

## **Abstract**

This work *Edvard Beneš and the Slovak issue at the Second Czechoslovak resistance* focuses on the explanation of selected issues in the history of Czechoslovakian politics during the Second Czechoslovak resistance in Paris, London and Moscow between 1938-1945. This interpretation will concentrate on changes in the resistance, especially with regard to the issues affecting Slovaks and Slovakia in the period from the autumn of 1938 to the spring of 1945. It attempts as much as possible to describe and analyze the transformations in the perception of the Slovak issue while Czechoslovakian government was in exile, paying particular attention to this in relation to President E. Beneš, his followers and Slovakian members of the resistance movement. This topic will be studied highlighting significant aspects of wartime events, staging of foreign action and the situation back home – in the Protectorate and in the Slovak State. Also the actions of opposition and its key leaders will be mentioned. The aim of this research is to show the development and progression of conceptions of the Slovak issue in chronological stages of foreign resistance. Another aim is to illustrate the influence of the international political circumstances, the foreign policy orientation of the Czechoslovak exile, and events in the homeland. The attitudes of important members of the resistance in exile and at home will also be considered. When dealing with the subject, historical records, the testimonies of the participants, and critical publications of related works in the fields of political science and history will be examined in order to provide the most complete picture of events at that time in history. The Czech and Slovakian view of this issue as well as approaches and motivations of related ideological groups will be presented as evidence in this text.

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