



Ulm, Germany 1937

Key White Rose Members in the Struggle against Nazism*

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The Scholl Family, siblings Inge, Hans, Sophie, Elizabeth and Werner. Mother Magdalene served with the Diaconian nurses during the Great War. After Germany's defeat, Robert Scholl was elected Mayor of the family's small town in the newly established republic. Arrested and imprisoned for 'sedition' against the Nazis in 1942.

Sophie Scholl (1921-1943) was a talented illustrator, teacher, and writer. Indoctrinated in the Hitler Youth, Sophie first turned against Nazi ideology after brother Hans' arrest for 'subversive activities.' Intense religious searching recorded in diaries and letters. At the University of Munich, becomes principal organizing member and co responsible for intellectual formulation of resistance leaflets, production and distribution. Girlfriend to conspirator/collaborator Officer Fritz Hartnagel

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Hans Scholl (1918-1943), individualist, and interested in healing/medicine. Leader of the Hitler Youth at 1935 Nuremberg Rallies. Studied banned religious and political texts after arrest. Met 'subversive' Christian writer Carl Muth at university and began formulating reasons for political resistance with Greek texts. Led graffiti actions and initiated meetings with Berlin resisters.



Foyer, University of Munich, 1942-43

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Sophie at *Reichsarbeitsdienst*

Nazi women's labor and propaganda camp. Experiences isolation, religious crisis. Resists with "inner emigration." Also, at National Socialist People's Welfare forced duty, Blumberg. 1941-42

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Alexander Schmorell (1917-1943), born in Russia, identifies with mother's country. Talented horseman and artist, also studies medicine. Hans' first like-minded friend at university. Takes extremely dangerous risks in totalitarian state procuring stamps and paper. Urges leaflets to have a simpler call-to-action, namely to teach how to resist. Glorified as Saint in Russian Orthodox Church.

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Christoph Probst (1919-1943), the only married resistor with children. Student-medic. Writer of fifth German Resistance leaflet. Quoted, "Live in deep trust, my friends, that everything has a purpose. Our life goal is the completion of our person."



Justizpalast, Nazi Peoples' Court, 1943

7 Willi Graf (1918-1943) intensely religious student-medic who had witnessed war atrocities, furthering his resolve and desire to recruit more members. Rejects last mission as suicidal. Quoted, "The life of a Christian is very hard."

8 Kurt Huber (1893-1943) first adult outside students to participate in distribution and recruitment. Professor of philosophy at university. Expert in Leibniz theology. Quoted, "In spite of everything, I still believe people are truly good at heart."

9 Five editions of leaflets written, produced and distributed; calling to German people to "wake from their slumber" and taught them how to resist and reminding them of why they had to.

*Principal resisters described and shown here all tried and executed for 'treason' against Third Reich.