

“WHAT GERMAN BLOOD MEANS FOR THE CZECH PEOPLE”

The “scientific” contribution of the sociologist Karl Valentin Müller towards solving the problem of how to Germanize Central Europe

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Analysing so far unused sources from the Prague District State Archive and the archive of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Czech Republic, the author traces the career of the sociologist Karl Valentin Müller, an important exponent of national socialist racial doctrine and a professor of social anthropology at Charles University in Prague. He takes a closer look at two papers by Müller: In the first one, Müller undertakes to prove that a significant percentage of Czechs belonging predominantly to the upper social strata, had Germans among their ancestors. In the second one, he sketches scenarios of how to deal with the subjugated nations in a Europe once German rule is established. Post-1945, Müller's career went on essentially unaltered. His biography is exemplary for many members of the national socialist functionary elite who, having managed to camouflage their activities in the Nazi state, were able to continue after the war without fundamental changes. It thus also demonstrates a certain bias pertinent to German historiography together with the strategies of blacking out unwanted facts.