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A Survey of Research Institutions Focusing on the Communist Dictatorship in Czechoslovakia

by the Institute for Contemporary History

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Universities

Charles University, Prague

The Faculty of Arts and the Faculty of Law (along with the Faculty of Theology and of Medicine) is one of the main and oldest faculties of Charles University, which was founded by Czech king and Roman Emperor Charles IV in 1348 as the first university north of Alps. First, this faculty was called „Studium Generale“ and from 17th Century, it became Faculty of Arts („Philosophical Faculty“). After the defeat of Czech Estates uprising in 1620, the influence of Unity of Brethren at the university was drastically eliminated and, as a result of the re-catholization, the university merged with the Jesuit College in Clementinum in 1654. Since then till 1918, the university was called „Karl-Ferdinand Univesity“. In 1882, the university was divided into Czech University and German University. From 1897, the women were allowed to study at the university.

From 1918, the Czech University in Prague has been called „Charles University“. On November 17th, 1939, the Czech universities were closed by the Nazis and many student and professors were persecuted.

After the end of WWII, the university resumed its pre-war standards of democracy and scholarship, but the communist take-over in 1948 interrupted drastically this continuity. The university was subject to a strict communization and many professors and students were fired and expelled. The thaw of the mid-sixties influenced the Charles university considerably and many professors and students took an active part at the Prague Spring of 1968. Jan Palach, student of Faculty of Arts, sacrificed himself in protest against the Soviet invasion in Czechoslovakia. The Charles University students were among those who initiated the Velvet Revolution . After the collapse of communism, the exponents of the communist regime left the university.

1.Faculty of Arts (Filozofická fakulta)

Institute for Czech History

Ústav českých dějiny

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116 38 Prague 1

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Fax: 420 (2) - 216 19 204

E-mail: czhist@ff.cuni.cz

www. ucd.ff.cuni.cz

Chairman of the Institute: Doc. Zdeněk Beneš, PhDr., CSc.

Contact: Seminar on Modern Czech History

Head: Prof. Robert Kvaček, PhDr., DrSc.

Doc. Jan Rychlík, PhDr., DrSc. , Doc. M. Hlavačka, PhDr., CSc.

Research topics related to focus of the expertize: Inter-ethnic Relations and Nationalist Conflicts, The Literature of Memoirs in Czech History up to 1950.

Financing: Budget of the Czech Republic

Working hours of the office 8-16:15

Institute for World History

Ústav světových dějin

Nám. Jana Palacha 2

116 38 Prague 1

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Fax: 420 (2) - 216 19 257

E-mail: svetdej@ff.cuni.cz

www.usd.ff.cuni.cz

Chairman of the Institute: Doc. František Stellner, PhDr., PhD.

Contact: Seminar on Eastern European and Modern History

Head: Doc. Vladimír Nálevka, PhDr., CSc.

Main research topics related to the focus of the expertize: Russian emigration in Czechoslovakia, former Yugoslavia and its successor states.

Financing: Budget of the Czech Republic

Working hours of the office 8-16:15

Institute for Economic and Social History

Ústav hospodářských a sociálních dějin

Celetná 20

116 36 Prague 1

Tel. 420 (2) 24 49 15 26

Fax: 420 (2) 24 49 16 15

E-mail: hsd@ff.cuni.cz

www.uhsd.cuni.cz

Chairman of the Institute: Drahomír Jančík, PhDr., CSc.

Contact: Seminar on Social History

Head: Prof. Zdeněk Kárník, PhDr., DrSc.

Main research topics related to the focus of the expertize: Twentieth Century socio-political organizations and their movements, History of the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia.

Financing: Budget of the Czech Republic

Working hours of the office 8-16:15

Institute of Political Science

Ústav politologie

U Kříže 8

158 00 Prague 5

Tel. 420 (2) 510 802 10

E-mail: upol@ff.cuni.cz

www.upol.ff.cuni.cz

Chairman: Doc. Milan Znoj, PhD., CSc.

Contact: František Svátek, PhD., CSc.

Main research topics related to the expertize: Totalitarianism, political systém in Czechoslovakia after 1945.

