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THE 1935 PARLIAMENTARY VOTE IN RUTHENIA Jiří Sláma

With the help of the most up-to-date statistical methods, the author seeks to reveal the social background of the 1935 vote and to present quantitative statements about the voting behaviour of various social, national, and religous groups in the smallest and least developed part of Czechoslovakia. The author shows how the Ruthenians, the Magyars, and the other nationalities of Ruthenia participated in the electoral outcome of the different parties with their varied relations to the Czechoslovak State. In addition, he interprets the role played by the most important social strata, above all the farmers, the urban middle class, and the agricultural and urban workers as well as the religious communities.