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correspondence documenting a jewish family s personal history of the holocaust and world war ii
raya schapiro and helga weinberg found a box of letters among their mother s effects after her death in 1990
they were written by their grandmother and uncle trapped in prague after the nazi occupation to the girls parents who had escaped to the united states in may 1939 leaving behind raya and helga who were five and seven years old at the time the seventy seven letters reprinted here span a period of two years during which the nazis drew an ever tightening noose of destruction around the jews of prague each letter is followed by notes of explanation and amplification as well as notes on nazi laws and official restrictions and the progress of the war each letter has a censor s stamp on it each envelope bears the still frightening emblem of the third reich the letters dramatically convey the tension growing daily of

existence under the nazis and their tone becomes increasingly desperate as every avenue of escape reaches a dead end praise for letters from prague 1939 1941 this book turns an abstraction into a palpable terror and pity chicago tribune a compelling and personal insight into the horrors of the holocaust booklist as it turned out the girls escaped only after months of bureaucratic wrangling while the grandmother and uncle never obtained permission to leave and were deported to the gas chambers at treblinka and auschwitz two years later collected here is the moving correspondence between the adults in prague and the girls parents in the u s publishers weekly

in august 1938 george f kennan was assigned as secretary of legation in prague after the germans occupied czechoslovakia in march 1939 he stayed on in that country when most other western observers had left these diplomatic papers letters and notes are on the spot observations by a skilled and sensitive historian and diplomat they offer a unique record of one of the tragic events in modern european history depicted here are the attempts at germanization of czech life the cynical exploitation of various native organizations the german insistence on a program of anti semitism the take over of czech business and industry the problems of currency and inflation originally published in 1968 the princeton legacy library uses the latest print on demand technology to again make available previously out of print books from the distinguished backlist of princeton university press these editions preserve the original texts of these important books while presenting them in durable paperback and hardcover editions the goal of the princeton legacy library is to vastly increase access to the rich scholarly heritage found in the thousands of books published by princeton university press since its founding in 1905

this book the most thoroughly researched and accurate history of czechoslovakia to appear in english tells the story of the country from its founding in 1918 to partition in 1992 from fledgling democracy through nazi occupation communist rule and invasion by the soviet union to at last democracy again the common western view of czechoslovakia has been that of a small nation that was sacrificed at munich in 1938 and betrayed to the soviets in 1948 and which rebelled heroically against the repression of the soviet union during the prague spring of 1968 mary heimann dispels these myths and shows how intolerant nationalism and an unhelpful sense of victimhood led czech and slovak authorities to discriminate against minorities compete with the nazis to persecute jews and gypsies and pave the way for the communist police state she also reveals alexander dubcek held to be a national hero and standard bearer for democracy to be an unprincipled apparatchik well written revisionist and accessible this groundbreaking book should become the standard history of czechoslovakia for years to come

drawing on secret and therefore candid coded telegraphs exchanged between communist party leaders around the world and their overseers at the communist international comintern headquarters in moscow this book uncovers key aspects of the history of the comintern and its significant role in the stalinist ruling system during the years 1933 to 1943 new information on aspects of the people s front in france civil wars in spain and china world war ii and the extent of the comintern s cooperation with soviet intelligence is brought to light through these archival records never examined before

the book in the shadow of munich british policy towards czechoslovakia from the endorsement to the renunciation of the munich agreement 1938 to 1942 analyses the varying attitudes and gradual change of british policy towards czechoslovakia in the period from the munich conference in september 1938 to august 1942 when the british government proclaimed the munich agreement as dead and thus having no influence whatsoever on the future territorial settlement the key focus of this work lies in the influence of munich upon the british political scene and upon the resulting british policy towards czechoslovakia in the central european context and also in the repercussions of munich in negotiations with the czechoslovak exile representatives the book is a result of many years of the author s research conducted primarily in the british and the czech archives as well as his reflection of numerous documentary editions diaries memoirs and secondary sources it aims to dispel frequent myths and stereotypes that have so far influenced the czech and partly also anglo saxon historiography in their interpretations of british attitudes towards czechoslovakia immediately before and during the second world war

published by the university of nebraska press lincoln and yad vashem jerusalem we were both small nations whose existence could never be taken for granted vaclav havel said of the czechs and the jews of israel in 1990 and indeed the complex and intimate link between the fortunes of these two peoples is unique in european history this book by one of the world s leading authorities on the history of czech and slovak jewry during the nazi period is the first to thoroughly document this singular relationship and to trace its impact both practical and profound on the fate of the jews of bohemia and moravia during the holocaust livia rothkirchen provides a detailed and comprehensive history of how nazi rule in the czech lands was shaped as much by local culture and circumstances as by military policy the extraordinary nature of the czech jews experience emerges clearly in chapters on the role of the jewish minority in czech life the crises of the munich agreement and the german occupation the reaction of the local population to the persecution of the jews the policies of the london based government in exile the question of jewish resistance and the special case of the terezin theresienstadt ghetto the jews of bohemia and moravia is based on a wealth of primary documents many uncovered only after the 1989 november revolution with an epilogue on the post 1945 period this richly woven historical narrative supplies information essential to an understanding of the history of the jews in europe

