Abstract

The author will perform an analysis of news, comments, documentaries and other articles in which the selected Czech printed media reported about the events in Yugoslavia during the years 1945-1948. He will observe not only the news regarding political events or economic development in the country, but also the articles reflecting the everyday life in Yugoslavia (cultural events, national relationships, religion, tourism etc.).

The analysis will be chronologically bounded by May 1945 (liberation of Czechoslovakia) and June 1948 (publication of so called first resolution of Inform Bureau). Heuristic base of the thesis will be chosen in a such a way, so it covers political stratification of the Czech public sector during that period. The author will be therefore analyzing relevant articles from the periodicals that were being published either by KSC (Czechoslovakian communist party) or its closed partners (Rude Pravo, Kulturni Politika). He will also investigate articles from the daily journal Svobodne Slovo, which was being published by the Czechoslovakian Social Party as well as part of the Lidova Demokracie journal; the news outlet of Czechoslovak People’s Party. Analysis will also be performed on news broadcasts, commentaries and reportages published in independent daily journals and magazines, which were close to the non-communist parties (Svobodne Noviny, Pritomnost, Svobodny Zitrek).

This thesis is based on hypothesis that the left-wing news outlets will be mostly positive, or even panegyric. It can be also assumed that the periodicals which were politically and ideologically close to the Czechoslovakian Socialist Party and to the Czechoslovak People’s Party will beside the positive reflection connected to the mutual destiny in the WWII and the revived Slavic ideology, register also negative tendencies, which related to the entrenched radical left-wing authoritative regime in Yugoslavia (the beginnings of dominance of the Communist Yugoslavia Party, limitation of the non-communist opponents, court trials with the antagonist of the newly established regime, general nationalizing of industries etc.)

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