Financing: Budget of the Czech Republic

Working hours of the office 8-16:15

2. Faculty of Social Sciences (Fakulta sociálních věd)

Institute for International Studies

Institut mezinárodních studií

Rytířská 31

110 00 Prague 1

Tel. 420 (2) 21 61 02 02, 21 61 02 06, 21 61 02 07

Fax: 420 (2) 216 102 04

www.fsv.cuni.cz

Chairman of the Institute: Doc. Jiří Pešek, PhD.

Contact: Department of Russian and East European Studies

Head: Jiří Vykoukal, PhD., CSc.

Main research topics related to the expertize: Czechoslovakia within the sphere of Soviet influence, Soviet bloc, Cold War.

Financing: Budget of the Czech Republic

Working hours of the office 8-16:15

3. Faculty of Law (Právnická fakulta)

Department of Legal History/ Institute of Legal History

Katedra právních dějin/ Ústav právních dějin

Nám. Curieových 7

116 40 Prague 1

Tel. 420 (2) 21 00 54 17

Fax: 420 (2) 21 00 52 88

E-mail: ius@ius.prf.cuni.cz

www.prf.cuni.cz

The Department of Legal History was founded in 1950, when it took over the work of the previous institute of legal history. The Institute of Legal History was founded in 1990 as a center for research into legal history with a focus on Bohemian and Czechoslovak law.

Chairman of the Department and of the Institute: Prof. Karel Malý, JUDr., DrSc.

E-mail: maly@ius.prf.cuni.cz

Contact: Doc. Jan Kuklík, JUDr., Dr.

Main research topics related to the focus of the expertize: Law in the Post-Communist Countries of Europe, 1945-1990. Czech and Slovak Law, 1945-1990- Czechoslovak Regulations Related to Germans and German Regulations Related to Foreigners, 1945-48.

Financing: Budget of the Czech Republic

Working hours of the office 8-16:15

Institute of the History of Charles University and CU Archives
Ústav pro dějiny Univerzity Karlovy a Archiv UK

Ovocny trh 5

Prague 1

116 36, Czech Republic

Tel : 420 (2) 24 228 104

Fax : 420 (2) 24 491 670

E-mail: blanka.sachova@ruk.cuni.cz

www.udauk.cuni.cz

Chairman: Prof. Josef Petráň, DrSc.

Main research topics related to the focus of the expertize: history of Charles University during the period of the communist regime

Financing: Budget of the Czech Republic

Research room working hours: 9-16

Palacký University, Olomouc

Department of History, Faculty of Arts

Katedra historie Filozofické fakulty

Křížkovského 10

771 80 Olomouc

Tel. 420 (68) 563 32 33

Fax: 420 (68) 522 91 62

E-mail: khist@ffnw.upol.cz

www.upol.cz/resources/historie

Chairman: Doc. Ivo Barteček, PhDr., CSc.

Contact:

Prof. Miloš Trapl, PhDr., CSc. , Head of the Section of 20th Century History and of Center for Czechoslovak Exile Studies

PhDr. Karel Konečný, CSc. (Section of 20th Century History and in charge for foreign relations)

Main research topics related to the focus of the expertize: history of the Czechoslovak exile from 1948 to the collapse of communism including the documentary collections and archives.

Financing: Budget of the Czech Republic

Reading Room: Mo through We 2:45-4:45 pm.

University of Ostrava

The University of Ostrava was established in 1991, but its foundations were laid in 1953, when the Pedagogical Institute in Ostrava was founded. In 1964, the Pedagogical Institute was granted the status of an independent Pedagogical Faculty. The University of Ostrava consists of four faculties: the Pedagogical Faculty, the Faculty of Arts, the Faculty of Sciences and the Medico-Social Faculty.

Department of History, Faculty of Arts

Katedra historie, Filozofická fakulta

Reální 5

701 03 Ostrava 1

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Chairperson: Doc. Ludmila Nesládková, PhDr., CSc.

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Contact: Doc. Ludmila Nesládková, PhDr., CSc.

Doc. Nina Pavelčíková, PhDr., CSc.

Main research topics related to the focus of the expertize: Young Czechs' stereotypes of neighboring ethnic groups, history of the Gypsy population in the greater Ostrava area.

Financing: Budget of the Czech Republic

Research Institutes

Institute for Contemporary History of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic Ústav pro soudobé dějiny AV ČR

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www.usd.cas.cz

Director: Oldřich Tůma, PhDr.

