

**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**

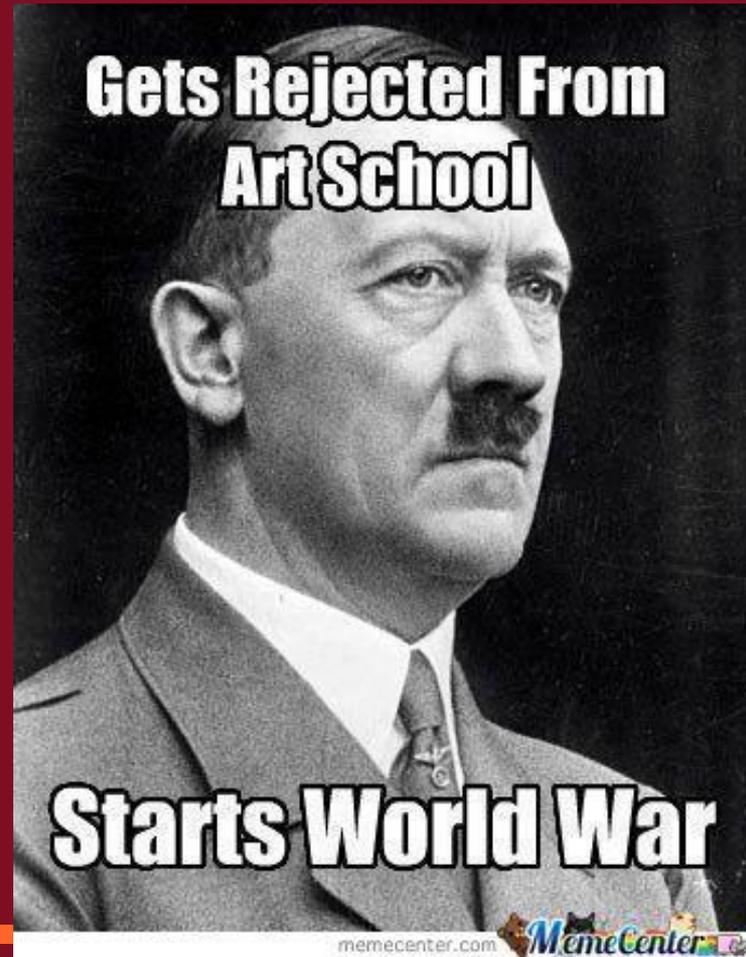


## Theses:

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

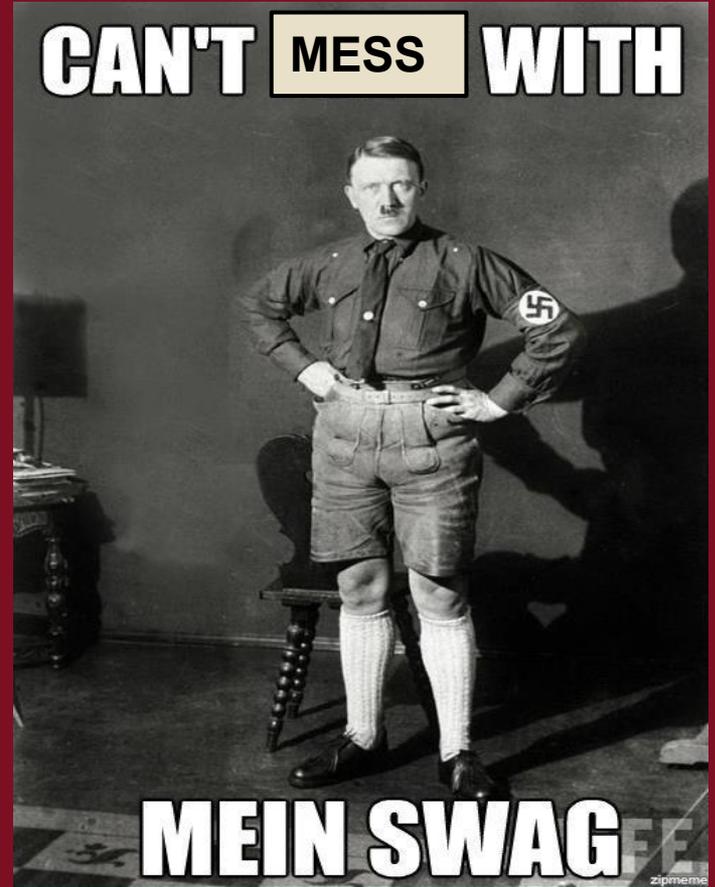
-Kagan: hide inner quaverings

-Taylor: no one actually cared

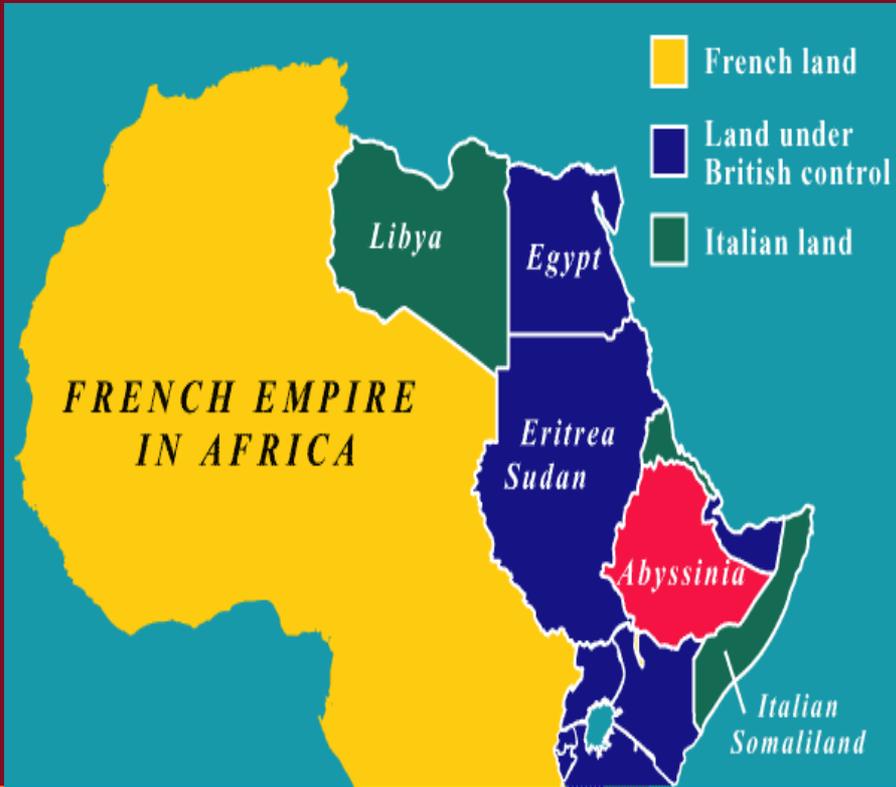
-Bullock: formally impressive...but nothing more

