

9 DPA SERIES: THE NAZI HOLOCAUST - SERIES II — In 1938, the threat of another world war became so intense the Prime Minister of England, Neville Chamberlain, flew to Germany three times to plead with Hitler not to start it. Hitler was willing to agree ... at a price. He had already annexed Austria into the Third Reich. He now wanted the Sudetenland and, eventually, Czechoslovakia. The famous Munich Agreement allowed him to have both. The Czechs mobilized 400,000 men to defend themselves, but their allies, the English and the French, were backed down by the Fuehrer. Chamberlain, on his return from Munich, claimed that Hitler's signature on the agreement meant "peace for our time." But Winston Churchill warned: "We have sustained a total, unmitigated defeat ... we are in the midst of disaster of the first magnitude." For the Jews of Europe, a full scale catastrophe was in the making. The two photo aids show (Top) a coffee break at the Munich Conference (September 29, 1938). Facing the camera are Ribbentrop, Chamberlain, Hitler, Dr. Schmidt, and ambassador Henderson. (Bottom) At one of the numerous Nazi festivities, Hitler said this about himself: "I fanaticized the masses to turn them into the instrument of my political aims."

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