

AN UNBIASED VIEW ON CZECH ANTI-FASCISM

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Czech resistance against German occupation during World War II has never been held in high esteem. This is generally put down to the fact that demolition by the Germans in the Protectorate of Bohemia-Moravia was relatively minor, which in turn suggests, as the argument goes, a considerable degree of Czech collaboration. The present study about Czech social mentality in the 1930s by Ivan Pfaff is an attempt at correcting distorted views of the so-called "anti-fascism", widespread as they are even today. Apart from a theoretical discussion of the terminology involved and a bibliography of the relevant studies by communist historians, Pfaff offers an analysis of the different forms of Czech dissent and opposition, passive as well as active, against anti-liberal and anti-democratic views in the interwar period.