Enough with the Nazi jokes...

Chapter 6: The Counterfeit Peace 1933-7

They make me führerious
My E-Harmony Profile

First Name: Adolf

Last Name: Hitler

Gender: Male
POWER...POWER...POWER (172)

Goals: political/economic stability, Herrenvolk (173)

an Austrian...wants AUS + GER union

likes to depress entire races and systematic extermination

“over-inflamed imagination set no bounds” (175)

foreign policy: annul Versailles, rearmament, Lebensraum
Theses:

AJP Taylor: Hitler was an opportunist

Kagan: No peace keeps itself... Hitler had a plan

Bullock: Hitler was an opportunist and risk-taker “No man...” (177)
Hitler Plays the Hand He’s Dealt

- withdrawal from LoN, Disarmament Council (178-179)
- POL non-aggression pact
- Anschluss..July 25th, 1934 Nazi uprising
  - shoot Engelbert Dollfuss
  - FAILURE... ITA promises AUS defense support
“There is only submission” (182)

-BRI and FRA and their mutual assistance pacts...but everyone still builds up their arms (184)
-Stresa Front, April 1935
  -Kagan: hide inner quaverings
  -Taylor: no one actually cared
  -Bullock: formally impressive...but nothing more
Hitler wants to make friends

-Hitler likes the thought of alliance with UK
“weakening the opposition of Great Britain to his aims” (187)

-May 25th speech..GER
build arms to 35%

-FRA and ITA mad, unity destroyed, bye bye Stresa
Abyssinian Crisis... Again:

-Mussolini like, eh, let’s go on an adventure in Abyssinia while BRI and FRA tied up with GER re-armament
-Taylor+Bullock: destroyed collective security, no more united front against GER
- “The ultimate beneficiary...,” (189-190)
Remilitarization Rhineland

-crazy idea... if FRA attacked GER would fail
-98.8% people voted in his favor!!!! 98.8!!

-Taylor + Bullock: Hitler taking what the world willing to give, increase Hitler pop. (Bullock 192)

-Kagan: BRI + FRA no plan to fight GER
SPA Civil War+ Hoss. Memo

-Spanish Civil War 1936:
  -common policy ITA and GER towards Spain
  -series of formal meetings..ITA-GER alliance
  -anti-Bolshevik front
-Hossbach Memorandum
  -Kagan: Hitler had sights on war
  -Talyor/ Bullock: same as Mein Kampf
Bullock’s Thesis on Hitler

- Hitler was an opportunist

- Hitler was a risk taker

- 33-37: tactical politician..exploit the positions of the other powers...without much force
- 38-39: bigger risks, more force
Which aspect of Hitler do you believe brought him the most success from 1933-39?

Smooth-talking

Risk-Taking

Persistence

Opportunity Seizing

Imagination