

TITLE:

Prag in May 1945. History of a Rising

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ABSTRACT:

This study takes a look at a unknown chapter in the Czech modern history: The uprising of the resistance movement under the leadership of the Czech National Council and Military Command of Great Prague - Bartoš against the German occupants on 5th May 1945. the publication describes precisely the uprising as well as the drama of the entire events, and embeds them in the context of the German and Allied political and military strategy. In 1945 April, the territory of Protectorate itself became the theatre of war operations. The occupation power collapsed swiftly and the course of events speeded towards to a spontaneous uprising. Owing to unfavourable military-political constellation, its course was quite dramatic, involving considerable material damages and casualties. However, the Rising was of enormous moral significance for the Czech nationals of Prague. On the evening of May 8 the German troops left the city, and the next day early in the morning the first units of the Red army marched into Prague.

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