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STALIN WAS A WIMP

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AS DICTATORS GO, he WAS.
MATCHED UP AGAINST OTHER MAJOR
DICTATORS, JOSEF STALIN JUST FAILS
TO MEASURE UP.

IN SO FAR AS ATTAINING his DICTATORSHIP GOES.

MAO OF CHINA WENT ALONG ON
THE "LONG MARCH",

HITLER OF GERMANY PULLED OUT A
GUN - AFTER DOWNING A BEER -

JUMPED ON TOP OF A TABLE, FIRED
A SHOT INTO THE CEILING, AND
SHOUTED "THE NATIONAL REVOLUTION

HAS ARRIVED!" WHEN he LAUNCHED his 1st
1920's "BEER HALL" PUTCHE.

FAILED

MUSSOLINI OF ITALY PERSONALLY GOT OUT
AND LED his FAMOUS "MARCH ON ROME"
WHICH BROUGHT him TO POWER IN THE 1920's.

STALIN? STALIN? he WAS NOTHING BUT
A LIFELONG BEUROCRAT OF THE COMMUNIST
PARTY. he NEVER LED ANY MARCHES,
NEVER FACED DOWN ANY ARMED ENEMYS,
NEVER EVEN FIRED A GUN.

NEVER HAD TO,

BECAUSE ALL he EVER WAS WAS A BEUROCRAT.
he WAS A PAPER PUSHER.

AN IRON PANTS BEUROCRAT WHO ATTENDED
EVERY COMMUNIST PARTY MEETING ~~HE~~
EVER HELD - FOR YEARS AND YEARS.

AND THATS HOW he GRADUALLY ATTAINED
his power OVER MANY, MANY YEARS.
VIA THE BEUROCRATIC PROCESS.

THE SOVIET COMMUNIST PARTY BEUROCRATIC PROCESS.



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by ATTENDING EVERY SINGLE meeting he COULD AND STAYING FROM BEGINNING UNTIL THE VERY END.

hence the "IRONPANTS" label.

he simply OUTLASTED ALL his PARTY RIVALS. By keeping his mouth SHUT AND TRYING NEVER TO TAKE A POSITION ON ANYTHING CONTROVERSIAL, he WOULD JUST SIT BACK QUIETLY AND WATCH his RIVALS AND POTENCIAL RIVALS WITHIN THE COMMUNIST BUREAUCRACY KNOCK EACH OTHER OUT.

AND DO ALL he COULD BEHIND THE SCENS TO help play them OFF AGAINST EACH OTHER. This is how, OVER MANY YEARS, JOE STALIN GRADUALLY ATTAINED DICTATORSHIP POWERS AND THEN ~~to~~ GRADUALLY EXPANDED THEM. The OTHER BIG DICTATORS, MAO, HITLER, AND MUSSOLINI, HAD DRAMA TO THEIR STORIES - STALIN'S WAS WITHOUT DRAMA. STALIN'S RISE WAS - IN FACT - BORING. AS WAS STALIN THE MAN HIMSELF. THE OTHERS WERE ALL MEN OF ACTION. EXCEPT FOR STALIN.

THE OTHERS WOULD GET UP AND GO OUT AND DO IT THEMSELVES IF THEY HAD TO. STALIN - NEVER.

he ALWAYS - ALWAYS - HAD ONE OF HIS FLUNKYS GO OUT AND DO IT FOR HIM. SO THAT HIS BUREAUCRATIC FLUNKY WOULD GET ALL THE BLAME IF THINGS WENT BAD AND STALIN HIMSELF WOULD TAKE ALL THE CREDIT IF IT DIDN'T.



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his 3 FELLOW DICTATORS WERE ALL POWERFULL SPEAKERS.

