

Anschluss - March, 1938



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Focus areas ...

Background - Context - Why Anschluss?

The union of German and Austria had been forbidden under the terms of the Treaty of Versailles. However, Anschluss was one of Hitler's key aims in his foreign policy - he believed both had once been part of the great German (Aryan) empire and shared Germanic blood.

Mussolini, of Italy, had originally been opposed to Hitler annexing Austria as he has his own designs on parts of this territory. However, in 1936 Italy and Germany had signed the Rome - Berlin Axis. This meant that Mussolini would not be an obstacle to Anschluss. Confident after taking the Rhineland - Hitler made his move.

What happened - Significance ?

Austria Chancellor, Kurt Schuschnigg had tried to appease Hitler by appointing pro Nazi, Seyss - Inquart to Minister of the Interior. However, Hitler and Inquart told Nazi - Austrians to stir up trouble and create unrest. Hitler was furious when Schuschnigg called a referendum - to allow Austrians to decide if they wanted Anschluss. However, after a threat of invasion Schuschnigg resigned ...

- Seyss - Inquart took over as Chancellor.
- Requested Nazi help to restore order.
- Nazi Troops marched in.
- A new referendum was called
- UNDER Nazi supervision - vote not secret!
- Jews, gypsies banned.

VERY large YES section - **vote was 99.7%!!!**

Picture clues - analysis and evaluation

What could these images might reveal about Anschluss.



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"Evidence" Things said about this event.

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WHAT WAS ANSCHLUSS - WHY BANNED?



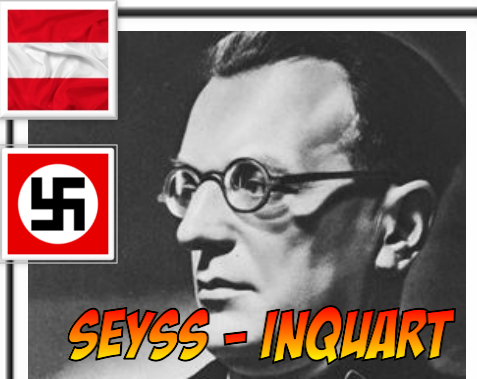
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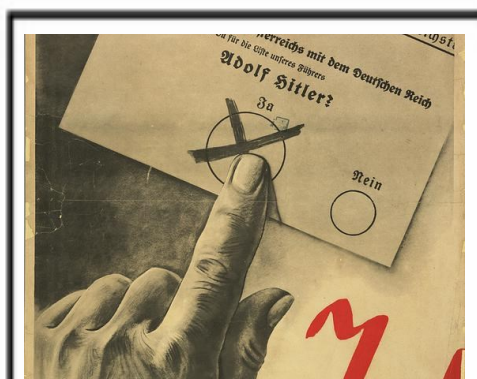
WHY ANSCHLUSS - 2 ?



MY ROLE ?



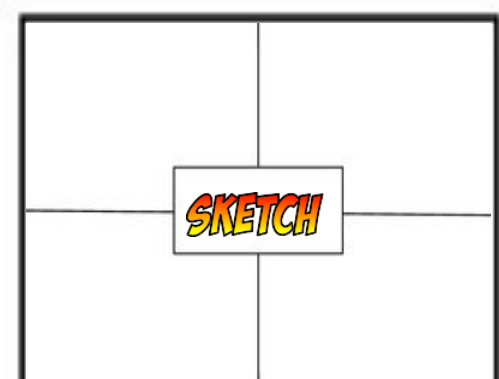
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THE VOTE - PLEBISCITE - REFERENDUM



AFTER THE RIGGED VOTE?



RESULTS : IMPACT

GERMANY ADDED 7 MILLION PEOPLE!
GOT RESOURCES = IRON AND STEEL
HITLER = PROPAGANDA + POPULARITY
STRATEGIC = CZECHS CORNERED

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