

THE ASSISTANCE BY SUDETEN GERMAN SOCIAL DEMOCRATS TO REFUGEES FROM HITLER GERMANY

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The text concentrates on the extent and details of the assistance provided by members of the small German Social Democratic Party in Czechoslovakia (DSAP) to their comrades who fled from Nazi Germany and Austria to the ČSR between 1933 and 1938. Based on published memoirs and biographies of persons directly involved and on DSAP documents, the author describes the party's sources of funding, the ambivalent attitude of the Czechoslovak Social Democrats to the aid effort, and he also touches briefly on the DSAP's role in anti-Nazi activities across the border in Hitler-dominated Germany. A short concluding chapter deals with the political reasons for the enforced end of the DSAP's pro-refugee involvement during the last year of the First Czechoslovak Republic.