Contents

List of Maps		x xi
	List of Plates Preface	
1	enactive of the Smutt Economy and Society and annual should	xiii
1	The Ideological Foundations Definitions of Totalitarianism	1
	Marxism – Leninism – Stalinism	4
	Fascism and Nazism	6
2	The Seizure of Power	12
	Russia on the Eve of Revolution	13
	The Establishment of the Soviet Dictatorship	16
	The Failure of Liberal Italy	22
	The Birth and Triumph of Fascism	26
	Germany and the Impact of World War I	32
	The Weimar Republic and the Rise of the Nazi Movement	38
	The Great Depression and the Nazi Takeover	44
3	Personalities and Policies of the Dictators	51
	Stalin's Youth and Early Career	52
	Stalin the Demigod	55
	Mussolini: The Young Socialist	58
	The Duce: Strengths and Weaknesses	63

viii Contents

	The Young Hitler	65
	Hitler: The Chaotic Dictator	69
	Hitler's Private Life and Relations with Women	73
4	Totalitarian Economies	77
	The End of the New Economic Policy	78
	Stalin's War against the Peasants	80
	The First Five-Year Plan and Industrialization	86
	The Fascist Economy	89
	The Economy of National Socialist Germany	94
5	Propaganda, Culture, and Education	102
	The Limitations of Propaganda	103
	Soviet Propaganda	105
	Fascist Propaganda	107
	Nazi Propaganda	109
	Totalitarian Culture	114
	Soviet Education	122
	Education in the Fascist States	125
	Youth Groups	128
6	Family Values and Health	134
	The Conservative Trend in Values	135
	Soviet Women: The Mixed Blessings of Emancipation	136
	Fascist Italy: The Failure of Antifeminism	140
	Women in Nazi Germany: Kinder, Kirche, und Küche?	144
	Health and Eugenics in Nazi Germany	150
	Religion: The Basic Incompatibility	
7	Totalitarian Terror	102
	The Great Purges in the Soviet Union	163
	Terror and Persecution in the Fascist States	172
	The Persecution of Jews	174
8	The Era of Traditional Diplomacy and War, 1933-194	1 187
	Hitler's Foreign Policy Strategy	188
	Hitler as "Peace Lover," 1933-1935	193
	From Ethiopia to Spain: Fascist Italy at War	195
	Austria and Czechoslovakia: Hitler's First Conquests	200

ix

338

	The Approach of War	206
	The Blitzkrieg Campaigns	210
	The Italian Intervention	216
9	Total War, 1941–1945	223
	Hitler Turns East	226
	Stalin's Preparations for War	229
	The Russian Campaign in 1941	235
	Hitler and the Untermenschen	238
	Hitler and Stalin as War Lords	242
	The Fall of Fascism	249
	The German Home Front	253
	The War in the West	256
	The End of the Third Reich	260
0	The Collapse of Soviet Totalitarianism	266
	Stalin's Last Years, 1945-1953	267
	The Khrushchev Era	271
	Reaction and Reform: From Brezhnev to Gorbachev	275
	Problems of the Soviet Economy and Society	279
	Soviet Women in the Last Years of the Regime	282
	Soviet Society in the 1980s: The Balance Sheet	285
	The Revolt of the Satellites and the Disintegration	
	of the Soviet Union	286
	The End of Soviet Totalitarianism	289
1	Lessons and Prospects	292
	The Triumph of Dogmatism	294
	The Structural Flaws of Totalitarianism	295
	The Totalitarian Legacy	300
Bib	liographical Fesay	308

the eare of the German youth

Index