

Nationalization decrees of the President

Abstract

This diploma thesis brings a comprehensive treatise on the nationalization decrees of the President of the Republic, and the related first wave of nationalization in Czechoslovakia. This first wave of nationalization took place just a few months after the end of World War II.

The primary goal of this work is a thorough analysis of the nationalization legislation of the first stage of nationalization, with emphasis on its historical roots, especially with regard to the role of the person of President Edvard Beneš.

The thesis first explains the basic concepts related to nationalization, which creates the necessary theoretical basis for the following parts.

The second part examines in detail the historical context that gave rise to the very idea and concept of nationalization. A special space in this section is devoted to a key person in Czechoslovak exile politics and at the same time to President Beneš.

The third to seventh part forms the very core of the submitted diploma thesis. In these sections, the President's own nationalization decrees of the Republic of the Republic are analyzed in detail. This category of presidential decrees includes a total of five regulations – Decree No. 50/1945 Coll. on measures in the field of film, Decree No. 100/1945 Coll., on the nationalization of mines and certain industrial enterprises, Decree No. 101/1945 Coll., on the nationalization of certain enterprises in the food industry, Decree No. 102/1945 Coll., on the nationalization of joint-stock banks and Decree No. 103/1945 Coll., on the nationalization of private insurance companies. Attention is paid to the process of adopting these decrees, as well as to their actual wording and the implementation of nationalization in the relevant areas (ie film industry, key industry, food industry, banking and insurance).

The eighth part attempts to summarize the overall economic results of nationalization, which is followed by a chapter examining the political implications of nationalization.

The conclusion brings a summary of the previous eight parts and the author's consideration of the phenomenon of nationalization, namely its place within the political, economic and social system of the then Czechoslovakia.

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