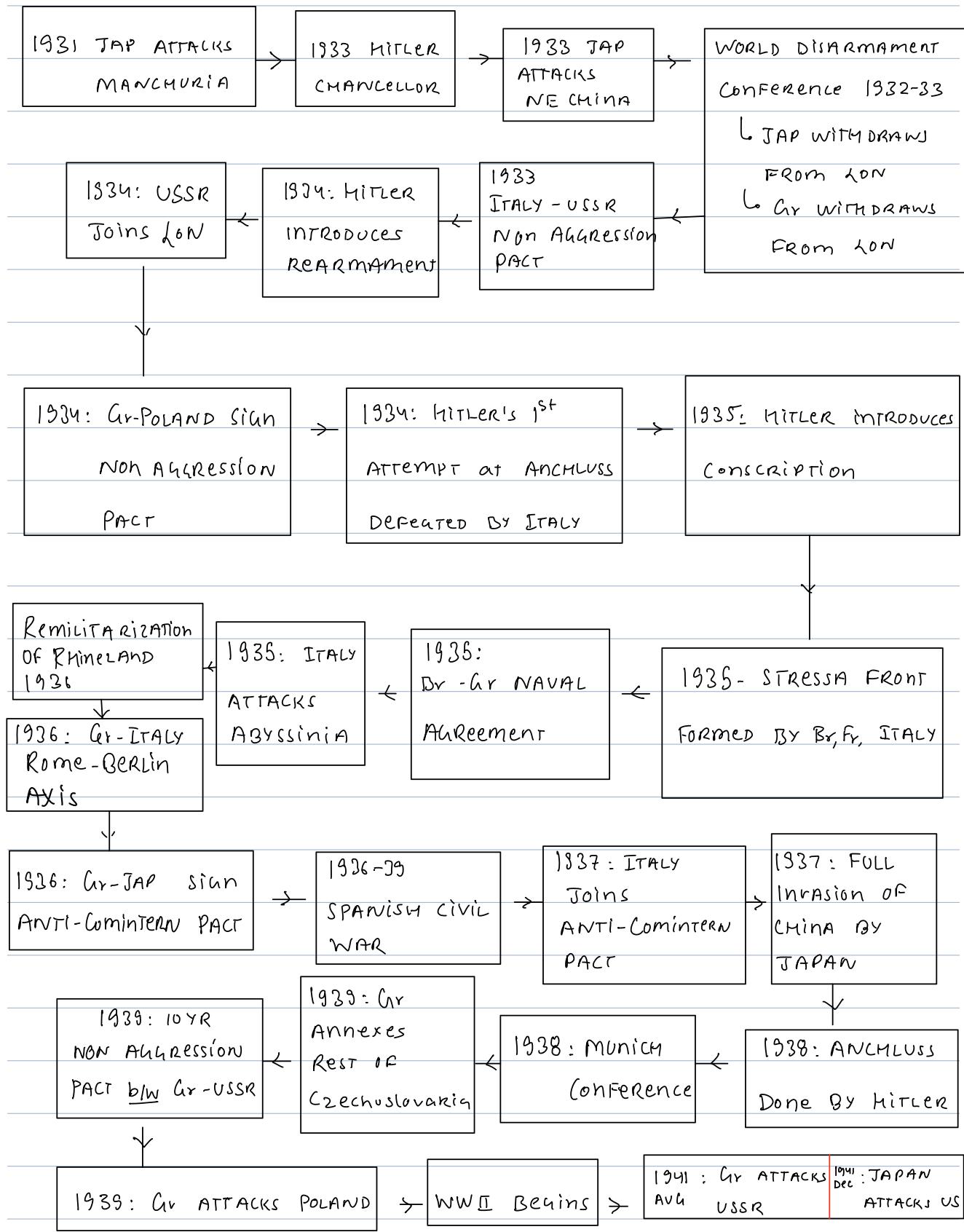


### Events : Run up to WW II



## Events Post Great Depression until WWII (1939)

REASON :

# GREAT DEPRESSION (1929) HURT EXPORT ORIENTED JAP ECONOMY	JAPAN CREATES PUPPET STATE OF MANCHUKUO 1931	IMPACT :
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# Rising influence of

IMPACT

CHINESE BUSINESSES IN

# FAILURE OF LON

MANCHURIA

MANCHURIA :: OF KMT

AS JAP DID NOT

SUPPORT POST 1928.

