

“THE CZECH HABIT OF CLINGING TO THE LETTER
OF THE LAW SIGNIFICANTLY CONTRIBUTES
TO THE WIDESPREAD USE OF GERMAN”

Language Regulation During the Protectorate

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During the Protectorate, the neuralgic relations between Czechs and Germans sharing the same area and living in the same state became worse and worse. The Nazi administration sought to Germanize Central Europe, among other things, by employing a language policy composed of legal instruments (decrees and comparable legislative acts) and supporting this with a journalism fulfilling a largely propagandistic function. This paper analyzes the language policy of the Protectorate and its implementation throughout the administration, with the author looking at areas such as the translation of toponyms and anthroponyms and the ideologization of graphemics and orthography.