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Politische Flüchtlinge aus der Tschechoslowakei im Zuge der ersten großen Nachkriegsmigration nach Österreich

(Abstract)

The treatise outlines the situation of Slovak and Czech refugees in Austria in the first decade after the World War II. There are discussed questions concerning causes of emigration from Czechoslovakia into Austria. The paper is based on the hypothesis that in the early post war years, the situation of refugees in Austria was dependent on its domestic development and the political situation in its neighbouring countries under Soviet control and influence. For the refugees from Czechoslovakia, Austria in the first post war decade was primarily a transit country. Only after 1955, after re-establishing Austria as a sovereign state, the southern neighbour of Czechoslovakia became an area of freedom for refugees from communist countries.