

- probably committed by Dutch Communist Lubbe acting alone
 - used by Nazis to show Communist threat
3. **Emergency Decrees**
 - Feb 28 Decree of the Reich President for the Protection of the Nation and the State
 - issued by Hindenburg using Article 48
 - suspended constitutional civil rights
 - secret police could hold people indefinitely in protective custody
 4. **Other emergency Decrees**
 - imprisonment without trial
 - used to repress KPD
 - Central Government could take over local states not keeping order
 - remained throughout 3rd Reich: amounted to basic law of 3rd Reich
 5. **Elections March 5th 1933**
 - Reichstag was dissolved on the 1st Feb 1933
 - Government used control of the radio, police, along with unofficial pressure, to intimidate opponents in the election
 - highest ever turnout with volumes of 88.8%. Nazis attracted many new voters with their Election slogan "The battle against Marxism"
 - Nazis, surprisingly, only got 44% of the votes, Nationalist allies got 8%
 6. **March 13th - Control of media**
 - Goebbels was appointed head of new Ministry for Public Enlightenment and Propaganda
 - The Government took control of the radio and press
 7. **March 24th Enabling Act ("Law for Terminating the Suffering of the People and Nation")**
 - Law was passed by Reichstag who had been relocated to Opera House after fire and were surrounded by the SA/SS
 - Law meant that the Cabinet (in effect, Hitler) could pass decrees without the President's involvement
 8. **Enabling Act continued**
 - Enabling Act needed 2/3 majority as constitutional amendment
 - passed by 441 vs 94 (only SPD voted against, KPD banned. Centre supported it after Hitler made promises)
 - Act renewed 1938
 - became virtual constitution of Third Reich
 9. **Law for Restoration of Professional Civil Service**
 - administration, courts, education purged of "alien elements", i.e. Jews, opponents
 - only 5%, actually replaced
 - extended to all public service resulting in the removal of thousands of Jews
 10. **May 1 Government granted workers May Day holiday**
 - turned International Labour day into "Day of National Labour"
 - May 2. Trade union offices seized: all unions incorporated into new German Labour Front (DAF)
 11. **Employment Law - June**
 - major public works
 12. **Law against the Formation of New Parties July 14th**
 - KPD, SPD were already banned
 - other parties had dissolved themselves
 - now no new parties allowed
 - Germany became a one party state

13. Concordat July 20th

- agreement between state and Vatican
- Church banned political activity
- Government protected religious freedom

14. Law for the Reconstruction of the State January 1934

- since March many state governments had been forced out by SA violence.
- Law was used to allow the Reich government to appoint Commissioners. The situation was now formalised by this law.
 - dissolved state assemblies
 - created new Reich Governors to control states

15. Night of the Long Knives June 1934

- SS shot many SA leaders and other people seen as threat

16. Hitler as dictator

- Hindenburg dies July 1934
- Hitler amalgamated position of Chancellor and president to become Fuhrer
- Army tolerated Hitler's actions and the Armed Forces swore an Oath of allegiance to Hitler in August 1934