

ABSTRACT IN ENGLISH

Many historical documents prove that the first contacts between Central Europe and Latin America were established soon after the New World was reached by Christopher Columbus. However, it took a long time until the official relations with the former Czechoslovakia could have been initiated, first in the diplomatic field, second in the area of trade and then in science and culture as well.

It may be redundant to say that in the last century the most frequent were the commercial relations. Even though, this work aims to describe mainly a cultural cooperation between Czechoslovakia and Andean states in the second half of the 20th century, more precisely Peru, Ecuador and Bolivia in between 1945–1989. From the wide range of activities organized by the Czechoslovak representation I have choosed the most often repeated, that is film presentations, exhibitions, radio and TV broadcasting. About those activities there is also the most evidence in the principal source of information I have selected, i. e. funds available from the Archive of the Ministry of Foreign Affaires in Prague and the National Archive of Czech Republic.

As far as it is impossible to separate or isolate culture form other aspects of everyday functioning of any state, it has been necessary to outline the basic facts of the history as well as the economic developement of all the countries involved. I have had to mention also a broader context as in the second half of the 20th century both parts had a strong participant on the international field close by.

Considering a great geographical distance between both regions we can come to a conclusion that there were many activities in the area of culture, in spite of not allways favourable political and economic conditions. A large number of archive documents regarding this topic also offer a whole range of further research possibilities.