Hindenburg on his 85th Birthday with his Son Oskar (October 2, 1932)

Abstract

As president, Hindenburg relied heavily on a small circle of advisors. His camarilla included state secretary Otto Meissner, chancellors Kurt von Schleicher and Franz von Papen, and his son, Oskar von Hindenburg (1883-1960). His son was a colonel in the German army and served as his father's adjutant, essentially accompanying him everywhere. Although Oskar initially opposed the idea of a Hitler chancellorship, he ultimately advocated Hitler’s appointment and acted as mediator between his father and Hitler in a series of secret meetings at Joachim von Ribbentrop’s villa in January 1933. This image, which shows both father and son in uniform, illustrates how deeply the German army was entangled with and influenced German politics at this point.

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Source: 85th birthday of Reich President von Hindenburg. Hindenburg with his son Oskar in an open car. Berlin, October 2, 1932.
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