

Czechoslovakia from Liberation to Communist State, 1945-63: Records of the U.S. State Department Classified Files

Track two decades of political turmoil and social upheaval that grew from the establishment of a Stalinist state

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SOURCE: Records of the Department of State relating to Internal Affairs: Czechoslovakia 1945-49

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SOURCE: Records of the Department of State relating to Internal Affairs: Czechoslovakia 1945-49

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From the shambles of defeat and occupation in World War II, Czechoslovakia underwent a transformation, which included maintaining a public image of political pluralism through the existence of the National Front. And while the economy remained more advanced than those of its Eastern European neighbors, it grew increasingly vulnerable. With the support the Czech Communist Party, the nation became a member of the Warsaw Pact and strong proponent of the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance.

Czechoslovakia from Liberation to Communist State documents the creation of the Third Republic first as a compromise between Czechoslovak Republic leaders and the Czech Communist Party (KSC) and later by Communist takeover.

Despite the efforts of nationalist leaders Eduard Benes and Jan Masaryk to re-establish liberal, democratic pre-war principles and institutions, KSC expanded its influence and in 1948 seized all power in the nation, ushering in two decades of political, economic and cultural malaise.

For scholars of European and global studies, economics, human rights and international government, *Czechoslovakia from Liberation to Communist State* uncovers rich data on crucial topics, from political parties to public health. Researchers can track the widespread effects of a Stalinist state, while librarians can offer rare access to formerly classified documents, ready to be searched and downloaded with digital ease.

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After 1948 Czechoslovakia moved completely into the Soviet sphere of influence and transformed into a Stalinist state. The party became the only political force in the country, and all manner of dissidence — political, artistic or religious — were repressed.

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SUBJECT: PERIPHERAL: CZECHOSLOVAKIA: TRANSMITTING RADIO FREE EUROPE REPORTS ON CZECHOSLOVAKIA FOR PERIOD JUNE 15, 1952 - JUNE 30, 1952

Transmitted herewith are approximately 130 reports on Czechoslovakia obtained from Radio Free Europe in Munich. The reports, in duplicate, are in the Czech, Slovak, German, and English languages. The reports contain political, economic, military, and sociological intelligence obtained by Radio Free Europe interviewers from escapee sources.

In general the information must be considered as unconfirmed and unevaluated; a number of the reports bear brief comments by RFE analysts (Czechoslovak refugees themselves), generally with regard to the availability of confirmation. Within the Department the contents of the reports may be designated as unclassified or restricted as desired. The enclosed memorandum has been prepared by the Peripheral Reporting Unit as a guide to the contents of the reports.

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The Embassy in its despatch No. 24 of July 14, 1960 reported that it had received official notification from the Czechoslovak Ministry of Foreign Affairs that the Czechoslovak Constitution of July 11, 1960 provides that the name of the Czechoslovak State shall be the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic.

It is recognized that it is impractical quickly to change from using "Czechoslovakia" to using "Czechoslovak Socialist Republic". But I hope that drafting officers will make an effort to accustom themselves to doing so, for I am under formal commitment that the Government of the United States will use the C.S.S.R.'s correct name in official communications (ref. Embtel 160, September 15, 1960). In the Department's A-52 of October 8, 1960, for example, the language of the text of certain articles of a proposed economic agreement contains the obsolete and presently abhorred name "Czechoslovakia".

Enclosure No. 1 to despatch Czechoslovak Series No. 279, of May 17, 1945, Embassy, London.

CZECHS LIKELY TO LOSE RUTHENIA
Move to Join Russia

M. Bierlinger, the Czechoslovak Prime Minister, announced yesterday that an autonomous government has been formed in Ruthenia (Sub-Carpatho-Ukraine) and seeks union with Soviet Russia, although at the moment still recognizing the authority of the Czechoslovak Government.

M. Bierlinger was quoted by the Czechoslovak Press bureau as saying:--

"The population of sub-Carpatho Ukraine are Ukrainians speaking the language of the peasants of the Holtava and Kharkov."