Only after the collapse of the Communist Regime it became possible to establish the contemporary history as a scholarly discipline. On the initiative of the Historical Commission of the Coordinating Center of Civic Forum, the Presidium of the Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences established the Institute of Contemporary History as of 1 February 1990. Thus, Czechoslovakia joined other European countries with a high standard of historiography. The first director of the Institute became Vilém Prečan who operated a Czechoslovak Exile Document Center in Scheinfeld, Germany.

The Institute specializes in interdisciplinary research of social processes that helped to shape Czechoslovak (Czech and Slovak) history in the international context from 1938 to the present. Its structure is: (1) Department for Research of the Period 1938–45; (2) Department for Research of the Period 1945–89; (3) Department of Jewish Studies; (4) Center for Oral History; (5) Center for the History of Science and Scholarship; (6) Center for the Documentation of Transfers of Culturally Valuable Property Belonging to Victims of World War II ; (7) Center for Cold -War History. The Institute publishes a quarterly *Soudobé dějiny* [Contemporary History] and several scholarly publication series. Important archival and documentary collections are deposited in the Institute.

Contacts:

Deputy Director, Head of the Department for the period 1945–89 : Jiří Kocian, PhDr, CSc.

Head of Department of Jewish Studies and of Center for the Documentation of Transfers of Culturally Valuable Property Belonging to Victims of World War II: Helena Krejčová, PhDr.

(Address: Center for the Documentation....c/o Institute for Contemporary History, Puškinovo nám. 9, 160 00 Prague 6. Tel. 02/333-256-33. E-mail: zidstu@usd.cas.cz).

Head of Center for th History of Science and Scholarship: Magdalena Pokorná, PhDr, CSc.

Head of Center for Oral History: Miroslav Vaněk, PaeDr., PhD.(Vlašská 9, 18 40 Prague 1. tel. 02/575 -311 -21, E-mail: vanek@usd.cas.cz).

Topics related to the focus of the expertize: Encyclopaedia of Czech History; analysis of the role of the National Front after 1945; publishing of documents on the history of the Czechoslovak crisis of 1967–70 and on Czechoslovak relations with the Great Powers during World War II, political and cultural exile, political prisoners, political elites and the dissent during the period of so called normalization in Czechoslovakia.

Financing

Budget of the Czech Republic, grants.

Historical Institute of the Army of the Czech Republic

Historický ústav Armády České republiky

U Památníku 2

130 05 Prague 3 - Žižkov

Tel/Fax 420 (2) 62 79 957

E-mail: klucinap@army.cz, museum@army.cz

Director: Petr Klučina, Mgr., CSc.

The Historical Institute of the Army of the Czech Republic is a scholarly research institution, a museum and a library for the Czech armed forces. It was established in 1993 as the successor of the Resistance Memorial and Military History Institute. It collects, preserves, studies and makes accessible for researchers and interested audience objects of cultural history, records and information on history of Czech and Czechoslovak armed forces within a broader context of general history. The Institute operates four museums (the Military Historical Museum, the Museum of Aviation, the Military Technical Museum and the Army Museum) as well. The institute and its museums currently administrate more than 250 000 collection items of a great historical value.

Contact: Ivan Šedivý, PhDr., CSc.

***CEFRES: The French Centre for Research in the Social Sciences
(Centre français de recherche en sciences sociales)***

Vyšehradská 49

120 00 Prague 2

Tel. 420 (2) 24 92 14 00

Fax: 420 (2) 24 92 09 75

E-mail: cefres@cefres.cz

www.cefres.cz

Director: Prof. Georges Mink

The French Center for Research in the Social Sciences (French acronym CEFRES) is a research institute subject to the Sub-Directorate for Academic Cooperation for Universities and Research at the French Ministry for Foreign Affairs (Directorate for International and Development Cooperation, French acronym DGCID). Its principal task is the development of academic networks in the Czech Republic and Central Europe, and it acts as a mediator between university and research centers in France, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, and Central Europe in the field of the social sciences and humanities.

CEFRES' program is essentially structured around the organization of conferences, seminars, and round tables, which enable researchers from France, the Czech Republic, and other countries to present and discuss their work. Major focus is directed at different aspects of Czechoslovak history during the communist regime within a broader Central and Eastern European framework.

