

Adolf Hitler in Britain

Adolf was christened Adolfus and called Adi by his family. He had been accustomed to a comparatively easy life, but when his mother died of cancer, he (18) took his sister Paula (11) to Vienna, along with his most cherished possession, a photograph of Klara (his mother and second cousin). "His existence had now become a pitiless struggle against poverty and he swept streets in order to buy food for himself and his sister."¹

From 1908 to 1921 Adolf never saw his younger sister Paula. He became an art student in Vienna but failed miserably. "At the end of 1910 and the beginning of 1911 Hitler appears to have received a considerable sum of money from his aunt, Johanna Pölzl . . . He drifted aimlessly [yet] still pretended that he was a student painter, or writer."²

The money ran out by the time he was 19. He slept on park benches and in doorways, ate in soup kitchens, and stayed in the Asyl für Obdachlose shelter for men until 1910, where he developed an appetite for change. Formerly of the snobbish middle class, he was now a tramp.

Two years and four months later, on 24 May 1913, Hitler left Vienna and moved to Munich.³ The most authoritative book on Hitler has no knowledge of Hitler's activities during the two years and four months from January 1911 to 24 May 1913.

Meanwhile, Alois Hitler (27), Adolf's half-brother, became a waiter in the Shelbourne Hotel in Dublin where he met Brigid Elisabeth Dowling (17, b. 3 July 1891) in the first half of 1909 (her first ever date) and they eloped from Ireland to Liverpool, evading her father William Dowling. She became a Liverpoolian hairdresser and they married and had a child, William Patrick Hitler, on 12 March 1911.

Intelligentsia in doss-houses were the perfect feeding ground for the foreign secret service who are always in search of disaffected nationals prepared to destroy their own society in order to make change. The intelligence community still meet in the boarding houses of

¹ *Prelude to Terror*.

² The very authoritative *Hitler*, p. 57.

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