

Kube, Wilhelm

(1887--1943), Nazi Party official and governor of various Nazi-occupied territories.

Kube was one of the first members of the Nazi Party, and he served in numerous positions within the party ranks. In 1928 he became party head in the German *Gau* Ostmark, and in 1933 he filled the same post in the *Gau* Kurmark. From 1924 to 1928 and again in 1933 he represented his party in the Prussian provincial legislature and in the German parliament (*Reichstag*). In 1933 he was named governor of the Brandenburg-Berlin district. However, due to disagreements with other party leaders---and because they suspected him of embezzlement---Kube was dismissed from all his positions.

In 1941 Kube was given another chance---he was assigned to serve as governor of Belorussia, which was part of the German administrative unit known as *Reichskommissariat Ostland*. However, he once again fought with senior SS and police commanders over their policies; Kube felt that they were excluding him from important decision-making. He even tried to bring his complaints to the very top by writing to the *Fuehrer's* bureau.

Kube was assassinated on September 22, 1943. His maid---an undercover Soviet Partisan---had planted a bomb under his bed.