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THE POLITICAL STRUCTURE OF POLAND
AND CENTRAL EUROPE

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In the period of increased centralization during the fourteenth century, the political nations of Bohemia, Poland, and Hungary began to demand predominance over the monarchy. It was not possible for George Podiebrad, Casimir Jagiellon or Matthias Corvinus, with the help of their strong, personal governments, to change this. Much appears to indicate that if Hungary had not come under the domination of the Habs-

burgs, it would have developed similarly to the Polish *szlachta* republic, while in Bohemia, without the Habsburg Monarchy, a feudal monarchy, with the *dominium politicum* dominant over the *regale*, would have developed. Both of the above-mentioned types of government seem to have as modern a character as the early modern state or principality, and represent forms specific to Central Europe.