

REPRESENTATION OF THE "REICHSGAU SUDETENLAND" AND OF THE PROTECTORATE OF BOHEMIA AND MORAVIA IN THE GERMAN REICHSTAG

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For the by-elections to the German Reichstag in December 1938, a so-called "Führer list" was compiled containing the election proposals for the Sudeten German region and listing all 67 officially approved candidates. The first three slots were occupied by Adolf Hitler, Konrad Henlein, and Karl Hermann Frank. The remaining 64 parliamentarians were listed alphabetically. To whom of them the 41 open Reichstag seats were allocated was up to NSDAP floor leader Frick. Remarkably, after the founding of the Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia, the nominees representing the new administrative body came from the region itself, a principle which by then was hardly observed any more in the "Old Reich".

Reichstag membership appears to have been remarkably attractive in view of the lack of significance of this institution in the period 1939 – 1942. The principal reason for this may be seen in the fact that with the Reichstag membership came worthwhile financial benefits as well as a lot of prestige.

Going by the "Führer list", this contribution presents brief biographies for all Sudeten German Reichstag members, including the ones representing the Protectorate.