FOLLOW LON DIRECTION

# THREAT OF COMMUNISM

OF VACATING MANCHURIA

IN JAP :: OF FAILING

& ARBITRATION

ECONOMY

# BEGINNING OF APPEASEMENT

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OF FASCIST POWERS AS BR &

US DIDN'T ACT <> JAPAN

DESPITE BREACH OF PACT

MADE DURING WASHINGTON

CONFERENCE (1921) ON CHINA

# 1933: JAP ATTACKED NORTH EAST CHINA - A PURE ACT OF IMPERIALISM

WITHOUT ANY ECONOMIC JUSTIFICATION LIKE IN 1931.

# 1937: FULL INVASION OF CHINA & BEGINNING OF 2<sup>ND</sup> SINO-JAPANESE WAR

(1937-45) WHICH MERGED INTO WWII (1939-45)

# AUSTRIA-Germany Custom union (1932) Rejected as ILLEGAL BY LON ∵ violates ToV.

# HITLER Becomes CHANCELLOR (1933)

# WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE (1932-33) (\* WDC)

# JAPAN WITHDREW FROM LON

# HITLER WITHDREW Germany FROM WDC & LON

WHEN FR REJECTED GR DEMAND OF EITHER

UNIVERSAL DISARMAMENT OR GR-FR PARITY IN ARMAMENT

# 1933: ITALY + USSR SIGN NON AGGRESSION PACT ∵ THREATENED BY  
RISE OF HITLER & POSSIBLE GR AGGRESSION IN NEAR FUTURE

# 1934: HITLER INTRODUCES Re-ARMAMENT in GR

(∴ BREAKS ToV; LON DOESN'T ACT + BR, FR, US DON'T ACT ∵ APPEASEMENT)

# 1934: USSR IS ALLOWED ENTRY INTO LON

(∴ RELATIONS BETWEEN BR, FR, ITALY + RUSSIA IMPROVE ∵ OF  
COMMON THREAT OF HITLER)

# 1934: GR & POLAND SIGN NON AGGRESSION PACT

- THIS BREAKS "LITTLE ENTENTE" ALLIANCE OF FR, YUGOSLAVIA, POLAND, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, ROMANIA

- POLAND SIGNED ∵ WAS FEARFUL OF GR AGGRESSION & HAD LITTLE FAITH THAT FR WOULD PROTECT IT (CONTEXT OF GREAT DEPRESSION)

- VICTORY FOR HITLER ∵ NOW POLAND WON'T ACT IF GR ATTACKS

CZECHOSLOVAKIA, AUSTRIA

# 1934: 1<sup>ST</sup> ATTEMPT AT ANSCHLUSS (union of Gr & AUSTRIA) by Gr  
 DEFEATED BY MUSSOLINI

- NAZIS OF AUSTRIA HAD MURDERED AUSTRIAN CHANCELLOR
- MUSSOLINI FEARING ANSCHLUSS SENT TROOPS TO AUSTRIA-ITALY BORDER.

∴ an EXAMPLE OF NOT FOLLOWING APPEASEMENT.

# 1935: CONSCRIPTION INTRODUCED BY HITLER

∴ BROKE TO V. ALARMED, ITALY-FR-BR SIGN ALLIANCE CALLED STRESSA FRONT THAT REAFFIRMS LOCARNO TREATIES AND 1<sup>ST</sup> TIME BR & FR GUARANTEE AUSTRIAN BORDERS TO PREVENT FUTURE ANSCHLUSS

(∴ an EG. OF NOT FOLLOWING APPEASEMENT)

# 1935: NON MILITARY ALLIANCE BETWEEN FR & USSR

(∴ OF RISING THREAT OF HITLER ∴ an EG. OF NOT FOLLOWING APPEASEMENT. HOWEVER, NOT A MILITARY ALLIANCE ∵ OF LEFT-RIGHT IDEOLOGICAL & POLITICAL DIVIDE IN FR.

THE RIGHT WING SAW A STRONG GR AS A PROTECTION AGAINST A COMMUNIST USSR.

