

Title, abstract and keywords

Title: Remigration to Czechoslovakia between 1945 and 1950

Abstract: The thesis describes the legal history of remigration to the Czechoslovak Republic after the Second World War under the Constitutional Act 74/1946 and deals with the influence of the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia on it. Through archival research it seeks to verify the hypothesis that the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia was using its governmental influence acquired after 1945 to hinder the return of ethnically Czech and Slovak farmers from abroad. Although the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia declared its full support for remigration, the sources suggest it feared the remigration of so-called reactionary classes such as farmers and tradesmen. In this light, the delay in the transfers of Czech and Slovak countrymen to Czechoslovakia might be interpreted as a possible “sabotage” in order to settle the vacant land in Czechoslovakia with the inland proletarians (potential communist voters) instead.

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