

## Dr. Josef Bühler (1904 - 1948)

State Secretary (Staatssekretär)  
Government of the Governor General in Cracow



From June 1941, Bühler was permanent deputy of Governor General Hans Frank, and in this position shared in the responsibility for all crimes committed against the Polish population and for the mass genocide of the Jews in Poland. At the Wannsee Conference he urged Heydrich to start the "Final Solution" in the *Generalgouvernement* where, he stated, no "transport problems" existed. Furthermore, Bühler stressed that he wanted "a speedy solution of the Jewish question in this territory." In 1942, Bühler participated in the preparations for German settlements near Lublin and the abduction of Poles to Germany for forced labor.

Born in Waldsee (Wuerttemberg), the son of a baker. Catholic family. High school. Study of law. Doctor of law degree in 1932. Joined the Nazi Party (NSDAP) in 1933. As chief district attorney he was office manager to Reich Ministry without portfolio, Hans Frank. In December 1939, Head of the Governor General's office in Cracow, and in March 1940 his state secretary (*Staatssekretär*). Witness for the defense of Hans Frank before the International Military Tribunal at Nuremberg, thereafter extradited to Poland. Sentenced to death in Cracow in July 1948 and executed.

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