

The Police in the Police State



Origins



- œ 1812 = Prussian & Bavarian military police
- œ 1848 = Berlin creates a “protection squad”
- œ 1918 = German gov’t creates “security police” (*Sipo*)
 - œ Recruited from *Freikorps*

Weimar Developments



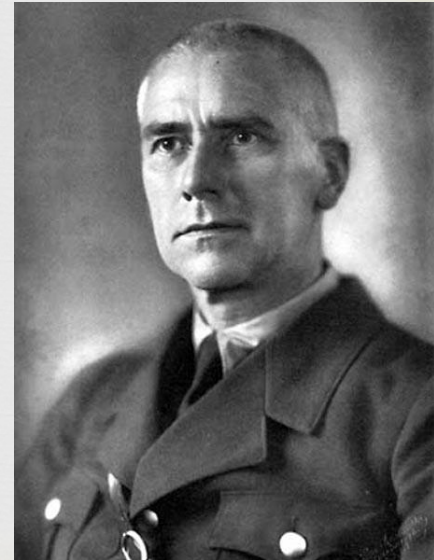
- ❧ WWI victors were pissed about *Sipo*
- ❧ The *Sipo* is dissolved
 - ❧ Replaced with the *Schutzpolizei* (Protection Police)



Dr. Wilhelm Frick



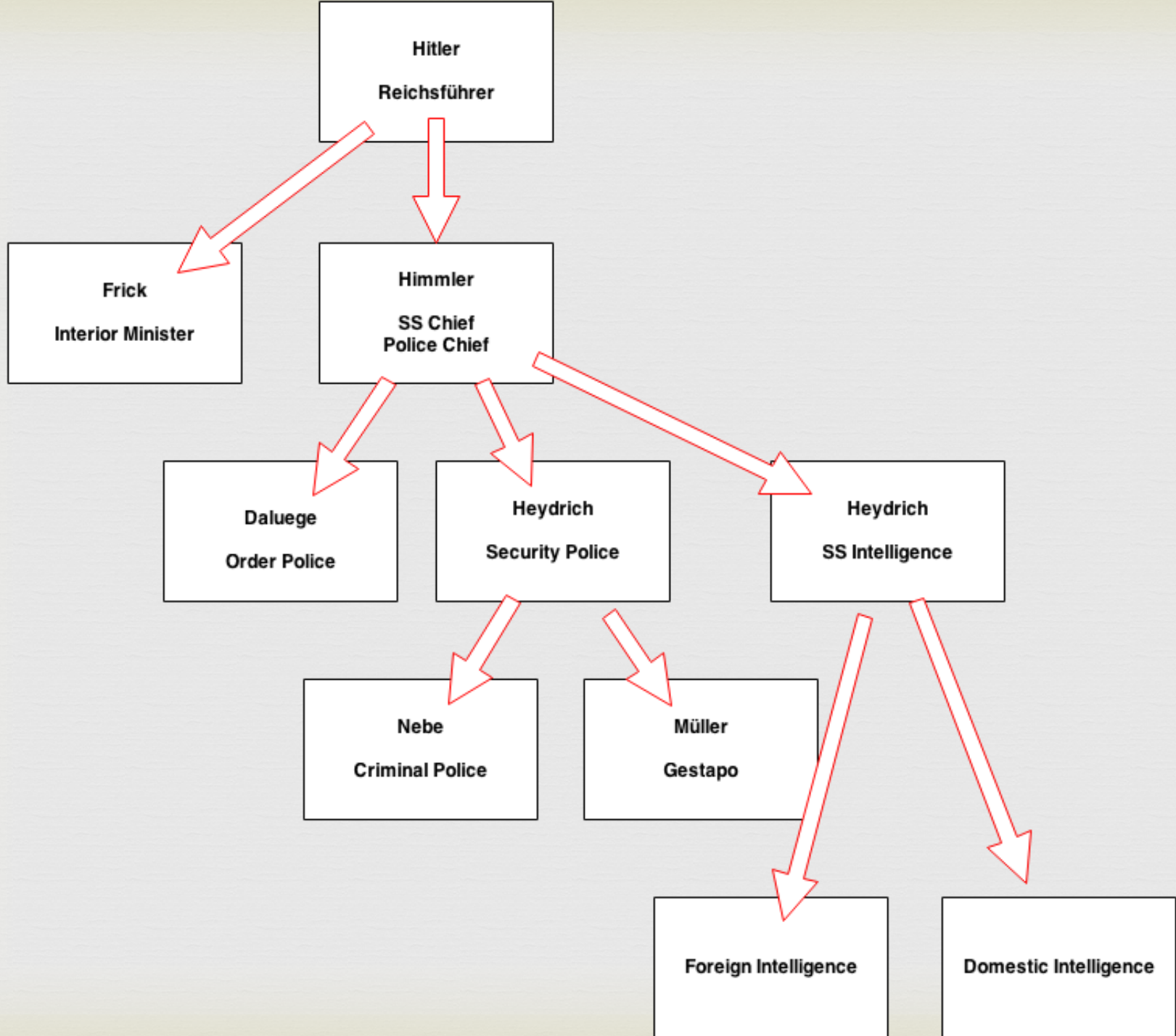
- ∞ 1923 = police chief of Munich
 - ∞ Sympathetic to Nazis
 - ∞ Convicted of high treason for Beer Hall Putsch!
 - ∞ Given probation
- ∞ 1933-1943 = Reich Minister of the Interior
 - ∞ Controls police and education



