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Revolutions of 1848

1) Causes
2) Course of Events
3) A) France
   B) Habsburg Empire
   C) German States
4) Assessment

Russia & England spared revolutions ~ 1848. Different issues & problems for each revolution.

Social-economic groups- Artisans or craftspeople. Small shops, guild system. Guild- set prices, protect workers, like unions of today. Masterpieces- level of a master who produces a piece. Crafts in trouble. Pop. growing, more folks wanted to join. Factories started to compete as in shoes. Artisans wanted protection from government. Backwards looking

Middle class liberalism - wants open competition, less government, economic conservatives. Free trade, no tariffs, wanted government to jump start new industries via investment.

Peasants- eastern Europe wanted an end to serfdom. In France - less government interference, German - land overcrowding, led to migration to cities. Lots of misery. Emigration to US in 1840s & 1850s.

Urban poor - not artisans. Unemployed or under employed. Want jobs & want government to create jobs. Beginnings of socialism - Marx & Communist Manifesto written in 1848. Owen in England - paternalistic socialist. Anarchism - started in this period. Local govt. ok, central govt. not. French anarchist was Proudhon.

Middle class across the continent demanded constitutional govt. Expansion of the franchise too. Press & religious freedom also desired. Censorship was the rule of the day. Political reform.

Nationalism - growing force & more potent. Particularly in the Habsburg polyglot empire. Slavs call for national state. Serbs take the lead.

* All above elements pulled together in 1848. Starts in France. Louis Phillipe was king. Lost much support by 1840s. 1848- political banquets were king could be criticized. Soon outlawed. Signal for revolt. Middle class liberals initiated revolt, urban poor made it happen. Barricades go up! Louis P. simply left. Provisional govt created by middle class declare France a ~~re~~ republic; 2nd republic set up by Lamartine. Included communist & workers - token members.

Unity did not last long. Various factions had little in common.

National workshop created by Lamartine. Generate work for unemployed. Pop. amongst artisans & working poor. Middle class saw it as a give away program. Criticism intensifies & program is cancelled. Working poor suffer & rebel in June 1848 barricades go up again. General Cavaignac blasts out barricades & kills up to 3,000 people. Nap III redesigned Paris & set up boulevards.

Worker participation in govt. was gone. Nap III won presidential election! in December 1848. Return to strong man leader. 1851- coup d-etat, president for 10 years, next year is emperor. Republic is Finished. Second empire begins.

Revolutionary template created.

Sparks from France ignite Hapsburg empire. Hungarians want autonomy under Kossuth. Wanted to restore Hungary to medieval borders - Croatia & Transylvania. Folks in Vienna wanted a constitution. Metternich flees to Innsbruck. Emperor abdicates- son takes over. Govt. is weak so revolution spreads. Czech wants to form slavic state. Germans rebelled & Habsburg troops put down Czech nationalisms. Old order plays off ethnic divisions. Troops sent to Transylvania & Croatia to put down Hungarian revolution. Russia helped with bloody put down.

Italy - Liberals wanted a national state. Looked to Piedmont - capital is Torino (Turin). General Radetzky puts down Torino. Attention turns to Pope. French help Pope stave off radicalism in Rome.

German States - insurrection in Prussia. liberals wanted Prussia to ~~be~~ push for German unity. King William wanted neither const. or unity. Berlin explodes when troops fire on crowd. Played along with revolutionarys. Established a new liberal ministry. Angered artisans. Govt. exploited divides & reasserts his own authority.

Bavaria & Saxony, Brutenberg all had small uprisings. liberals from all meet at St. Pauls church. in 1848 & call for a national constitution. Artisans meet & have their own meeting.

Fights between large Germany (with Austria) & small Germany (today). Prussian troops finally quash meeting in Frankfurt. Parliament ended. Opportunity missed to create a liberal Germany.

All revolutions of 1848 Failed. Class divisions solidify. Working class felt it could not work with middle class anymore. Crux of socialism.

England reformed itself. Allowed more people to work within the system.

Russia - small middle class. Ignorant peasants & harsh, ~~tot~~ rule.