

The thesis *The Personalities of the journalists – seniors in Prague* intends to cover several subjects. It does not relate to present activities and opinions of the journalists – seniors only. In the first part the thesis focuses on description of the living standards of journalists at the times of so-called period of normalisation, when today's journalists – seniors were economically active. The main emphasis of the description is on the role of the Czechoslovak Union of Journalists. The thesis describes individual segments that union has affected its members through and where it provided benefits and support (abroad recreation, recreation, spa treatment, assistance in solving residential state, language courses). Materials from the Syndicate of Journalists Archive fund are used as the main source of knowledge. The essence of the second part of the thesis are standardized interviews with particular journalists – seniors. The evaluation of their answers complements the findings from the first part and adds some more findings from journalists' everydayness in 70s and 80s and the role of the Czechoslovak Union of Journalists in relation to its members. Moreover it brings opinions of the respondents on the situation in media after year 1989 and their comparisons of the journalism in the pre-1989 era and now. Further the thesis tries to find out what is the opinion of the respondents on journalistic education and its necessity, on actual role of the Syndicate of Journalists and especially on the possibilities of the journalists – seniors to work in the media these days.