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With the terror over, a new constitution was created in August, 1795 and a weak government called the Directory was formed. The Directory together with the legislature ruled. The period under the Directory {1795-1799} was a period of graft and corruption.

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From 1793 to 1794 the Committee of Public Safety took control.

The committee acted to defend France from foreign and domestic threats. Revolutionary courts were set up and close to 40,000 were killed and about 16,000 of them were beheaded.

Most executions were held in places that openly rebelled against the National Convention.

Sans-culottes were ordinary patriots without fine clothes. They wore long trousers instead of knee-length breeches. Sans-culottes means without breeches. It was customary to associate them with the poor people or common people, but there were many merchants and well off artisans in the neighborhoods too.