

Book Review: *The Rusyn- Ukrainians of Czechoslovakia: An Historical Survey*, by Paul R. Magocsi. Bausteine zur Ethnopolitischen Forschung 7. Vienna: Wilhelm Braumuller, 1983 92 pp., 2 maps, bibliography, index. \$9.75 (paper).

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This is a brief historical survey of the Rusyn of Subcarpathian Rus' (up to 1948), and of the Presov region of Czechoslovakia (up to the present). The author has written a number of earlier books and articles about the history, language, and national identity of the Rusyn: this outlines the development of Rusyn history and culture as the Rusyn respond to the numerous political and cultural agendas imposed on them, more or less successfully, by the Magyars, the Habsburgs, the Slovaks, the Nazis, the Russians, the Ukrainians, and, finally, the Soviet government. The latter, like their predecessors, helped the Rusyn make up their mind about who they truly were. At last, it was officially "decided that only a Ukrainian identity and cultural orientation would be permitted" (page 49).