

The bachelor's thesis „Media image of the Patria ship disaster in the periodical press“ deals with the examination of media reports on the topic in three selected periodicals. The texts published in *České slovo* and *Národní politika* in the period from November 1940 to May 1945 and the texts in *Lidové noviny* in the period from November 1940 to April 1945 are subjected to semiotic analysis.

The aim of the work is to construct a media image of the catastrophe of the ship *Patria*, which took place on May 25, 1940 off the coast of Palestine, within three selected media, which was published in the so called Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia. In this work, individual media messages are compared.

Part of the work is also a description of the historical events of the disaster of the steamer *Patria*, including eyewitness accounts of two Czechoslovaks who were on board the ship at the time, or watched its destruction. The bachelor's thesis is also marginally devoted to informing about the event outside the period under review, to illustrate the way in which the domestic public has learned about the disaster over the years.