

Abstract

This work is an analysis of a topic that until now has been practically no research, the relations of Czechoslovakia and Venezuela in the years 1945 – 1968, while this work focuses attention on diplomatic and economic relations, it also considers the influence of domestic politics in these countries, explaining the context of these international relations, specifically of the United States, Soviet union and Cuba. The thesis is primarily based on material from the archives of the Ministry of Foreign Relations of the Czech Republic and also the National Archive of the Czech Republic.

Diplomatic relations between these countries were established in 1929, after the Munich Agreement of 1938, the embassy of Czechoslovakia in Caracas was closed. After World War II. economic relations were re-established. This was really important because the commercial interest of Czechoslovakia helped to establish the diplomatic relations. Diplomatic relations were discontinued by Venezuela in 1952 during the dictatorship of general Marcus Pérez Jiménez. When the dictator was overthrown in 1958, diplomatic relations were gradually re-established, once more through economic relations and finally established in 1968.

The development of diplomatic relations were affected by several factors. The first one was domestic politics in both of these countries, while Venezuela was under unstable governments, Czechoslovakia was under a communists regime. Moreover Venezuela was affected by the economic crisis, which had an influence on economic relations between countries. The most important influence on mutual relations was foreign policy. This work analyses relations in the years 1945 – 1968, a period during Cold war. Venezuela was under the increasing influence of the United States and Czechoslovakia fell under the influence of Moscow. The mutual relations were also influenced by Cuba.

Key words

Czechoslovakia, Venezuela, international relations, diplomatic relations, economic relations, the United States, Soviet union, Cuba, Cold war.