

ABSTRACT

This diploma thesis entitled *Gestapo against Churches and Religious Institutions in the Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia* deals with the Nazi anti-church forces in the Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia with a closer focus on the department of Gestapo for ecclesiastical affairs. The main goal of this work is to describe mentioned department (not wholly known yet) - structure and activity, and cases under its auspices. The thesis outlines the attitude of Nazism towards the institution of Churches and Christianity in general. Then the text deals with a different view of the Church issue of the Gestapo and the Security Service. The next part of the work deals directly with the functioning of the Church department, its departments, employees, and confidants. An essential part of the work is also six case studies mapping the Nazi persecution of clergy and laity from different Churches. The selected cases are connected with the activities of the Gestapo department for Church affairs and based on information from contemporary sources.

Key words

Protectorate Bohemia and Moravia, second world war, nazism, Church, Religious institution, Gestapo, Sicherheitsdienst, department of the Church affairs