## 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:



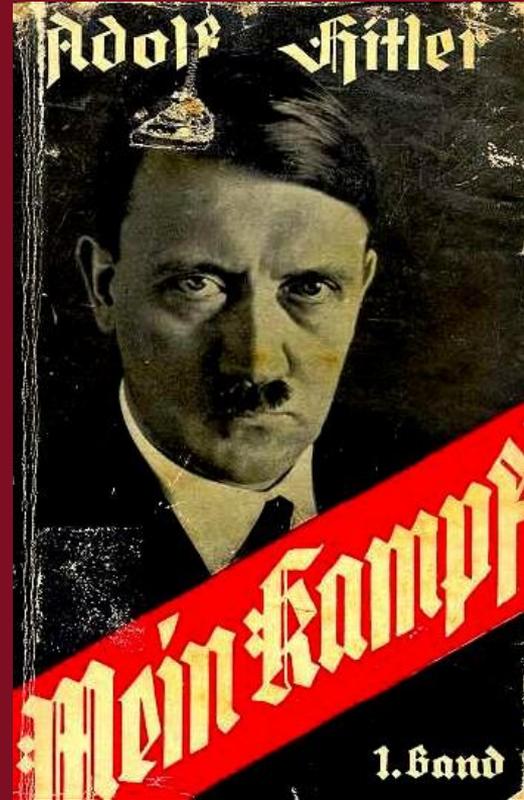
- Mussolini like, eh, let's go on an adventure in Abyssinia while BRI and FRA tied up with GER re-armament
- Taylor+Bullock: destroyed collective security, no more united front against GER
  - "The ultimate beneficiary..," (189-190)

# 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