

SYNOPSIS



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Ernst Rüdiger von Starhemberg was the most glamorous politician of the First Austrian Republic. A man descended from an ancient noble family, a womaniser, a patriot and a fascist who turned from Hitler's admirer into his grim opponent. In the republic, the declared monarchist of noble birth becomes the leader of the «Heimwehr» (Home Guard) paramilitary groups and the bitter antagonist of the socialists, who he fights. For the Austrofascist «Ständestaat» the enthusiastic fascist organises the support of Italian «Il Duce» Benito Mussolini. The historical documentary evaluates the life of a colourful politician and a conflicting person who as a playboy and a womaniser was a very public star in his time with enthusiastic adherents and rancorous enemies. Elaborate set pieces illustrate key turning points of his life, watershed events of the republic before 1938. After numerous affairs, the Catholic nobleman marries his lover Nora Gregor, a Burg Theatre actress, who launches a film career in the United States during the Second World War.

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Run-Time: 1 x 50 min.

Directed by Walter Seledec

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