capital. League ordered Poland to withdraw. Poland ignored this decision. The League did ... nothing.

"All bark no bite".

1920

1st Test = 1st Failure

Aaland Islands



Sweden + Finland Small disputed islands. Swedes asked to League help decide.

League gave to Finland + Sweden accepted.

Showed 'small' countries listened to League.

1921

1st Success!

League Assembly- structure

All countries - not in Council

Unanimous Decisions

Met once a year - decided who was in / out of League. Sent recommendation to Council.



A Talking Shop?

Upper Silesia



Germany with Poland Both claimed the area - League arranged a plebiscite - vote. Agreed to split area + even share infrastructure! This was how League worked in the IDEAL.

1921

That's the way to do it!

League Council - structure

Brit, France, Italy + Japan

They had VETO power

Met 5 times a year and made decision put forth to them from the Assembly.



Democratic?

No USA Impact - Membership

Without the USA the League of Nations was critically weak / damaged.

It lost the drive and leadership of Wilson.

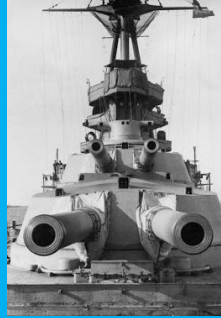
It lost the power, resources + prestige of the USA.

Also, the USA would be free to trade with any country - thus weakening any sanctions placed on countries by the League.



"If the USA does not join the League of Nation there will be another war in 25 years".
Woodrow Wilson

Washington Conference



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Disarmament - 1921

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France + Belgium V Germany

Germany unable to pay reparations in 1922. French + Belgian soldiers marched into the German Ruhr to take over industrial / coal production.

Worker unrest = 100 workers killed.
League did not intervene



1923

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Italy V Greece.

Italian general Tellini murdered on Greek soil.
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1923

Geneva Protocol

Proposal by Benes (Czech leader) to use sanctions as a tool for collective security.

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POOR PARENT = UK

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1920s

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Greece V Bulgaria

AKA - The 'War of the Stray Dog'. A border skirmish led to Greek captain shot getting the dog! Greece then invaded Petrich. League ruled against Greece. The Greeks withdrew but complained - comparing it to CORFU. They said same rules didn't apply to more powerful nations = hypocritical.



Mixed Result

1925

Locarno Treaties



Arranged between Britain, France, Belgium, Italy + Germany. This guaranteed existing western borders and Germany was admitted into the League as a permanent Council member. It demonstrated the progress made since WW1 and commitment to future peace.

1925 - 26

'The Spirit of Locarno'

Kellogg Briand Pact

62 countries ratified the agreement not to use force to settle disputes. This was like a 'renewal of wedding vows' and a promise to follow the concept of peace via the principle **Collective Security**.



1928

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