

Acknowledgments

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Hitler's Northern Utopia



i.1. Adolf Hitler observes the scenery on board the *Deutschland* in the Norwegian fjords, April 1934.