Third Reich



- 1933 = states still controlled police
 - Nazis can only do so much . . .
- Nazis worked to appoint Nazi police chiefs
- 30 January 1934 = Law on the Reconstitution of the Reich
 - All state powers go to centralized Nazi gov't



Reichsführer-SS

Heinrich Himmler

- œ Born, October 1900
- œ By 1919, joined *Freikorps*
- œ By 1923, joined Nazis
- œ By 1929, “Reichsführer-SS”
 - œ Head of *Schutzstaffel* (“Protection Squad”) – “SS”
 - œ By 1932, 50,000 members
 - œ “vanguard” of racial supremacy
- œ March 1933 = Police Chief of Munich
- œ April 1933 = Commander of Bavarian Political Police



Reichsführer-SS Heinrich Himmler

- ⌘ 30 June 1934 = “Night of the Long Knives”
 - ⌘ SS got rid of political enemies . . .
 - ⌘ . . . Including the Storm Troopers (SA)
 - ⌘ And Ernst Röhm (head of SA)
- ⌘ June 1936 = Chief of German Police
- ⌘ Minister in charge of *Einsatzgruppen*
- ⌘ August 1943 = Reich Minister of the Interior
 - ⌘ Ousts Frick



Political Police



- ❧ After Reichstag Fire, the **Geheime Staatspolizei**
 - ❧ Gestapo
- ❧ Himmler's in charge of the "Security Service" (SD)
 - ❧ Run by Reinhard Heydrich
 - ❧ Monitors other political parties
- ❧ June 1936 = police force splits into two:
 - ❧ *Sipo* (Security Police)
 - ❧ *Orpo* (Order Police)



Reinhard Heydrich



- œ Established Security Service (SD)
- œ Orchestrated the Night of the Long Knives
- œ 1939 = becomes head of *Sipo*
 - œ Combines *Kripo* (criminal police), Gestapo, SD
- œ Governor of the Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia
- œ Saw police as “surgeons”
 - œ “intensified interrogations”



Heinrich Müller



- œ Bavarian political police officer
- œ 1929 = joined Nazis
- œ 1934 = joined Gestapo
 - œ Hunts “enemies of the state”
- œ 1939 = chief of Gestapo
- œ April 1945 = disappears . . .



Kurt Daluege



- œ Born, 1897
- œ Fought in WWI
 - œ 1921 = joined *Freikorps*
 - œ 1923 = joined Nazis
- œ 1936-1943 = chief of Orpo (Order Police)
- œ 1943 = replaced Heydrich as Czech governor
- œ After the war, arrested by British
 - œ Tried, executed in October 1946



Ernst Kaltenbrunner



- ☞ 1931-1938 = member of Austrian Nazis
- ☞ After Heydrich, chief of Sipo
- ☞ Super-intimidating
- ☞ After war, captured by U.S.
 - ☞ Tried, hanged (October 1946)



Adolf Eichmann



- ∞ 1934 = ran “Jewish desk” of the SD
- ∞ 1939 = coordinator for Jewish emigration
- ∞ 1940 = charged with planning “Final Solution”
- ∞ 1942 = organized Wannsee Conference
- ∞ 1945 = arrested in the Alps
- ∞ 1946 = escaped
- ∞ 1950 = fled to Argentina
- ∞ 1960 = kidnapped by Israelis
 - ∞ 1961-1962 = tried in Israel
- ∞ 1962 = executed

