***Deutschland erwacht*!**

**Many British & Americans visited 1930s Germany as journalists, politicians, & tourists.**

1. The [Reichstag] election has completely altered Germany both outwardly and inwardly so much that it is hard to realize that we are in the same country that we entered a month ago. The Nazis are out-fascismising Fascismo. [**Owen Tweedy**, University of Oxford, diary (March 1933)]
2. Already she is adapting herself, as she will adapt herself to every new regime. This morning I even heard her talking reverently about ‘Der Fuhrer’ to the porter’s wife. If anybody were to remind her that, at the elections last November [1932], she voted communist, she would probably deny it hotly, and in perfect good faith. She is merely acclimatizing herself, in accordance with a natural law, like an animal which changes its coat for the winter. [**Christopher Isherwood**, *Berlin Stories* (1945), commenting on his landlady in Berlin]
3. The Jew is the bacillus corrupting the German blood and race. Once a Jew always a Jew, he cannot pass from one kind of animal to another. The Jews are but 1% of the German population but they have dominated our culture. That cannot be tolerated. [**James Grover McDonald**, diary (April 9, 1933), recalling comments of German salesman he met on a train]
4. Perhaps I have a weakness for Germany and Germans. Cleanliness, efficiency, capacity, order, I like these things. And *youth* and *strength* I like, and the fine fact or illusion of *going somewhere*—of having an objective—and the tragic nature of their plight appeals to me. [**Martin Flavin**, American playwright (March 1933)]
5. The Party Rally finished this morning. I cannot really think coherently after this week. It has been wonderful to see what Hitler has brought this country back to and taught to look forward to. I heard him make a speech yesterday at the end of it all which I don’t think I shall ever forget and am going to have it translated. [**Michael Burn**, letter to his mother from Nuremberg (fall 1935)]
6. During the past three months I have watched Young Germany at work and at play in every part of the country. I admire the intense energy evoked by the National Socialist Movement. I respect, I almost envy, the depth and earnestness of the search for national unity which inspires your schools and colleges: because it is wholly unselfish, it is wholly good. [**Arnold Wilson**, Member of Parliament, speech given at Königsberg (July 1934)]

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***Juden sind nicht erwünscht!***

**German Jews recall this time very differently from Germans & foreign visitors**

1. Hitler came to power in January 1933. The children that lived in the same building… no longer spoke to us. They threw stones at us, they called us names, and that was maybe three months after Hitler came to power. And we couldn’t understand what we had done to deserve this. So the question always was why? And when we asked at home the answer pretty much was, “Oh it’s a passing phase, it won’t matter, it will normalize.”[[Lucille Eichengreen](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=STP8U-Ghep0), Hamburg]
2. My father couldn’t talk about it or wouldn’t talk about it…. He just came back very grey and ashen faced and that was that…. I didn’t think there was a coherent plan of anti-Semitism, it was simply every now and then an opportunity arose and some action would be taken against the Jews just to show them where they stood in relation to the Germans as such, to humiliate them, really. [[Rudi Bamber](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pv0P_9uvQi8), Nuremberg]
3. The SA marched and positioned themselves in front of all the Jewish shops. They daubed paint all over the shop windows and then one or two or three SA men stood outside each shop. The public was gathering around or passed by and it was said “Germans do not buy in Jewish shops,” “the Jews are our misery” and so on. [[Arnon Tamir](http://www.nupress.northwestern.edu/content/journey-back-0), Stuttgart]
4. Many people thought, “Ah well! He can’t cope with unemployment. He can’t do anything. He’ll be finished. He’ll make a lot of promises—he’ll be finished….” That’s why so many Jews stayed on, despite the pleading of their relatives and children to leave. Because who wants to become a refugee and live on next to nothing. [Eugene Leviné]
5. An Aryan girl and a non-Aryan man are led through the city wearing signs around their necks, “I am a pig because I took up with a Jew,” etc. In other locales the names of Aryan girls who have been seen in the company of Jews are published. And elsewhere Jews are prohibited from entering streets and town squares. [Kurt Rosenberg, lawyer, diary August 1933]

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