

## THE SWISS MODEL AND THE NATIONAL QUESTION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA

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Switzerland is considered to be an example of the peaceful association in one country of persons from different ethnic groups. Thus the author of this article has looked at the role of the Swiss constitution in the development of the constitution of the First Czechoslovak Republic. In addition, he has analyzed the comments by Czech and German politicians and historians on this subject between 1869 and 1936. He demonstrates how little that was concrete was taken, or could be taken, from the experiences of Switzerland. Citing Eugen Lemberg, the author concludes that the situation in Czechoslovakia was very different than that in Switzerland, especially because Switzerland, in contrast to Czechoslovakia, was not defined as a nation-state of one of its ethnic groups.