

FORMATION OF UNIFORM AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVES AND THEIR LEGAL REGULATION

The purpose of my thesis is to analyse the legal and political basis of the formation of uniform agricultural cooperatives, with an emphasis on years 1948 – 1950. The thesis consists of four chapters.

Chapter One describes some legal and political documents connected with agricultural co-operation prior to the coup d'état in February 1948. It is subdivided into six subchapters. Two main subchapters concentrate on two important legal drafts, published by the Ministry of Agriculture, drafts of six agricultural and the Programme of Hradec Králové.

Chapter Two is subdivided into ten subchapters. It focuses on the period from the coup d'état in 1948 to the enactment of the law on the uniform agricultural cooperatives in February 1949. The aim of this chapter is to summarize political and legal activities connected with preparations of the law on the uniform agricultural cooperatives, following the proclamation the Resolution on the situation in the Communist Party of Yugoslavia by the Informbiro in June 1948. Remaining subchapters deal with legal changes in the agricultural sphere, implemented in this period: foundation of the Central Council of Co-operatives, forced purchase of agricultural products, state administration of agriculture and in the end the control of the agricultural machinery.

Chapter Three consists of nine subchapters. The first four subchapters analyze the law on the uniform agricultural cooperatives („UAC“), the regulation to apply the law on the UAC, the Model Bylaws of the UAC and the rules of order of the UAC respectively. Subchapter Five describes the real procedure of creation of the individual UAC. Next subchapters deal with two sessions of bodies of the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia (KSČ). Subchapter Eight describes five working orders of the UACs, published by the Ministry of Agriculture in 1950. The last subchapter analyses the transfer of the competence from the Central Council of Cooperatives to the Ministry of Agriculture

and the National Committees. The transfer of the law-based competence was carried out by a circular issued by the Ministry of Agriculture.

Chapter Four summarizes the main legal and political events, connected with UACs, in the period from 1951 to enacting of new Model Bylaws of the UAC in 1953.

The crux of this thesis is situated in the Chapters Two and Three. Typical sign of this period was wide violation of law by partial and state authorities. The most important rules was mostly included in internal and delegated legislation during this period.

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