



Adolf Hitler. Leader of small Nazi Movement (55,000 members), one of many right-wing Bavarian groups. He had a paramilitary force, the SA



General Erich von Ludendorff, popular hero from the First World War, had virtually run the government 1916–18; a determined opponent of democracy. He had been involved in the Kapp Putsch



Otto von Lossow, commander of the Reichswehr in Bavaria. Very conservative, he favoured a strong national state



Gustav von Kahr, the Bavarian leader (State Commissioner). A reactionary monarchist, he considered re-establishing a German emperor, or an independent Bavarian kingdom. Muddle-headed



General Hans von Seeckt. Most powerful general. Suspicious of democracy, but also concerned about the danger of civil war. Ambiguous attitude: known as 'the Sphinx'. He wanted the army kept above politics; he felt it should obey legitimate government provided it protected the army's interests