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Party of Germany (SED). From 1946 to 1952, she was the head of the SED "apprenticeship" (Apparat), which was run by the Ministry of Agriculture. She was the first woman ever to head an organization in the German Democratic Republic. In 1950, she was elected to the executive committee of the central committee. In 1952, she was elected to the central committee. In 1954, she became chairman of the central committee, a position she held until 1982. She was the deputy chairman of the SED from 1975 until her death. Stumpf was a member of the Central Committee of the ruling Socialist Unity Party of Germany (SED) from 1950 to 1982. As the first female federal minister of the German Democratic Republic, she was in charge of the Information and Education Ministry from 1974 to 1982. Stumpf was in charge of the Office of Public Broadcasting and Television from 1975 to 1980. She was in charge of the Science and Popular Education Commission of the central committee between 1981 and 1982. She was a deputy representative at the 6th Volkskammer from 1962 to 1965. From 1971 to 1982 she was a member of the political bureau of the ruling SED party. Personal life Stumpf was an officer of the Evangelical Community Church of Berlin. She died of cancer in 2001. Legacy The Hildegard Stumpf Prize was established in her honor in 2002. The prize is awarded annually by the University of Vechta for outstanding achievements in scientific work and research. Publications Hildegard Stumpf, Einleitung in