Communists and the Aryans

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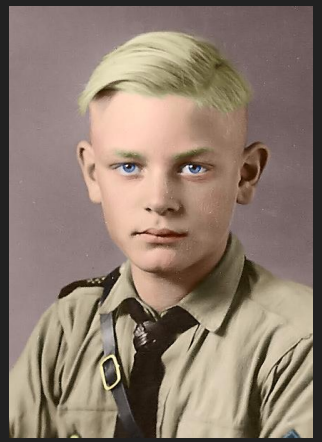
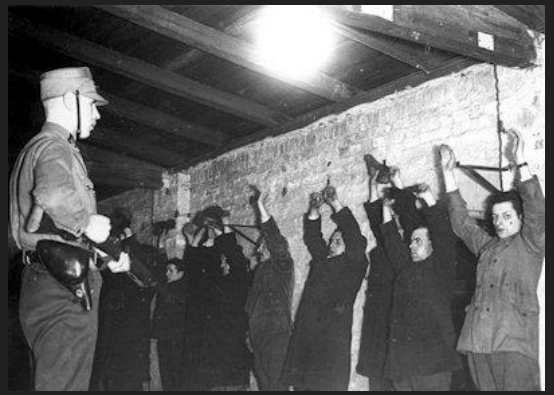


Communists In Nazi Germany

In 1933, when Hitler became chancellor, the communists located at their headquarters were arrested by the Gestapo. In that same year, after the reichstag, the German parliament building in Berlin, was burned down communists were arrested within hours of the fire.



Communists In Concentration Camps

Hitler declared that associating with the KPD was an act of treason and banned it. The KPD was the communist party of Germany. The leaders of the KPD went into exile in the Soviet Union. Most of the prisoners in early concentration camps were German communists. The elite guards of the Nazi party were to take down political opponents after Hitler came to power.

What Does The Word Aryan Mean and Who Qualified As One

The Aryans were people speaking an Indo-European language who invaded northern India. They were thought of by Hitler as the pure race, they had blonde hair and blue eyes. The Nazis believed that the Germans, Dutch, Scandinavian, and English were part of the Aryan master race. Also people from Italy and France were said to have some Germanic blood.

Did All Germans Automatically Count As Aryan, What other countries were considered Aryan.

Almost all Germans were automatically considered Aryan and were considered at the the lowest 1000 times better than any other population. Hitler viewed some countries as Aryan. Those countries were, Germany, Austria, France, Italy, Spain, Denmark, England, Sweden, Norway, Finland, and some countries from the Middle East.

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