

Abstract

This thesis deals with a history of the Warsaw Pact from its establishing in 1955 to 1969, when a period of the alliance's shaping was finished. Work primarily focuses on internal military and political development, analyzed in context of events and development in the Eastern Bloc and simultaneously running Cold War. The Warsaw Pact came through very dynamical changes in the researched period. If the establishing of the pact did not change international political situation and only formally terminated autonomy of the Soviet European satellites' armed forces, in the time when the reform documents were approved in Budapest, the Warsaw Pact meant the real military alliance and international organization putting forward not irrelevant international initiatives. However, situation within the Warsaw Pact always depended on the development of the relations in the Soviet sphere of influence and actual military and political line of Moscow. In fact, the Kremlin adjusted its acting toward the pact fully to the Soviet's recent needs. Submitted text, based primarily on the research in Czech archives and another published documents, explains why the Warsaw pact was established, how the cooperation in the pact proceeded, what was the real importance of the alliance during the hot Cold War and Eastern Bloc crisis in the 50' and 60', how the approach of the Soviet leadership to the Warsaw pact evolved and how this approach affected relations of Soviet satellites and the Warsaw pact.