

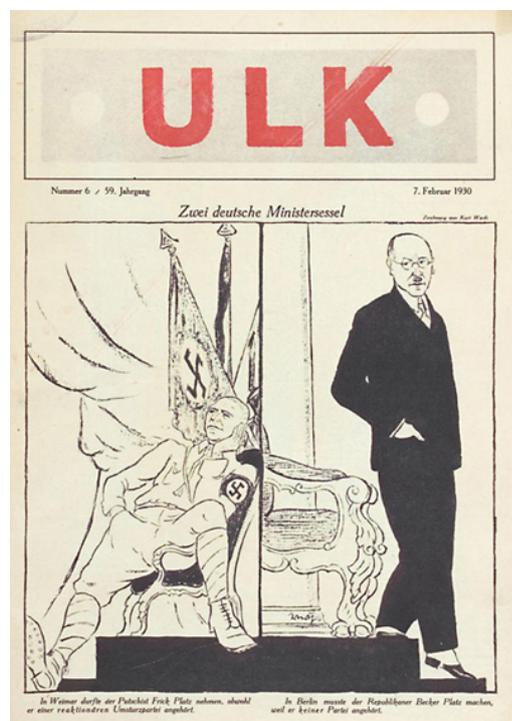
Caricature of Wilhelm Frick on the Cover of *Ulk* (February 7, 1930)

Abstract

On January 23, 1930, Wilhelm Frick (1877-1946), who had received a suspended sentence for his role in the 1923 Beer Hall Putsch in Munich, became the first Nazi party member to hold a ministerial-level post when he was appointed Minister of the Interior and of Education [*Staatsminister für Inneres und Volksbildung*] in the state government of Thuringia. Winning 11.29% of the vote in the state elections, the Nazis took six seats in a right-wing coalition that would come to be called the Baum-Frick government [*Baum-Frick-Regierung*]. Three years later, Frick was appointed Reich Minister of the Interior [*Reichsminister des Innern*] after Hitler came to power in January 1933. Frick and Hermann Goering (1893-1946) were the old Nazi party members appointed to Hitler's cabinet.

In February 1930, Frick was portrayed on the cover of the German satirical magazine *Ulk*. The image was titled: "Two German Ministerial Chairs." The caption reads: "In Weimar, the putschist Frick is allowed to take a seat, although he belongs to a reactionary, subversive party. In Berlin, Becker the republican has to give up his seat, because he doesn't belong to any party." This was a reference to Carl Heinrich Becker, the Prussian Minister of Education and Culture who resigned in 1930 out of disappointment with the political partisanship in the Prussian parliament.

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