



## Zentralstelle fuer Juedische Auswanderung

(Central Office for Jewish Emigration), organization originally established in August 1938 by the ss's Security Police and Security Service to supervise the emigration and expulsion of the Jews of AUSTRIA. Later, the *Zentralstelle* also dealt with the Jews of the Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia (see also Bohemia and Moravia, Protectorate of).

The Vienna office was set up on August 26, 1938; it was headed by Adolf Eichmann. The methods instituted by Eichmann in the *Zentralstelle* were later used as models for the expulsion of the rest of European Jewry. He moved all of the Jews of Austria into Vienna and established quotas for the number of Jews who had to emigrate. Then Eichmann made the Jewish community responsible for filling those quotas and for paying for the expulsion themselves. Jews with more money were forced to pay for Jews who could not finance themselves.

On January 24, 1939 Hermann Goering was told to set up an organization in Germany similar to the *Zentralstelle*. This organization, headed by Reinhard Heydrich, was called the *Reichzentralstelle fuer Juedische Auswanderung* (Reich Central Office for Jewish Emigration). Another *Zentralstelle* was instituted in Prague on July 26, 1939, after the Nazis occupied Bohemia and Moravia. This office was also headed by Eichmann, and it ultimately dealt with the expulsion of the Jews of the Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia to Theresienstadt.

After the Germans occupied Poland in September 1939, Eichmann was put in charge of banishing the Jews who lived in those parts of western Poland that had been annexed to Germany. On December 21, 1939 he was appointed the "officer in charge of all Security Police Affairs relating to the clearance of the eastern areas." He moved to Berlin to run the Reich Central Office for Jewish Emigration, and consolidated the Vienna and Berlin offices into one. This office soon became a department of the Reich Security Main Office (*Reichssicherheitshauptamt*, RSHA), and later helped supervise the deportation of European Jews to the Extermination Camps.

