

Resume

My thesis, entitled "Czechoslovak Ocean Shipping" introduces basic information about the existence of this company. The emphasis is not only on the historical development of the corporation but mainly on the complex survey of the firm and its cooperative work with the People's Republic of China. In addition, this paper includes various types of cultural reference to seaman's lives and their different habits, traditions and legends.

This thesis is divided into three thematic units, each of which contains some particular chapters and detailed subheadings. In the first part, a brief history is outlined and an establishment with the upcoming termination of the company. The history is based mainly on the businesslike progress of the firm, not on the historical background between the Czechoslovak Republic and the People's Republic of China, or the economical and political situations in both of these countries. Basic information is given which is necessary to create a complete picture of the whole corporation.

In the next section, technical and descriptive information about the commercial cargo ships is detailed. Furthermore, also included are the compulsory education, assessments and duties of the Czechoslovak sailors. The final part consists of navy habits and traditions which have been developed by mariners over time on the cargo ships.

This work should provide the reader a complete picture not only about Czechoslovak Ocean Shipping but also about the merriments joys and worries of the Czechoslovak mariners.