

Dr. Georg Leibbrandt (1899 - 1982)

Reich Ministry for the Occupied Eastern Territories
Permanent Secretary (Ministerialdirektor)



From 1941 to 1943, Leibbrandt headed the departments dealing with general politics, the Ukraine, the Occupied Eastern Territories (*Ostland*), the Caucasus, Russia, and also the press and cultural affairs. In this capacity he was prominently connected with the genocide of the Jews. As early as October 1941, Leibbrandt participated in a meeting with Heydrich where the inclusion of all Jews into the extermination program was discussed. Two days after the Wannsee Conference, he issued invitations for an official meeting to discuss the definition of the term "Jew" in the "Eastern Territories."

Born in Hoffnungsthal near Odessa. High school in Dorpat and Odessa. Fled to Berlin after the Bolshevik revolution. From 1920, study of theology, philosophy and national economy in Tübingen and Leipzig. Study trips to Paris, London, the Soviet Union and the USA. Ph.D. in 1927. Joined the Nazi Party (NSDAP) in 1933. Head of "Section East" (*Ostabteilung*) in the Nazi Party's office for foreign policy. Thereafter, in charge of anti-Communist and anti-Soviet propaganda. In 1938, assessor (*Beisitzer*) at the People's Court (*Volksgerichtshof*). In July 1941, Director of the Main Department No. 1 (Politics) in the Reich Ministry for the Occupied Eastern Territories. In the summer of 1943, he reported for duty in the navy. Was interned in 1945. Released from detention in 1949. A preliminary investigation by the District Court of Nuremberg-Fürth, begun in January 1950, was called off in August 1950.

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