

The rigorous thesis deals with involvement of young people in nature conservation within the Brontosaurus Movement, both children under 15 years of age and teenagers. The work is primarily based on documentation of the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia, Socialist Union of Youth, Security Services Archive and on private archives of former activists of the Brontosaurus Movement and magazine Mladý svět (Young World). Structured interviews with the former Brontosaurus Movement activists are the most important source of knowledge. One of the main goals of the work is to map the history of the Brontosaurus Movement and the extent to which the movement activities were influenced by Party and Union bodies. The work was concurrently confronted with a wide variety of personal testimonies. The work should contribute to development of civil society and environmental education.