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**«GUIAN PROJECT» (1938) IN THE CONTEXT OF THE AMERICAN POLICY
TOWARDS EUROPEAN POLITICAL REFUGEES**

Summary

The paper examines one of the attempts of practical realization of the work of American scientists concerning the search of a potential location for settlement of European political refugees. Special instruments of scientific research were applied in the article to reveal the whole spectrum of activities conducted by American establishment and prominent scholars to evaluate the possible foundation of Guian asylum for refugees. The problem-chronological, comparative-historical and descriptive methods of research as well as the biographical method, content analysis and source-criticism have been used in the researched article. Primary task of the observed topic was to highlight and reveal a constructive effort of the President Roosevelt and his nearest advisors on matter to provide a relief support and seek an asylum to European refugees despite strong opposition inside America with its isolationistic sentiments.

It has been defined that analytical developments were carried out in the second half of 1938 along the course of the President of the United States F. Roosevelt on the intensification of international efforts to provide relief to the exiles from Austria and Germany. The economists and geographers conducted a theoretical assessment of the settlement opportunities in the various sparsely populated areas of the European colonial empires and the Latin American countries. Among such programs there were the proposals of Constantine McGuire that suggested placement of the escapees from Nazism on the territory of the South American colonies of Great Britain, France and the Netherlands with the prospect of granting the state sovereignty to a newly founded enclave. Unlike many other plans, McGuire's ideas have found support in the corridors of London and Washington. In order to explore the possibility of implementing the Guiana project further, a special American-British commission was created.

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