

# ROARING '20s

COMMUNIST PARTIES WERE ACTIVE IN EUROPE, TOO... THE USSR PUSHED FOR "PERMANENT REVOLUTION" EVERYWHERE, A BRAINSTORM OF BOLSHEVIK MILITARY CHIEF LEON TROTSKY.



TROTSKY'S AGENTS ADVISED LEFTISTS TO TAKE TO THE STREETS AND LET RIP!



ANTI-COMMUNIST GROUPS RESPONDED, AND STREET FIGHTS FLARED.



RESULT: THE COMMUNISTS FAILED EVERYWHERE (EXCEPT HUNGARY FOR A FEW MONTHS).

I DON'T GET IT... MARX SAYS THE REVOLUTION SHOULD SUCCEED IN ADVANCED INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES LIKE GERMANY, NOT HAYSEED DUMPS LIKE RUSSIA!

MARX CAN'T BE WRONG, SO IT MUST BE YOUR FAULT...

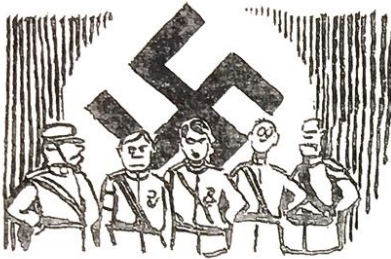


ON THE OTHER HAND, A RIGHT-WING LEADER, BENITO MUSSOLINI, ROSE TO LEAD ITALY IN 1922. WITHIN THREE YEARS, HIS BROWN-SHIRTED STREET FIGHTERS CRUSHED THE LEFT, THE REPUBLICAN GOVERNMENT, AND ALL DISAGREEMENT. MUSSOLINI, NOW IL DUCE (THE DUKE), CALLED HIS SYSTEM FASCISM.

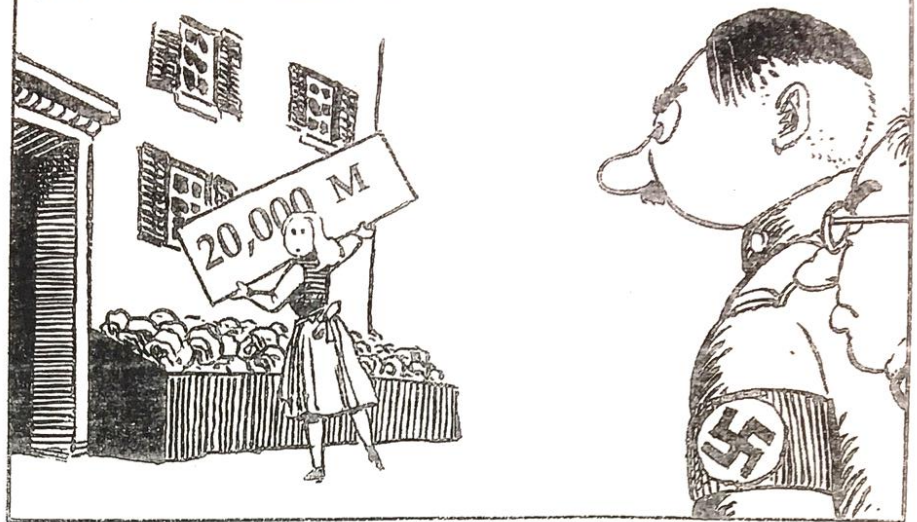


FASCES, A BUNDLE OF STICKS, ANCIENT ROMAN SYMBOL OF STRENGTH IN UNITY.

AS IN ITALY, SO IN GERMANY: DISGUSTED VETERANS, INCLUDING ART-SCHOOL REJECT ADOLF HITLER, FOUNDED THE "NATIONAL SOCIALISTS" OR NAZIS, A FASCIST-STYLE PARTY WITH AN EXTRA OBSESSION WITH RACIAL PURITY.



IN 1923, THE NAZIS DECIDED TO MAKE THEIR MOVE... GERMANY WAS IN CHAOS... PRICES WERE RISING WILDLY...



IN FACT, PRICES WERE RISING BY THE HOUR!

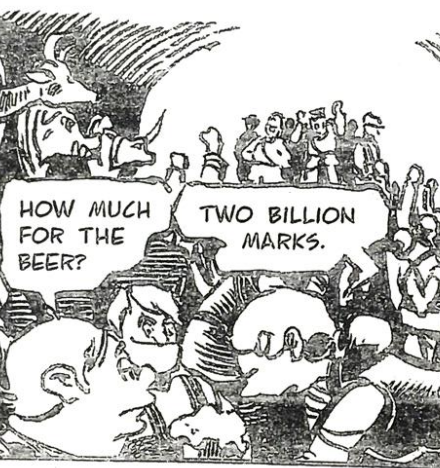
THREE MILLION MARKS PLEASE!

OUTRAGEOUS! SHAMEFUL! SOMEHOW JEWISH!

KEEP TALKING... NOW IT'S FOUR MILLION...



AT A RALLY IN A MUNICH BEER HALL, HITLER ANNOUNCED THAT THE TIME HAD COME FOR A PUTSCH.

