

SUDETEN GERMANS IN THE AUSTRIAN REPUBLICS 1918—1959

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As a continuation of his work on the Sudeten Germans in Austria, 1848—1918, (compare vol. I „Bohemia“) the author offers a short instructive survey of the still important role played by Sudetenland-born Germans in the two Austrian Republics (1918—38 and 1945 till the present). Among the leaders of the Government after St. Germain were six Sudeten

Germans, with Karl Renner als Chancellor and Foreign Minister. Ministers of State Ignaz Seipel, Rudolf Ramek and Ritter von Streeruwitz were also of Sudeten German origin.

Under the Dollfuss-regime can be seen a distinct decrease in the Sudeten German element in the Government, almost the same being true of the Schuschnigg Government. Whereas since the founding of the Second Republic in 1945, politicians of Sudeten German origin, Julius Raab, Reinhard Kamitz, Theodor Koerner, Adolf Schaerf, appear again in the foreground. As already before 1918, the number of Sudeten Germans in high military positions is considerable. Among others Theodor Koerner, Rudolf Materna, Robert Martineck, the inventor of the „Zielspinne“, and Julius Ringel, General of the Mountaintroops should be mentioned.