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The first edition of the illustrated workers' magazine Arbeiter-Illustrierte-Zeitung (AIZ) was published on 30 November 1924. The magazine was published on a weekly basis from 1926, by which time it had a circulation of 200,000. As well as illustrated reports on politics and social injustices, AIZ also regularly featured short stories and poems. A modern publication, it was also read in middle-class households. Heartfield started working for AIZ in February 1930, publishing many of his famous photomontages in the magazine. The circulation continued to grow until Hitler came to power on 30 January 1933, by which time it had reached over half a million. From March 1933 the magazine was published in exile in Prague. It continued under the title Volks-Illustrierte (VI) from 1936 to 1939, albeit with a smaller circulation.