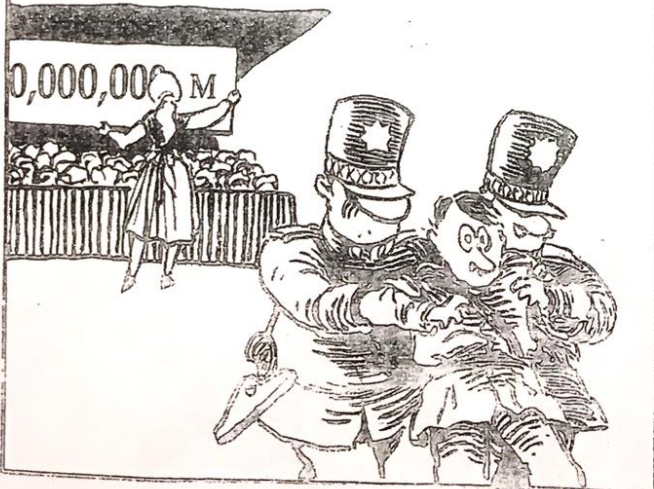


THEY TROMPED OUT AND TOOK OVER A FEW GOVERNMENT OFFICES.

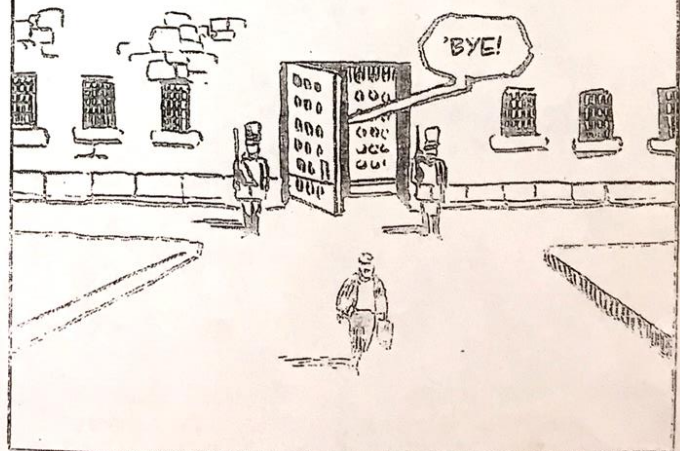
HEY, THAT'S TWO BILLION EACH!



THE EPISODE ENDED QUICKLY, AS A FEW DOZEN POLICEMEN ROUNDED UP ALL THE PUTSCHISTS.



BUT THEIR PUNISHMENT WAS LIGHT... HITLER, THE LEADER, WAS OUT OF JAIL WITHIN MONTHS. THE NAZIS, IT SEEMED, HAD FRIENDS IN HIGH PLACES.



AND SO BEGAN A CAPITALIST BOOM... THE **JAZZ AGE**... MUSIC WENT UP-TEMPO, HEMLINES ROSE, NECKLINES PLUNGED... CARS, RADIOS, AND PHONOGRAPHS REVOLUTIONIZED PEOPLE'S LIVES... AND MOVIES SPREAD THESE IMAGES AND INSPIRED IMITATION ACROSS THE WORLD...

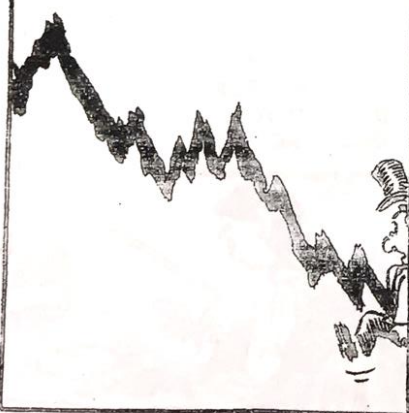


SOME OF THE WORLD, ANYWAY...

HEY! FLAPPER BURKA! STONES!!

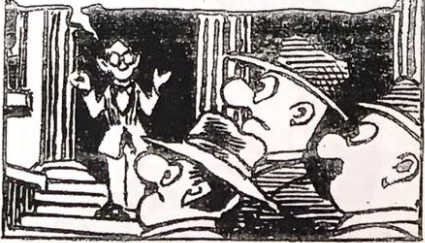


AFTER LESS THAN TEN YEARS, THE BOOM WENT BUST WITH A CRASH—A STOCK MARKET CRASH, THAT IS, IN OCTOBER 1929.



BUSINESS SLOWED... LENDERS CALLED IN LOANS... PEOPLE RAN TO THE BANKS FOR THEIR CASH—AND LEARNED THE TRUTH ABOUT BANKS.

ONLY A FRACTION OF YOUR DEPOSIT STAYS IN THE BUILDING... MOST OF THE MONEY IS OUT ON LOAN TO BUSINESSES... IT'S NOT HERE AND NEVER WILL BE...



MONEY WENT SCARCE... MILLIONS OF PEOPLE LOST JOBS, HOMES, FARMS... PRICES AND WAGES PLUNGED...

AT LEAST WE'RE GETTING AN EDUCATION IN FINANCE...