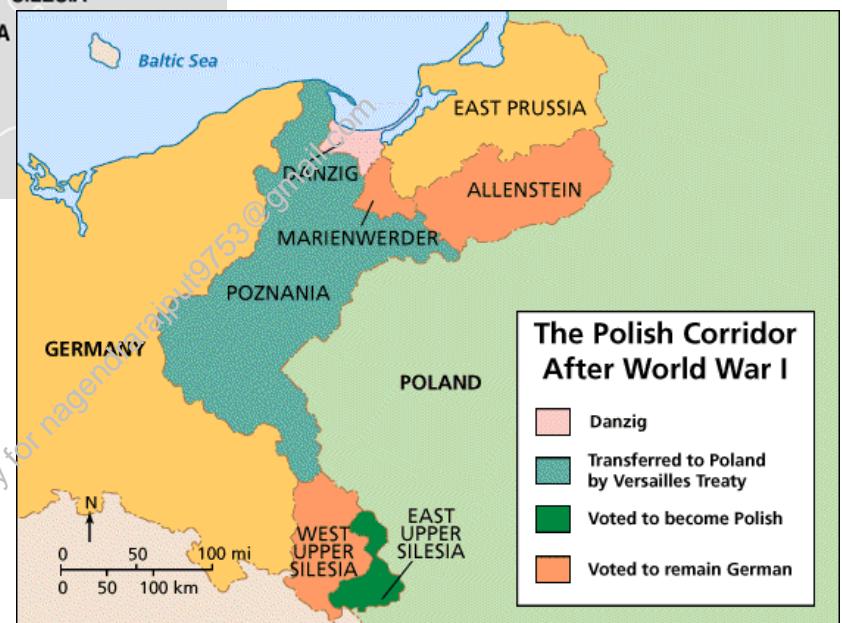
# 1935: Br-Gr NAVAL AGREEMENT THAT ALLOWED Gr TO HAVE NAVY

WITH 35% OF Br NAVAL STRENGTH + Gr COULD BUILD SUBMARINES

- THIS WAS IN VIOLATION OF TOT
- IT BROKE STRESSA FRONT (1935) AS ITALY FELT CHEATED
- & NOW MUSSOLINI WOULD BEGIN DRIFTING CLOSER TO HITLER  
∴ A VICTORY FOR HITLER
- Br SIGNED IT ∵ HAD LOST FAITH IN COLLECTIVE SECURITY OF LN & THOUGHT FRIENDLY BILATERAL RELATIONS WILL HELP MAINTAIN PEACE.
- Resolve Root cause of WAR i.e. the HUMILIATING & UNJUST ELEMENTS OF TOT
- THE NAVAL AGREEMENT WILL BE A CARROT WHILE STRESSA FRONT A STICK
- Br WILL MAINTAIN NAVAL SUPERIORITY ∵ WOULD BE ABLE TO DEAL WITH ANY Gr THREAT.

1935: ITALY Annexes ABYSSINIA ∵

- A COLONY WOULD HELP RECOVER FROM GREAT DEPRESSION
  - MUSSOLINI'S POPULARITY WOULD RISE AS ITALY WOULD BE AVENGING DEFEAT OF 1896 BATTLE OF ADWA
- # Br & Fr APPLIED ONLY VERY MILD SANCTIONS ON ITALY TO SAVE STRESSA FRONT (∴ APPEASEMENT IN ACTION)
- BUT THIS STILL ANGERED MUSSOLINI ∵ BROKE STRESSA FRONT
- # HITLER DIDN'T CONDEMN MUSSOLINI'S ACTIONS WHICH MADE MUSSOLINI MOVE CLOSER TO HITLER.



1935: SAAR votes to be part of Gr

(a victory for Hitler)

MAR, : Remilitarization of Rhineland in violation of ToV &  
1936 LOCARNO TREATIES 1925

1936: OCT Rome - Berlin Axis - a ITALY - Gr alliance.

(\* All peace loving nations should revolve around  
Rome-Berlin Axis)

1936 : NOV Gr-JAPAN Sian ANTI-COMINTERN PACT

(Comintern was an ORGANIZATION OF COMMUNISTS  
FROM ALL ACROSS WORLD UNDER LEADERSHIP OF USSR  
WITH GOAL OF SPREAD OF COMMUNISM)

∴ HITLER PROJECTS HIMSELF AS ANTI-USSR & ∴ PRO  
CAPITALIST NATIONS like Fr, Br etc.

(an ATTEMPT TO WEAKEN RISING USSR-Fr FRIENDSHIP.)

1936-39: SPANISH CIVIL WAR between RIGHT WING ARMY led by  
FRANCO and LEFT WING COMMUNISTS + SOCIALISTS

- HITLER DROPPED BOMBS ON INNOCENT CIVILIANS IN FAVOR  
OF FRANCO, ∴ INSPIRED FEAR AMONG BR & FR
- MUSSOLINI SENT TROOPS IN FAVOR OF FRANCO
- BOTH WANTED ANOTHER FASCIST NATION IN EUROPE  
+ BASES IN SPAIN TO INCREASE INFLUENCE IN ATLANTIC OCEAN
- FINALLY, SPAIN TURNED FASCIST BUT FRANCO DIDN'T JOIN  
WW II ∵ WANTED TO AVOID WAR DESTRUCTION  
+ NO MAJOR TERRITORIAL DISPUTES TO SETTLE.

1937 : ITALY Joins ANTI-COMINTERN PACT (1936)

∴ Alliance between ITALY - JAP - Gr COMPLETE.

