On 8th November 1923, the Bavarian government held a meeting of about 3,000 officials. While the prime minister of Bavaria was making a speech, Adolf Hitler and armed soldiers entered the building. Hitler jumped onto a table, fired two shots in the air and told the audience that the Munich Putsch was taking place and the National Revolution had begun.

He then took the commanders of the Bavarian army and police force into an ajoining room where he told them he was to be the new leader of Germany. He offered them new government posts and he threatened them with death (and him commiting suicide too), so they agreed.

Hitler planned to march on Berlin to take over the government, but the officials in Berlin heard about it over the radio and television news and took precautions to ensure he did not succeed. They then marched in Munich and the police were there to greet them. People were killed in all the shooting and Hitler ran away, followed a few minutes later by his army.

He hid in a friends’ house but was found and put on trail and in prison where he talked again of suicide because he would face the death penalty if found guilty. Indeed, he was found guilty but only sentenced to the minimum of five years in prison, like the other Nazi party members.