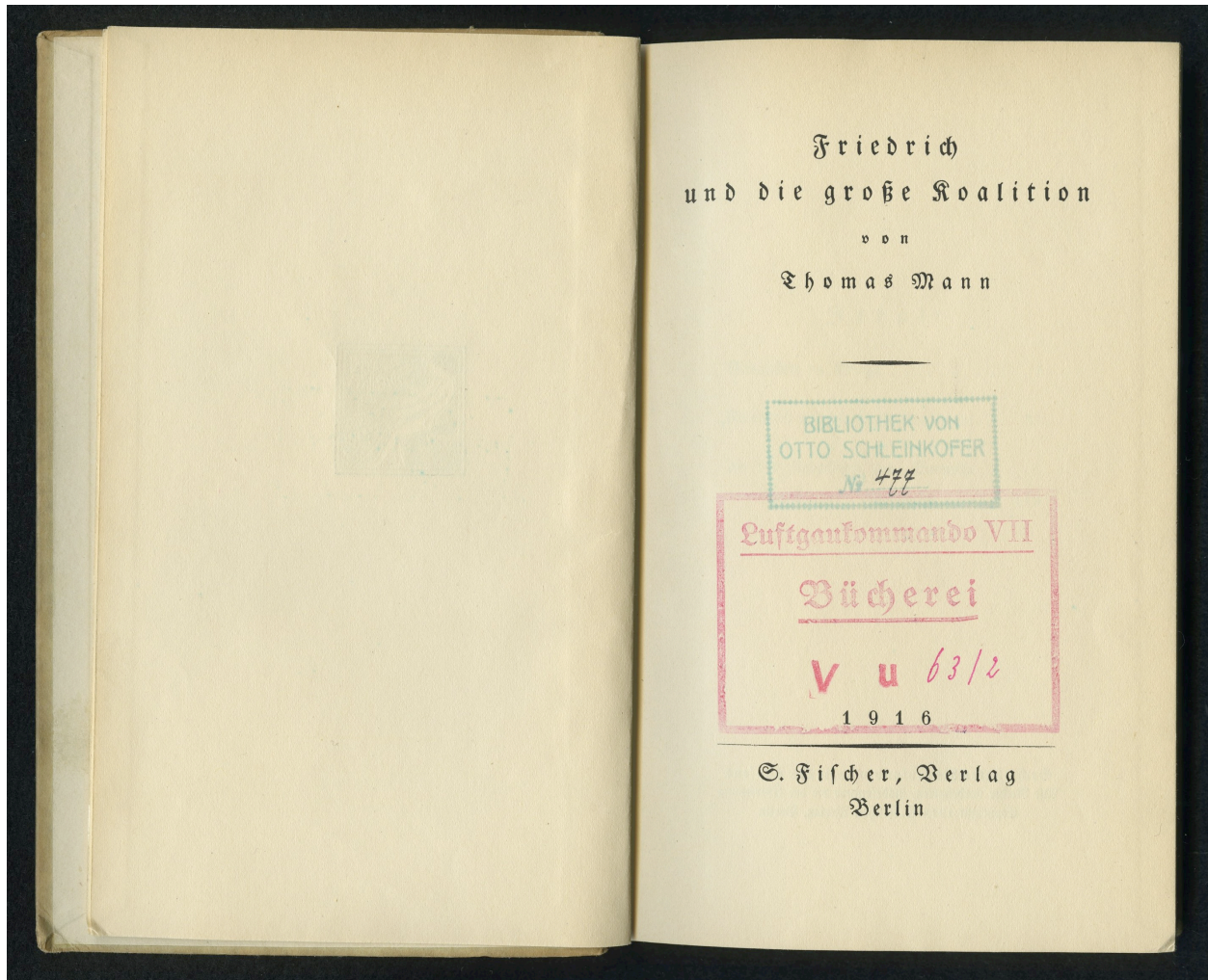


## Forbidden Book and Book Burning



This copy of Thomas Mann's *Friedrich und die Grosse Koalition* (*Friedrich the Great and the Grand Coalition*) was found by Ernest Steifel while he was stationed at the Air Force headquarters in Munich. Due to Mann's criticism of the Nazi government, this book was banned along with hundreds of other books throughout Germany. It was stamped with a red letter V for "Verboten" ("Forbidden") and locked in a bookcase until it was found by Steifel. Though this book survived, as the Nazi's cracked down on writings that criticized the party, did not fall within Nazi ideals, or were written by Jewish authors, hundreds of books were burned or otherwise destroyed throughout the country.



The public burning of 'un-German' books by members of the SA and university students on the Opernplatz in Berlin, 1933