THE SEEDS OF WAR

MOTIVATIONS AND LONG TERM PLANS OF THE BELLIGERENTS

GERMANY

1. Economically devastated by the effects of the Treaty of Versailles, Germany has to repay vast sums of money which she can not afford. (THE DIKTAT)

2. Both Britain and France borrowed enormous sums of money from the USA (America) and now they have to pay that back, they turn to Germany, the loser, to pay for all their costs, expenses and reparations. (WAR REPARATIONS)

3. Social and living conditions in Germany are untenable, there is huge unemployment, food and clothes and petrol are rationed, there is not enough for everybody. (POVERTY)

4. There is huge disappointment and disillusion and a feeling of great shame that Germany's leaders were incapable of protecting the country. (SHAME)

5. The population feels betrayed by their government, by their leaders and by the wealthy middle-class. (BETRAYAL)

6. Germany is humiliated among nations. (HUMILIATION)

7. Popular discontent and anger is captured by the Communists. (THREAT OF COMMUNISM)

8. Subsequently the middle class feel threatened that they will lose all their property.

9. Socially and politically divided, the Germans look to those people ready to stand up and give back to Germany her honour, her way of life and her importance among the nations. (A NEW DEAL FOR GERMANY)

10. This challenge is taken up by Adolf Hitler. (THE FUHRER / the guide or LEADER)
11. During the 1930's, after THE WALL STREET CRASH (the financial ruin of the world's economy that gave rise to the American NEW DEAL, an economic recovery plan) the central banks printed huge sums of money. This reasoning comes from the ideas of economists like John Maynard Keynes in the 1930's, Paul Krugman and Athanasios Orphanides in 1990 (Japanese financial crisis) This non-conventional monetary policy is today called QE or Quantitative Easing.

12. AH immediately broke with the Treaty of Versailles, he ordered the construction of submarines, the building of a strong air-force, the re-occupation of the RUHR valley, the building of very powerful artillery guns, the construction of huge battleships etc etc ; all of these things were forbidden by the treaty of V. (HITLER BREAKS THE TOV)

13. The German people loved him for this, he gave them: work, food, hope, pride and forged a new German SPIRIT. (A NEW GERMANY)

14. To do this he required also a SCAPEGOAT, he blamed the JEWS for all the social, economic and political ills that Germany suffered from.

15. He depicted a thousand year empire, based on former German greatness (BARBEROSSA) The THIRD REICH IS BORN

16. Legally elected, adored by the people, feared or admired by the International community, destroyer of the DIKTAT, he promised to unite all Germans and punish all those who stood in their way.

17. He clarified his vision in his book MEIN KAMPF, he recruited his BROWN SHIRTS (The S.A.) to enforce his ideas and he clearly targeted the jews (UNTERMENSCHEN) for extermination and identified RUSSIA and the SLAV countries as the LIVING ROOM (LEBENSRAUM) Germany would need to expand into her empire.