

This PhD thesis describes evolution of the political-military decisions in the field of defense of the Czechoslovak Republic in the 1930s. Its aim is to give the essential pieces of knowledge about preparation of the effective defense in that time. Much has been written about the Czechoslovak military preparations during the critical period of the international affairs between 1932–1938. Many studies and books have only contained a pure military side of the Czechoslovak defense. Historical development of the Czechoslovak Military Forces is well-known with regard to the Czechoslovak military situation within the Munich crisis in September 1938 but the effective defense measures were taken for the period of a few years before 1938. The political-military decisions of the Czechoslovak executive system have not been examined. Work of the Supreme Defense Council of the State (Nejvyšší rada obrany státu) is in the centre of this PhD thesis. The Supreme Defense Council of the State and the Government had major responsibility for Czechoslovak security. Work of the mentioned Council has not been examined.

The PhD thesis is divided into five chapters, arranged chronically, which trace development of the Czechoslovak defense system. There is a preface and a conclusion in the structure of this PhD thesis too. The preface is an important part of the PhD thesis because it contains a critical analysis of the sources and literature. Methods of the author's work are also explained there. The conclusion of this PhD thesis contains a summary of the main pieces of knowledge.

The first chapter describes the early period of the evolution of the first defense measures on the governmental level between 1932–1935. This part of the PhD thesis analyzes the rise of the executive authorities of the defense. The pieces of knowledge make the first measures clear. The first chapter was prepared as an introductory base for the next interpretation. ...