STALIN ~~ALWAYS~~ NEVER WAS! THE FIRST TIME THAT HE WAS FORCED BY EVENTS TO PUBLICLY ADDRESS THE RUSSIAN PEOPLE (AFTER GERMANY AND HER ALLIES INVADED STALIN'S SOVIET UNION IN 1941) - THE RUSSIAN PUBLIC WAS SHOCKED TO HEAR - VIA NATIONWIDE RADIO - STALIN SPEAK PUBLICLY FOR THE FIRST TIME! ~~shocked~~ shocked! BECAUSE HE HAD A HIGH PITCHED VOICE AND SPOKE ~~in a~~ WITH A "BACKWOODS COUNTRY" ACCENT (HE CAME FROM THE PROVINCE OF GEORGIA IN THE U.S.S.R.) THE BIG ~~powerful~~ POWERFULL IMAGE OF THE GREAT AND POWERFULL STALIN ("MAN OF STEEL") HE AND HIS BUREAUCRATIC APPARATUS HAD BUILT UP FOR YEARS FOR THE RUSSIAN PEOPLE - WELL, THE IMAGE JUST DIDN'T MATCH THE REALITY, IS ALL.

EVEN IN PERSONAL INTERACTIONS, WHILE THE OTHER 3 ALWAYS PROJECTED EASE AND CONFIDANCE, STALIN PROJECTED - COULDN'T HELP BUT SHOWING - INSECURITY AND UNCASINESS.

simply BECAUSE HE WAS THAT BY NATURE. SO EVEN AMONG DICTATORS THE OLD AXIOM HOLDS TRUE; THEY ARE NOT ALL THE SAME. OF COURSE, THIS IS NOT TAUGHT TO KIDS IN SCHOOL; ALL THE BIG DICTATORS ARE JUST NAMED AND LUMPED TOGETHER AS ONE. BUT FOR THOSE OF US WHO REALLY LOVE AND UNDERSTAND HISTORY, FOR THOSE OF US →

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WILLING TO DIG DOWN DEEPER TO GET TO THE HUMAN NATURES BEHIND THE HISTORICAL FIGURES, FOR THOSE OF US WILLING TO DIG OUT AND GATHER ALL THE DETAILS, WE END UP WITH HISTORICAL GOLD, THE HISTORICAL GOLD BEING; THE REAL HISTORY. AND, TO SUM UP WHAT THIS REAL HISTORY REVEALS ABOUT JOSEF STALIN; ~~obviously~~

- ① AS A 20th CENTURY DICTATOR HE STANDS TOTALLY AND COMPLETELY APART FROM THE OTHERS,
- ② STALIN IS THE ONLY DICTATOR EVER TO HAVE ATTAINED HIS DICTATORSHIP THE WAY HE DID.
- ③ HE WAS NEVER - BY HIS VERY NATURE - "CUT OUT TO BE" A DICTATOR, HE ALMOST CERTAINLY NEVER SET OUT OR PLANNED TO BECOME ONE ORIGINALLY BUT GRADUALLY - OVER MANY YEARS OF INNER PARTY BUREAUCRATIC MANAUVERING - HE SLOWLY CAME TO REALISE THAT HE HAD BECOME ONE (~~AND~~ ^{BUT} UNDOUGHTEDLY LOVED IT WHEN IT DID HAPPEN)
- ④ STALIN WAS A WIMP.

WHICH IS, OF COURSE, THE TITLE OF THIS CHAPTER.

AS DICTATORS GO, HE WAS A WIMP.

WEAK. INSECURE. ALL THOSE THINGS people

think of when they think of

SO-CALLED "WIMPS"

AND THE FACT THAT HIS POLICYS - HIS DICTATORSHIP - KILLED AND IMPRISONED

AS MANY PEOPLE AS IT DID DOES NOT CHANGE

ONE BIT THE CONCLUSION THAT STALIN WAS

A "WIMP". NOT ONE BIT. BECAUSE WHETHER

A PERSON IS JUDGED AS A WIMP - OR NOT - HAS NOTHING AT ALL TO DO WITH HOW MANY PEOPLE

THEY KILL OR NOT; BUT ONLY WITH WHO THEY REALLY WERE
AS PEOPLE XX