

Fischer, Ludwig

(1905-1947), Governor of the *Generalgouvernement's* Warsaw district from 1939 until the German retreat from Warsaw in January 1945. Fischer joined the Nazi Party in 1926 and enlisted in the SA in 1929. In 1937 he was elected to the German parliament (Reichstag).

World War II broke out in September 1939 after the Germans invaded and occupied Poland. They divided Poland into thirds, the western third annexed to Germany, the eastern third annexed to the Soviet Union, and the middle third turned into a semi-independent administrative unit, called the *Generalgouvernement*, which was run by German authorities. The *Generalgouvernement* was divided into four districts, one of them being the Warsaw district. In October 1939 Fischer became the governor of that district. In that post, Fischer established the Warsaw Ghetto in November 1940 and other ghettos in his district, as well. He also organized terror actions against both Jews and Poles in the district, and called for the liquidation of the ghettos in 1942 and 1943. In April and May 1943 Fischer also stood in as acting governor of the *Generalgouvernement's* Lublin district.

After the war Fischer was arrested in West Germany. He was extradited to Poland in 1946 where he was put on trial and hanged.