

A CONTEMPORARY CRITIQUE OF THE MORAVIAN
"AUSGLEICH"

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The Moravian *Ausgleich* of 1905 served less to dampen the Czech-German nationality conflict than to prevent the penetration of the general franchise at the provincial

level. A then circulated, critical memorandum from 1915 (or 1916) to the Austrian Minister of the Interior has survived from the archive of Ludwig Czech, the speaker of the German Moravian Social Democrats. It proposed the establishment of nationally delimited districts (*Kreise*) without demanding the abrogation of the provincial constitution, which the Bohemian Social Democrats had demanded.