TITLE: The characters of the emigrants in two German novels (Der Umbruch oder Hanna und die Freiheit by Alice Rühle-Gerstel and Die Straße des Verrats written by Hans Natonek)

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ABSTRACT: This diploma thesis focuses on the main characters in two novels: Die Straße des Verrats and Der Umbruch oder Hanna und die Freiheit. The protagonists are anti-fascist emigrants living during the 1930s. The theme is examined in the context of German literature since 1933. The attention is focused on Prague as an exile centre (a shelter for German emigrants).

The theoretical part of this diploma thesis is dedicated to the outline of the exile of the antifascists after 1933. Subsequently, the main part analyses the emigrant characters (mainly the protagonists of these novels). Moreover, their destiny, which is connected to Prague, is described.

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