How did Hitler turn the Chancellorship into a dictatorship by 1934?

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The depression after the Wall Street Crash made many more people vote for the Nazis. In 1933 Von Papen convinced Hindenburg that Hitler should become Chancellor.
The Reichstag Fire

- The Reichstag building burnt down.
- A communist was found inside the building. He admitted responsibility.
- Chancellor Hitler was able to convince people that the Communists were trying to take power by terrorism.
- He was able to have the Communists banned from the Reichstag.
March 1933

With the Communists banned from the Reichstag, Hitler was able to pass:

**HITLER CAN RULE ALONE FOR FOUR YEARS. THERE IS NO NEED TO CONSULT THE REICHSTAG.**
THE ENABLING ACT GAVE HITLER THE POWER TO MAKE HIS OWN LAWS. SO, HE BANNED ALL OTHER POLITICAL PARTIES!
Political prisoners were put in concentration camps run by the S.S.
June 1934

Now I have got rid of opposition political groups, I can now deal with opposition in my party. Ernst Rohm (an old friend), head of the S.A. is very unpopular with the German army leaders. They have the power to overthrow me. I’ve been worried about Rohm for a while, so this is a good excuse.
The Night of the Long Knives

- Hitler had to get rid of Rohm. He was too much of a threat.
- On the night of 30th June 1934 Hitler's S.S. killed over 1000 SA members including Rohm.
- Hitler had gained the support of the army.
The death of President Hindenburg

August 1934

A final note

PRESIDENT HINDENBURG’S DEATH GAVE HITLER THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMBINE THE ROLE OF CHANCELLOR AND PRESIDENT. HE CALLED HIMSELF ‘DER FUHRER’.
Every soldier swore a personal oath of loyalty to ADOLF HITLER.
So, how did he become a dictator legally?
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