

CZECH COMMENTARIES ON PROBLEMS OF TRANSFER AND THE FACTS OF TRANSFER

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An analysis of Czech commentaries on the problem of the transfer of the Sudeten German population reveals two fundamental aspects of the question: the small number of such commentaries and their defective historical interpretation.

This is inconsistent with the significance of the transfer of the German population for the Bohemian lands. The discrepancy between the transfer action and its effect upon the Czech people can be explained not only by a study of the modern Czech political consciousness but also by the formation of the transfer concept.

A study of the problem reveals that the principle of expulsion could only be conceived by Czech political groups representing social, political and historical views in direct contradiction to Bohemian political tradition.

The article examines the inception and development of the transfer idea, and defines the social and political milieu in which the principle of expulsion could be implemented as a measure in a mistaken Bohemian policy.