

Daluege, Kurt

(1897--1946), Nazi official. In 1916 Daluege enlisted in the German army and became a lieutenant. He then served in the infamous *Rossbach Freikorps*, one of many private German armies commanded by former World War I officers, which conducted guerilla actions against France. He later worked as an engineer.

In 1926 Daluege joined the Storm Troopers (SA), but transferred to the SS in 1928 after becoming commander of SS Group East. He became a member of the German parliament (*Reichstag*) in January 1933. In May he was appointed chief of the Prussian police department which he implanted with SS men. In 1934, after the SA leadership was destroyed during the "Night of the Long Knives" and Heinrich Himmler became chief of German police, Daluege was given command over the main office of the regular uniformed police.

Daluege was not an intellectual nor was he interested in ideology, but he was a good organizer and content to execute orders while leaving "Jewish affairs" to Reinhard Heydrich. After Heydrich's assassination in June 1942, Daluege took over as acting governor of the Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia (see also Bohemia and Moravia, Protectorate of). Daluege was executed in 1946 for crimes such as the Lidice massacre, the Nazi response to Heydrich's death.