

Abstract

The topic of this thesis is the personality and career of the journalist Otakar Wunsch. It contains the information regarding his birth in Rokycany, his career as a journalist and editor during 1919 – 1939 when he edited Československé zahraniční listy (Czech Foreign Papers) and Československé železniční listy (Czech Railway Papers), Jednota (Unity) and Obzor penzistů železničních, státních, vojenských, soukromých a samosprávných (The Horizon of Pensioners of the Railway, State, Army and Private Enterprise) as well as his membership in Syndikát československých novinářů (Czech Journalist Syndicate), Jednota českých novinářů (The Union of Czech Journalists) and petition committee Věrní zůstaneme (Faithful We Remain). The thesis describes also his activity in the resistance movement and the following imprisonment in Malá pevnost (The Small Fortress) in Terezín where he wrote his well-known poem „Silvestr 1940 na cele číslo 3 v Terezíně“ (The New Year’s Eve 1940 in the Cell 3 in Terezín), his post-war career as a chief editor of the trade union newspaper ÚRO, a chairman of Svaz českých novinářů (The Union of the Czech Journalists) and the member of Prozatímní Národní shromáždění (The Provisional National Assembly). The final part of the thesis describes the circumstances of his death and funeral.