1937 : FULL INVASION OF CHINA BY JAPAN

1938 : HITLER Does ANSCHLUSS WITH AUSTRIA

- as now no opposition from ITALY.
- NAZIS OF AUSTRIA DEMANDED HOME MINISTRY PORTFOLIO FOR THEMSELVES. WITH INTERNAL SECURITY UNDER THEM, HITLER'S PATH TO ANSCHLUSS WOULD BE CLEAR.

∴ CHANCELLOR PROPOSED TO HAVE A REFERENDUM ON ANSCHLUSS. A NEGATIVE VOTE WOULD MAKE HITLER'S ATTEMPT AT ANSCHLUSS AN INVASION  $\oplus$  HITLER WONT BE ABLE TO JUSTIFY ANSCHLUSS ON GROUNDS THAT ALL GERMANS ARE ONE NATION. HITLER ∴ THREATENED TO BOMB VIENNA; THE CHANCELLOR RESIGNED & NAZIS INVITED HITLER FOR ANSCHLUSS.

- A VICTORY FOR HITLER AS BROKE TOV & STRESSA FRONT  $\oplus$  ON ACT OF APPEASEMENT AS NO ONE ACTED
- NOW CZECHOSLOVAKIA VULNERABLE ∴ COULD BE ATTACKED FROM 3 SIDES.

## 1938 MUNICH CONFERENCE:

- NOW HITLER STARTS DEMANDING SUDETENLAND FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA ON GROUNDS THAT Germans there are DISCRIMINATED AGAINST IN EMPLOYMENT
- SUDETENLAND HAD 70% OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES OF CZ & VERY GOOD FORTIFICATIONS
- FEARING WAR, WORLD LEADERS GATHER IN MUNICH WHERE GR IS PROMISED SUDETENLAND IF IT WONT CLAIM ANYMORE OF CZ. CZ WAS FORCED TO ACCEPT BY BR, FR.  
 ∴ GR WAS GIVEN SUDETENLAND ON A PLATTER  
 (^ PEAK OF POLICY OF APPEASEMENT)

## 1939: HITLER BREAKS MUNICH PACT & annexes whole of CZ.

- LOSS OF SUDETENLAND MEANS LOSS OF 70% OF HEAVY INDUSTRY FOR CZ. THIS LED TO WEAKENING OF ECONOMY & SLOVAKS NOW DEMANDED SECESSION FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA.
- THE LAW & ORDER DETERIORATED & CZ WAS FORCED TO REQUEST GERMAN INTERVENTION TO MAINTAIN LAW & ORDER  
 ∴ GR ANNEXED CZ.
- BR & FR CLAIMED THAT THEY HAVE NO OBLIGATION TO PROTECT CZ ∵ IT HAS ON ITS OWN INVITED GR HELP ∵ PROTECTION OF MUNICH TO REST OF CZ DOESN'T APPLY.
- HOWEVER, THIS WAS LAST ACT OF APPEASEMENT

1939 : Gr - USSR 10YR NON AGGRESSION PACT

- HAD SECRET CLAUSE OF DIVIDING POLAND between Gr & USSR
- USSR signed ∵ wanted time to PREPARE FOR Gr ATTACK
- Gr signed as if prevented possible two front war

1939 : PACT OF STEEL i.e. FULL MILITARY ALLIANCE BETWEEN ITALY - Gr

1939 : Gr ATTACKS POLAND

- Now Br & Fr come to AID POLAND & WWII begins
- USSR CAPTURES HALF OF POLAND BUT NOT AT WAR AGAINST  
Br, Fr or Gr.
- POLAND IS DEFEATED BEFORE Br COULD COME FOR HELP.

6 MONTH PHONY WAR : HITLER WAITED FOR 6 MONTHS FOR Br & Fr

TO CALL FOR PEACE. WHEN THEY DIDN'T,

He ATTACKED Fr & WWII NOW IN FULL MOTION.

1942 : AFTER DEFEATING Fr, HITLER BREAKS 10YR NON AGGRESSION PACT

& ATTACKS USSR

- JAPAN ATTACKS US AT PEARL HARBOUR, HAWAII IN PACIFIC
- ∴ US WAS AGAINST JAPANESE ADVANCE IN SOUTH EAST ASIA.
- ∴ IT WAS A PRE-EMPTIVE STRIKE & LED TO US ENTRY IN WWII.

## EUROPE, 1922

State Boundary Alignments  
resulting from the First World War  
Peace Treaties

SCALE OF MILES  
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Legend  
Independent Free/International cities  
Ceded/Fiume to Italy, 1922  
Captured Regions



## Before World War 1



## After World War 1



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