PÅ™íjí nebezpeÄ¡ná Morava? Moravská½ patriotismus v povÄ¡leÄ¡nÄ©m ÄŒeskoslovensku (1945-1989)

This article examines the phenomenon of 'Moravianness' (Moravian patriotism) and its development in interaction with Czechoslovak politics and social change from the end of the Second World War to the collapse of the Communist régime. Moravianness is rooted deep in history and it has been expressed in different, sometimes striking ways at various times. In the nineteenth century, according to the author, most Slav inhabitants of Moravia considered themselves Moravian rather than Czech. During the First World War Czech national consciousness predominated amongst them, and then intensified in the new state of Czechoslovakia, when the provincial government and the cultural and political institutions expressing the special character of Moravia were retained in Moravia. The republic was restored in this form after the Second World War, with the Moravian-Silesian National Committee...