

# Hitler at a Camp with Kurt Gruber, First Leader of the Hitler Youth (August 1929)

## Abstract

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In August 1929, the 4th NSDAP Reich Party Congress took place in Nuremberg, after it had to be canceled the previous year due to lack of funds. The Hitler Youth (HJ) also attended the party conference; their members organized a tent camp in Nuremberg. The NSDAP youth organization had been founded in 1922 but was banned along with the party after Hitler's failed coup in 1923. After the re-establishment of the party in 1925, Kurt Gruber (1904-1943), a lawyer from Saxony, succeeded in making the "Greater German Youth Movement" [Großdeutsche Jugendbewegung], which he had founded, the official Nazi youth movement in 1926. It was named after Hitler in the same year. Gruber had joined the NSDAP in 1923 and was dismissed from the civil service in 1928 because of his political activities. He then devoted himself to leading the HJ and in 1930 was elected to the Reichstag for the NSDAP. Just one year later, however, he was pushed out and eventually resigned from the HJ. This photograph, taken by Hitler's personal photographer, Heinrich Hoffmann, shows Hitler at the HJ tent camp in Nuremberg with Gruber and several HJ members and officials in uniform. Both their marching formation and the Hitler salute demonstrate the military orientation of the Nazi youth organization for boys.

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A photograph taken at the NSDAP in Nuremberg Hitler in Zelllager der HJ mit Gruber, dem Gründer der Hitler-Jugend.

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