

Germans in Front of a Radio Store in Berlin Listen to News of the Invasion of Poland (September 1, 1939)

Abstract

The German population reacted mainly with fear and concern to news of the invasion of Poland and the subsequent declarations of war issued by Great Britain and France on September 3, 1939. Many Germans had regarded Hitler as a diplomatic genius who would find a peaceful solution to the conflict over Danzig and the Polish Corridor, just as he had already done in the Sudeten crisis. But after a British-French offensive failed to materialize and Poland had been conquered within four weeks, Hitler regained his standing among Germans and was more popular than ever.

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Source: In front of a radio store in Berlin's Friedrichstraße, people listen to news about the invasion of Pole. September 1, 1939. Photo by Carl Weinrother.

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