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EPISODE 23

THE WALL COMES DOWN

1. Who did the Soviet president Gorbachev meet with in December of 1988? What did he want to do?
2. What did Gorbachev grant the nations of Eastern Europe in 1989? What did Gorbachev think these nations would choose?
3. What type of elections were the Hungarian leaders planning when they met with Gorbachev in 1989? What did Gorbachev tell the Hungarian leaders when they asked him if there would be a repeat of the 1956 exercise in 1989?
4. Who did the Hungarians hold a memorial for before they did their elections in 1989?
5. What did the Hungarian government take down on its border with Austria in 1989?
6. Who did the Polish Communists open a round-table discussion with in 1989? Who won 99/100 seats in the Senate during the Polish election of 1989?
7. What did the leaders of East Germany and Czechoslovakia try to talk Gorbachev into concerning the free elections in Poland and Hungary?
8. What did George Bush Senior have in his eyes when the Hungarians gave him the piece of barbwire fencing that used to be part of their border?
9. What did Chinese troops do to peaceful demonstrators in Tianamen square in Beijing in 1989?
10. What was the state of Eastern Germany in 1989? What would East German tourists ask the West German embassy for when they went on vacation in Hungary?

11. When the East German government prevented people from going to Hungary, where did Eastern Germans wanting to leave go next?
12. Why did the East German security men have to bend down to get the fleeing Germans' identification cards as they went to West Germany?
13. What Soviet leader gave the protesting and fleeing East Germans great hope and why?
14. What name did the East German Communist Youth students chant when he visited the nation? What did this represent for the East German regime of Erik Honneker?
15. What did the Police do in Leipzig on October 7, 1989? What did the demonstrators do two days later?
16. How many people showed up to the 2nd Leipzig demonstration on October 9? What were the commanders of the police and troops told to do by the local Communist leaders?
17. What did the Eastern German Politburo do to Erik Honneker on October 17?
18. How many people gathered in East Berlin on November 4th, 1989? What were lifted on November 9th, 1989?
19. Why were the border guards at all the checkpoints confused when thousands of people showed up on the night of November 4th, 1989?
20. What one order did the border guards have? What did they do once they saw the huge crowds?
21. What did the West Berliners do when the East Berliners came across the border?
22. Why did President Bush not want to overreact when he heard the the Berlin Wall had been thrown down?