

BRITISH ATTITUDES TOWARD CZECHOSLOVAKIA,
1944-1945

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Employing numerous British sources from the Public Record Office in London, the author demonstrates, citing various examples, how the attempts of the Czechoslovak government in exile to insure British influence or even their presence on Czechoslovak territory were met with reservation or rejection from the British government in 1944 and 1945. In terms of politics, the government in exile appears to have been somewhat more successful: the British government agreed that the Czechoslovak government should exercise legal rights over borders dating from 31 December 1937 following the armistice with Germany. The British, however, gave no promises in support of Czech demands and plans on the question of the "evacuation" of the Germans until the decisions of the Potsdam Conference in July 1945.