

The construed thesis consists of two parts.

The first part contains an introduction to the history of the women's political participation in Czechoslovakia from the beginning of the Czechoslovak republic to the end of the 1960's and a chapter following on relation of communism and

woman question in theory (communist ideology) and in the everyday practice.

The centre of the thesis lies in its second part which deals with the situation and position of women in the public and political offices at the end of the 1960's. It is focusing principally on women in the high political offices in 1968: on the politicians working at the National Assembly, Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Czechoslovakia and in the government.

The main direction of the thesis is the attitudes of women to the august occupation of the Czechoslovakia 1968 by the troops of the Warsaw Treaty and their activity in those days. It follows also their previous careers and political activism and the implications of their august activity for their further careers and political path.

The construed thesis tries to fill the gap in the scientific research and literature addressing this historical period by extension of the view with the roles of women in the

high politics in this key period of our history.

The theme of the thesis is to show how the equality between men and women declared by communist ideology was exercised in practise at the end of the 1960's, which positions were occupied by women in high political functions, how and if they could participate in decision making process on the further political routing of their country. These questions are being examined in the context of the august occupation of

the Czechoslovakia in 1968 and the following normalization of the country.

A part of the thesis is a segment dealing with careers and political paths of women who were working in some of the high political institutions-in the government, Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Czechoslovakia or in the National Assembly in more detail.