

Hossbach
Memorandum

1937 document
purporting to show
Hitler's plans for war

internationalism

the principle of placing
the common good above
national interest

League Covenant

rules by which the
League of Nations
operated

lebensraum

living space in the
east

Maginot Line

French line of defensive
fortifications along the
Franco-German frontier

Mein Kampf

Hitler's 1924
autobiography

plebiscite

nationwide vote
on an issue

pogrom

state-organised
violence against
the Jews

propaganda

information designed
to make people think
a certain way

purges

removing one's
opponents by
forceful means

quasi-legal
procedures

actions technically
legal but against
the spirit of the law

revisionism

policy of changing
the Treaty of
Versailles

sanctions

economic punishment
enforced against an
aggressor nation

scorched earth
policy

the practice of
destroying resources
during a retreat to deny
an invader their use

total war

placing all a
nation's resources
into the war effort

Vichy regime

Nazi puppet regime
that ruled non-
occupied France

volkgemeinschaft

people's
community

volkssturm

German home
defence
organisation

war of attrition

military conflict in
which each side tries
to exhaust the other

Wehrmacht

the German army