

ABSTRACT

The aim of this dissertation work is to analyze the progress of recodification works during the so-called two-year legal plan, this being illustrated on preparations of the Criminal Procedure Code. The conclusions can be applied to contemporary efforts of recodification of the Criminal Procedure Code – especially from the organisational and material point of view. The first part of the paper deals with the state of criminal procedure law in Czechoslovakia before the commencement of the two-year legal plan and with the recodification attempts between 1918 and 1947. The next chapter describes the two-year legal plan, its announcement, development, organisation of work and results. It is followed by a chapter devoted to the preparation of the Criminal Procedure Code itself. This part analysis the activities of the Ministry of Justice in this respect, the codification department of the Ministry of Justice, its codification committee and subcommittees. In 1949 the subcommittees drafted a fundamental bill that served as a basis for the preparation of the outline of the Criminal Procedure Code elaborated at the beginning of 1950. This dissertation also provides a detailed analysis of the legislative process and an overview of influences of the organs of the communist party on the final version of the draft of the Criminal Procedure Code. The paper further analyses the content of the Criminal Procedure Code and some of its practical consequences. The final chapter is dedicated to an amendment to the Criminal Procedure Code from 1952 and to an adoption of the new Criminal Procedure Code in 1956.