

Karl Ludwig Sand Murders August von Kotzebue (after 1819)

Abstract

On March 23, 1819, the student Karl Ludwig Sand (1795–1820) murdered the dramatist and conservative politician August von Kotzebue (born 1761), who had made disparaging remarks about national-democratic student fraternities in his weekly, *Literarische Wochenblatt*. This event, depicted below in a supplement to the Jena fraternity's *Bundeslied*, gave Austrian chancellor [Prince Clemens von Metternich](#) (1773–1859) and the German princes a welcome reason to pass the [Carlsbad Decrees](#), which aimed at persecuting the representatives of the national and democratic movement in Germany, including former anti-Napoleonic fighters. Contemporary lithograph.

Source



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