

THE WORKING CLASS IN THE FIRST CZECHOSLOVAK REPUBLIC

Elements of Social Structure, Organization, and Political Culture

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The small factory structure, the means of conflict resolution of political proportionality, and the trade union organizations which were closely connected with it, shaped the social attitudes and political culture of the working class of the First Czechoslovak Republic. These factors caused a high degree of conformity of the working class with narrow social milieu, as for example the tariff level, the development of strikes, and the forms of managerial representation of interests illustrate. The low level of generalization of the conflict between capital and labor led to an ideological dedramatization of industrial capitalism, that was also advanced by the social status of the working class, which oscilated for the most part between the proletariat and the small holder.