

A SUMMARY OF Doctorate THESIS WRITTEN BY JOLANTA Góral, MA Entitled

The living conditions of the rural population in the southwestern part of Lviv Oblast ON THE EXAMPLE OF DISTRICTS Brzozow, Krosno and Sanok in THE YEARS 1920-1939.

The aim of the study is to present the living conditions of the rural population of three districts: Brzozow, Krosno and Sanok, representing a part of the south-western border of the region of Lviv. Chronological framework defines two turning points, the first is 1920 - the date of introducing the statutory appointment of Lviv Oblast, and the finishing date of 1939 which ended the interwar era.

The nature of the thesis is scientific and analytical, hence the immediate, primary source which the author focused on are statistical sources, as well as archival documents, which will be supplemented by diaries and scientific literature.

The project is divided into four chapters, however the core is composed of Chapters II and III, which are expected to bring a direct answer to the research question.

The subject of Chapter I is the characteristic of selected counties in terms of natural conditions and the location contra the Lviv province, moreover rural communities will be presented, taking into account their population and ethnic composition. Administrative division of districts will also be presented along with the changes taking place throughout the course of the period under review.

The subject of Chapter II are issues related to the agrarian structure. Attempts will be taken to improve the issue in terms of the land reforms, also in this chapter the author will focus on the details concerning agriculture and breeding. Chapter closes with considerations about the rural crafts as additional sources of financing agricultural population.

The third chapter will present the living conditions of the inhabitants of the districts. The first issue is accommodation, building methods, materials, but also and interior design. Then the dress code of the rural population of the districts will be presented, divided into men, women and children as well as daily and occasional outfit. After that an attempt will be made to present the diet and nutritional analysis and their adequacy in relation to the energy requirements. Furthermore, in Chapter III the question of both personal and environmental hygiene and health care will be presented.

The last chapter IV will be devoted to the considerations on changes in social status and escaping from the rural areas, through education, emigration and marriage.