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"National verification in Greater Poland in years 1945-1950"

Summary

The thesis is focused on process of depriving Germans of civil rights in Poland in years 1945-1950 in Greater Poland and is divided into five chapters. First chapter explains key concepts for idea of nation and focuses on historical background. Author explains a new order in postwar Europe which led to massive resettlements after 1945. Second chapter characterize situation of Germans in Poland in years 1945-1950. Third chapter is dedicated to the institution of citizenship in general and in context of expulsion of the German population. Fourth chapter presents all variants of the process which lead to deprivation Germans of polish citizenship and characterize all state authorities involved. In the fifth chapter of thesis presents author presents the result of scientific research and answers the question: what kind of behaviour confirmed attachment to German nationality. The catalogue wasn't definite. Local organs had much freedom in interpretation. The most popular behaviour which express attachment to German nationality were: speaking German in home and in public; voluntary membership in German organisation; serving in German army; family relationship with person commonly recognize as enemy of Poles and most of all attitude towards Poles.