

The topic of this thesis is the support of the Czechoslovak opposition by France in 1980s. The support and contacts from the official French state representation as well as the support from the civic society is analysed. The writer focuses on the activity of the French embassy, the French institute in Prague, Association of 5th January and other associations established to support Charter 77 in France, Jan Hus Association, magazine Sv dectví, the French Socialist Party and other leftist groups and contacts of the churches. The visit of the French president Francois Mitterrand in Czechoslovakia in 1988 is read in context of the new concept of the French foreign politics toward the East. His meeting with the dissidents as well as the meeting of the independent civic associations 10th December 1988 is analysed from the point of view of the Czechoslovak state leaders. The writer uses the French and Czechoslovak newspapers of that period and the interviews with the participants of these events to interpret them and understand the connections.