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Winston Churchill
Prime Minister of Britain



Description:

Standing alone against the Nazis in Europe, Winston Churchill – an ardent advocate of resistance against Nazism – took over as Prime Minister of Britain just as Hitler ordered the bombardment of Britain.

During the Battle of Britain, or the “blitz,” as the British called it, the German Luftwaffe bombed homes, public buildings, military depots, and factories, yet did not manage to defeat the British, who built up their air force and anti-aircraft capacity to outpace the Germans.

By the fall of 1940, Hitler had abandoned his plans to invade Britain and turned his attention back to eastern Europe, and specifically the invasion of the Soviet Union.

This doomed project led both to the defeat of Germany and launched the plans for the extermination of the European Jews.