

## Martin Šandera, The League of Zelená Hora and Emperor Frederick III

**Abstract:** The paper follows the development of the mutual relations between the opposition group of the Bohemian Catholic nobility of the so-called League of Zelená Hora and the Holy Roman Emperor Frederick III, whose support, as well as the pope's, was sought to legitimate the resistance of the aristocracy against King George of Poděbrady. It shows the property interests of the leading representatives of the League in Austria, reveals the ties to members of Frederick's court, assesses the impact of the Poison Affair of 1465 and the motives of the parties involved. The emperor's support was not sufficient to bring about military assistance from the Holy Roman Empire, therefore the League of Zelená Hora finally offered the Bohemian throne to the Hungarian king Matthias Corvinus. After the death of George of Poděbrady, the League's members lost any real interest in the continuation of the war, aimed at a certain balance between the emperor and the king of Hungary Matthias Corvinus, but managed to prevent Corvinus using his personal conflict with Frederick III from 1476–1477 to his own advantage in Bohemia.

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