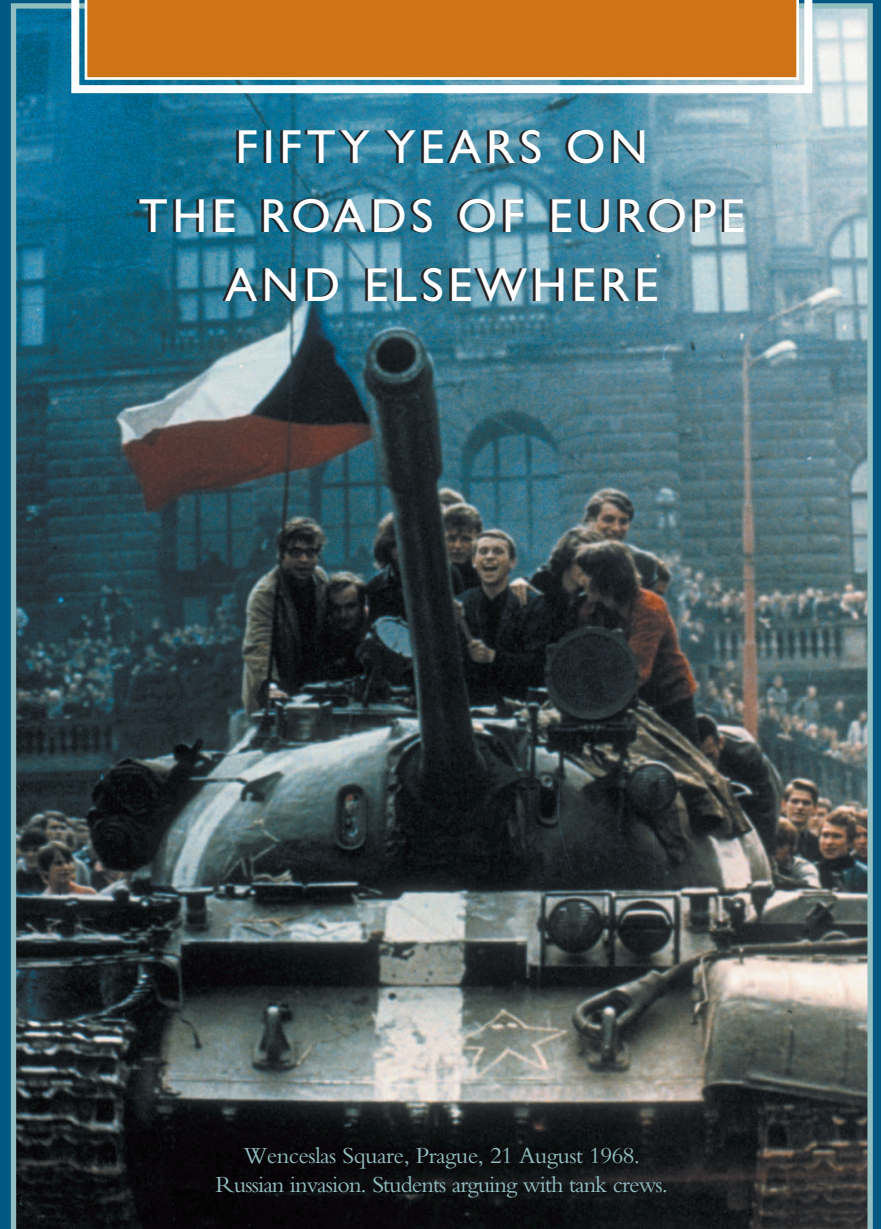


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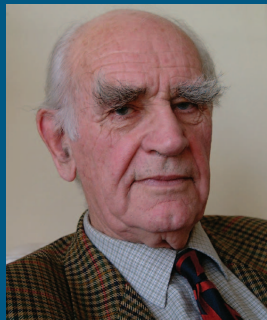
Wenceslas Square, Prague, 21 August 1968.
Russian invasion. Students arguing with tank crews.

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Born in 1920 and educated at a sound Birmingham Grammar School, he left at seventeen to become an indentured engineering apprentice at the Austin Motor Company. Founded by Sir Herbert Austin, it now exists as the Rover Motor Company.

At the same time he joined the Territorial Army, serving from September 1938 until June 1946, and fighting as an artilleryman in the Libyan/Egyptian desert campaigns of 1940 to 1943, followed by the invasion of Sicily in July 1943, and Italy and north west Europe in 1945/46.

He spent almost the whole of his working life (from 1950 to 2000) on the roads of Europe – east and west – and some time in the U.S.A., India and the Levant, selling heavy industrial equipment to the foundry industries in sixteen countries.

It is a memoir, *not* an autobiography, and is a mixture of business, travel, history and politics, with somewhat idiosyncratic views on all four. No diaries were kept or notes taken.

He is at a loss to understand why he waited until well into his ninth decade before writing this memoir, but puts it down to idleness and the shocking state of industry in the U.K., leaving time on his hands.

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