Cefres is supervised by an academic council, is financed by the French government and offers scholarships available for doctoral students doing research on Central and Eastern Europe in the field of the social sciences and humanities.

The library contains more than 3700 volumes and 100 titles of periodicals.

Periodicals:

The collection of periodicals contains about 100 titles.

The library is open from Monday to Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

***Office for the Documentation and the Investigation of the Crimes of Communism
Úřad pro dokumentaci a vyšetřování zločinů komunismu(ÚDV)***

Na Hroudě 19

100 00 Prague 10 - Vršovice

Tel. 420 (2) 614 44 202

Fax: 420 (2) 614 419 79

E-mail: udv@mvcz.cz

www.mvcr.cz

Director: col. Ireněj Kratochvíl, M.A.

The Office for the Documentation and the Investigation of the Crimes of Communism (ÚDV) was established January 1, 1995 when the previous Office for the Documentation and the Investigation of the StB Activities, which, as a part of the Ministry of the Interior had a full investigating competence in the area of the crimes committed by the StB (State Security), and the Resource Center of the Unlawful Character of the Communist Regime (originally under the Attorney General's office and later under the Ministry of Justice) merged. The Resource Center documented all crimes of communism, but did not have an investigation jurisdiction and couldn't prosecute perpetrators. Once established, the ÚDV has taken over full competencies of both of its predecessors and became a section of the Police of the Czech Republic whose competencies are specified by detection and criminal prosecution of offenses committed in the years 1948 - 1989 where it didn't come to a final judgment for political reasons, or more precisely they were not punished as they had been committed with the consent of political leaders. The investigators of the ÚDV enjoy the full-state competence and in order to make the work more effective another branch office was established in Brno to deal with cases in Moravia.

The documentary section of the ÚDV collects, analyses and provides documentary evidence on the unlawful character of the communist regime from January 1, 1945 to December 29, 1989. The ÚDV also publishes a series *Securitas Imperii* and other studies, memorial volumes, anthologies, cooperates with the universities, with the Institute for the Modern History of the Czech Academy of Sciences.

Information about cases prosecuted by the Police of the Czech Republic through the Office for the Documentation and the Investigation of the Crimes of Communism (ÚDV) in which criminal proceedings are/were taken:

At the date of 1.4. 2002 the Office for the Documentation and the Investigation of the Crimes of Communism (ÚDV) has prosecuted on the whole 172 persons in 83 criminal cases. So far it has been entered 72 statements of claim (of which 25 repeated) against 95 accused to the respective public prosecutor's departments.

Based on above suggestions it has been brought 53 charges (of which 14 repeated) against on the whole 74 persons.

Museums

Silesian Provincial Museum

Slezské zemské muzeum

Tyršova 1

746 46 Opava

Tel. 420 (653) 62 29 99

Fax: 420 (653) 62 29 99

E-mail: szmored@opanet.cz

www.opava-city.cz/szmo

Director: Jaromír Kalus, PhDr.

The Silesian Provincial Museum is the oldest museum in the Czech Republic. Its history goes back to 1814 when its foundations were laid and first collections acquisitionned. In 1880s, two museum institutions were established: Schlesisches Lansdesmuseum für Kunst und Gewerbe, later named Kaiser Franz Josef Museum für Kunst und Gewerbe, and the Museum of Matice opavská, the aim of which was based on patriotic endeavours to document and preserve the life and culture of Czech people in Silesia. In 1921, the both museum merged and thus created the Silesian Provincial Museum, and later, two other museal institutions were included: Czechoslovak Aricultural Museum (1924) and Museum of National Resistance (1927). In the end of March 1945, the building of the Museum was heavily damaged by a fire and major part of the collections burned to the ashes. In 1947, the reconstructed Silesian Provincial Museum was again open to the public. At this time, the museum included collections from Opava region castles and confiscated works of art.

Silesian institut of Silesian Provincial Museum

Slezský ústav Slezského zemského muzea

Nádražní okruh 31

746 48 Opava

Tel. 420 (653) 625 576

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E-mail: szmored@opanet.cz

www.opava-city.cz/szmo

The Silesian Institute was founded in 1948 as a provincial and later regional facility. In 1958, the Institute became part of the Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences and since 1960s, its major research focus was on research on industrial areas and inter-ethnic relations. In 1992, the Institute was incorporated as an autonomous facility into Silesian Provincial Museum.

