

SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC SELF-ABANDONMENT THROUGH UNITY WITH THE COMMUNISTS

The United Front Policy of the German Exiles from Czechoslovakia, 1939–1945

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Using the example of the liquidation of the Sudeten German Social Democrats in exile, this article seeks to document the initiating and decisive role of the Communists in the process of the fusing of the social democratic and communist parties into socialist unity parties. The actual cause of the social democratic political self-abandonment is seen here as the pragmatic understanding of politics and the lack of interest in an ideological-political definition of position.