

ABSTRACT

This diploma work deals with the reflections of Slovak citizens for 1989's, focusing at the region of Košice city and the surrounding area, especially eastern Slovakia. The fall of the communist regime influenced the further development of the whole of Czechoslovakia. Diploma work focuses at the Slovak nation, which is an integral part of Czechoslovak history, but Czech knowledge of Slovak region is severely restricted. Memories and stories of Eastern Slovak habitants are building blocks of this thesis used to factually illustrate that time. In addition, thesis is based both on the available literature sources and archival materials from the collections of the State Regional Archives in Košice city.

The theoretical part of work is based on historical sources and results of various researches on November '89. The research part of the diploma work deals with views, opinions and attitudes of Eastern Slovak's participants of November 1989. Interviews with narrators are analyzed and interpreted using oral history methods. This diploma work aims to reflect the everyday life of people, their work and living conditions before and after November '89. Author of the work wonders how narrators appreciate '89 revolution then and today, twenty-five years apart.

Key words: Czechoslovakia, November '89, Eastern Slovakia, oral history, Košice.