

Social transformations in a village: Pohled (Frauenthal) 1945-1971 Author Jan Novák

Abstract

This work aims to answer the question of whether it is possible to trace the phenomenon of so-called local dictators at the local self-governing level in Czechoslovakia from 1945 to 1971 using as the example the village of Pohled (Havlíčkův Brod district).

The phenomenon of local dictators at a higher administrative and self-governing level has already been sufficiently described in a world and Czech historiography. Local dictators may be traced mainly in middle regional and district positions with connections to central institutions. The situation in the village which is followed by the presented work is also connected with the local issue of the so-called inner Sudetenland and the socio-economic heritage of the Pohled estate.

There are movements and changes in the power layers of Czechoslovakia after the end of World War II. Specific conditions for the possibility of creation the dictatorial management of administrative and self-governing organizations are made in this environment. The presented work tries to abstract these specific conditions from the available sources and prove the phenomenon of local dictators even at the lowest self-governing levels.