winner of the pulitzer prize winner of the national book critics circle award selected by the new york times book review as a notable book of the year drawing on extensive interviews with george kennan and exclusive access to his archives an eminent scholar of the cold war delivers a revelatory biography of its troubled mastermind winner of the pulitzer prize and the national book critics circle award this extraordinary biography delves into the mind of the brilliant diplomat who shaped u s policy towards the soviet union for decades this is a landmark work of history and biography that reveals the vast influence and rich inner landscape of a life that both mirrored and shaped the century it spanned

a comprehensive account of essential periods and areas of research in the history of american linguistics

which addresses contemporary debates and issues within linguistics

in september 1938 the munich agreement delivered the sudetenland to germany six months later hitler's troops marched unopposed into prague and established the protectorate of bohemia and moravia—the first non german territory to be occupied by nazi germany although czechs outnumbered germans thirty to one nazi leaders were determined to make the region entirely german chad bryant explores the origins and implementation of these plans as part of a wider history of nazi rule and its consequences for the region to make the protectorate german half the czech population and all jews would be expelled or killed with the other half assimilated into a german national community with the correct racial and cultural composition with the arrival of reinhard heydrich germanization measures accelerated people faced mounting pressure from all sides the nazis required their subjects to act and speak german while czech patriots and exiled leaders pressed their countrymen to act as 'good czechs' by destroying democratic institutions harnessing the economy redefining citizenship murdering the jews and creating a climate of terror the nazi occupation set the stage for the postwar expulsion of czechoslovakia's three million germans and for the communists' rise to power in 1948 the region bryant shows became entirely czech but not before nazi rulers and their postwar successors had changed forever what it meant to be czech or german

when susan elisabeth subak discovered that members of the unitarian church had helped her jewish father immigrate to the united states she was unaware of the impact the organization had made during world war ii after years of research subak uncovers the little known story of the unitarian service committee which rescued european refugees during world war ii and the remarkable individuals who made it happen the unitarian service committee was among the few american organizations committed to helping refugees during world war ii the staff who ran the committee assisted those endangered by the nazi regime from famous writers and artists to the average citizen part of a larger network of american relief workers the unitarian committee helped refugees negotiate the official and legal channels of escape and when those methods failed the more complex underground channels from their offices in portugal and southern france they created escape routes through europe to the united states south america and england and rescued thousands often at great personal risk

the book draws on extensive research to revise what has been known about drost's life his stylistically diverse oeuvre and his influences the artist's training and his relationship to rembrandt and other artists in the rembrandt circle are examined as is his venetian period and the relation of his style to that of german born painter johann carl loth drost emerges as one of rembrandt's most talented imitators and despite his very short career an artist with a variety of faces book jacket

this history of a single town in bohemia casts new light on nationalism in central europe between the springtime of nations in 1848 and the cold war jeremy king tells the story of both german and czech speaking budweis budějovice which belonged to the habsburg monarchy until 1918 and then to

czechoslovakia hitler's third reich and czechoslovakia again residents at first simply budweisers or habsburg subjects with mostly local loyalties gradually became czechs or germans who became czech though and who german what did it mean to be one or the other in answering these questions king shows how an epochal region wide contest for power found expression in budweis budějovice not only through elections but through clubs schools boycotts breweries a remarkable constitutional experiment a couple of riots and much more in tracing the nationalization of politics from small and sometimes comic beginnings to the genocide and mass expulsions of the 1940s he also rejects traditional interpretive frameworks writing not a national history but a history of nationhood both czech and german king recovers a nonnational dimension to the past embodied locally by budweisers and more generally by the habsburg state that dimension has long been blocked from view by a national rhetoric of race and ethnicity king's czech habsburg german narrative in addition to capturing the dynamism and complexity of bohemian politics participates in broader scholarly discussions concerning the nature of nationalism

born january 1 1993 after it split with slovakia the czech republic is one of the youngest members of the european union despite its youth as a nation this land and the areas just outside its modern borders boasts an ancient and intricate past with a history of the czech lands editors jaroslav pánek and oldřich tuma along with several scholars from the academy of sciences of the czech republic and charles university provide one of the most complete historical accounts of this region to date pánek and tuma's history begins in the neolithic era and follows the development of the state as it transformed into the kingdom of bohemia during the ninth century into czechoslovakia after world war i and finally into the czech republic such a tumultuous political past arises in part from a fascinating native people and a history of the czech lands profiles the czechs in great detail delving into past and present traditions and explaining how generation after generation adapted to a perpetually changing government and economy in addition pánek and tuma examine the many minorities that now call these lands home jews slovaks poles germans ukrainians and others and how each group's migration to the region has contributed to life in the czech republic today the first study in english with this scope and ambition a history of the czech lands is essential for scholars of slavic central and east european studies and a must read for those who trace their ancestry to these lands

in history of the jews in the bohemian lands martin wein traces the interaction of czechs and jews but also of christian german speakers slovaks and other groups in the bohemian lands and in czechoslovakia throughout the first half of the twentieth century this period saw accelerated nation building and nation cleansing in the context of hegemony exercised by a changing cast of great powers namely austria hungary france nazi germany and the soviet union the author examines christian jewish and inner jewish relations in various periods and provinces including in subcarpathian ruthenia emphasizing interreligious alliances of jews with protestants such as t. g. masaryk and political parties for example a number of social democratic ones the writings of prague's czech german jewish founders of theories of

nationalism hans kohn karl w deutsch and ernest gellner help to interpret this history

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