

Lecture 2

The Norwegian Homefront under Hitler (and Quisling)

- I. **Introduction**
- II. **Pre-War Norway**
 - A. Subordination to Denmark and Sweden
 - B. Norwegian Foreign Policy, 1914-1940
 - C. Security and Socio-economic Policies: Norwegian “Nice”
- III. **Operation *Weserübung* and the German Conquest of Norway**
 - A. Reasons behind the German Assault and Nazi Goals for Norway
 - B. Hitler Beats Churchill to the Punch
 - C. Early Fighting and Fortunate Escapes
 - D. Quisling’s Coup d’état
 - E. Resistance Questioned: The Lysaker Bridge Incident
 - F. The Boot Comes Down: Reichsstaathalter Josef Terboven
 - G. Competing German Authorities: Terboven, Falkenhorst, Goebbels, Himmler
 - H. Collaborating Cultural Luminaries: Flagstad, Hamsun
- IV. **Varieties of Domestic Resistance**
 - A. King Haakon VII as Symbol
 - B. Obstructing Quisling’s “Coordination” Campaign: Churches, Trade Unions, Sports, Supreme Court
 - C. The Media of Message: Posters, Newspapers, Books (Steinbeck, *The Moon Is Down*)
- V. **The British Special Operations Executive (SOE) and Norway**
 - A. The “Shetland Bus”
 - B. The Lofoten Islands Raid
 - C. The Talavåg Tragedy
 - D. Sabotaging the German Bomb: The Norsk Hydro Plant

VI. Darkness and Light, 1943-1945

- A. The Holocaust Comes to Norway
- B. Labor Mobilization and Martial Law
- C. The “Boys of the Forest”
- D. Liberation Comes Late

VII. Postwar Norway and Homefront Legacies

- A. Collaborators On the Dock (and Against the Wall)
- B. Amnesties and Leniency: The Return of Mr. Nice-Guy
- C. Mending Fences: The Oslo Winter Olympics of 1952
- D. Quisling Redux? Anders Breivik

[Back by popular demand: a limerick by Robert Conquest from last week’s lecture]:

“There was an old bastard named Lenin,
who did two or three million men in.
That’s a lot to have done in,
But where he did one in,
That old bastard Stalin did ten in.”