The present research focus of the Institute is history of Silesia, the problems of nationality and ethnic minorities, and political persecutions in Czechoslovakia within a broader Central and Eastern European framework. During 1990s, the Institute developed large cooperation with Polish and Slovak institutions and active scholarly relations with almost thirty universities and research institutions in Europe and in the United States. The Institute published 94 scholarly publications and many articles, monographs and expert opinions.

Contacts:

Department of Silesian History, Head: Doc. Mečislav Borák, PhDr., CSc.

Department of Ethnic Minorities and Relations, Head: Tomáš Staněk, PhDr., CSc.

Topics related to the focus of the expertise: history of Silesia upto the present, National, political and economic history after 1945, Czech-Polish relations upto present, political persecutions 1938-1956 including the persecutions of Czechoslovak citizens in the Nazi and Soviet prisons and camps, labor camps under the Communist regime, extraordinary peoples courts, history of prisons in Czechoslovakia, retribution courts after 1945, long-term analyzis of the historical development and position of ethnic minorities in the Czech lands within the broader Central European context.

Museum of the Police of the Czech Republic

Muzeum Policie ČR

Ke Karlovu 1/453

120 00 Praha 2

Tel: 420 (2) 24923619

Fax: 420 (2)61441091

Museum of the Police of the Czech Republic documents the history of security forces of Czechoslovakia /Czech Republic from its beginnings to the present.

Opening hours: Daily from 10 to 17

Closed: Monday

The museum has arge documentary and archival collections. More than 8 000 metres of archival materials from the period after 1945 documents the police operations in Czechoslovakia under the communist regime. The archives provides documents for the rehabilitation and restitution of property.

A permission from the Director of the Archives Department of the Ministry of Interior (Address: PS 21/ASU, Nad Štolou 3, 170 34 Prague 7, Tel. 420 (2) 86 88 11 49 is required to use the documents younger than 30 years.

Museum of the 3rd Resistance

Muzeum třetího odboje

Na Příkopech 106 - Zámeček

Příbram I.

261 01

Tel: 420 (306) 286 06

Hours for visitors: Tu through Su, 10-16

Closed: Mondays

Exhibition: Political prisoners in the Uranium Mines, 1948-1968

Women in the 3rd Resistance and in the Prison, 1948-1968.

The Museum of the 3rd Resistance operates another two museums: in Jáchymov (Concentration Camps in the Uranium Mines in Jáchymov area, 1949-1961) and in the monastery in Teplá in Karlovy Vary region (The Persecuted and Imprisoned Clergy, 1948-1989).

Museum of Communism

Muzeum komunismu

Na příkopě 10

110 00 Prague 1

Tel. 420 (2) 242 129 66

E-mail: muzeumkomunismu@muzeumkomunismu.cz

www.muzeumkomunismu.cz

Responsible authority: Legacy s.r.o.

The Museum of Communism has been founded in 2002 thanks to the efforts of a group of enthusiasts, mainly Americans based in Prague. The museum is situated in the Savarin Palace in the very heart of Prague. In three major halls of total 450 square meters, the museum presents a collection of original subjects, documenting everyday life, politics, history, sports, economics, education, arts (particularly the so called Socialist Realism style), propaganda, Peoples Militia, army, police (including the secret services and the StB , censorship, political trials and labor camps. The major focus of the museum is on the Communism in Czechoslovakia and particularly in Prague. Part of the exhibition is an interpretation of history of Communism. The interpretation goes back to the year 1878, the major focus is on the period from the Communist take-over in February 1948 to the Velvet Revolution in November 1989.

Non-Governmental Institutions and Civic Societies

Czechoslovak Documentation Center

Československé dokumentační středisko

Skokanská 3/2311 (Brevnov)

16900 Praha 6

Tel.: 00420-2-2046 640/43

Fax 00420-2-2046 6408

Director: Vilém Prečan, PhDr.

The Czechoslovak Documentation Center has been established in 1999. Its collections include primarily the Czechoslovak Exile Documentation Center in Scheinfeld/Schwarzenberg, Germany records, that was established in 1986 by a group of leading Czechoslovak exile intellectuals, and led by Vilém Prečan, PhDr. This Center At present time, the Sheifeld collections were transferred to the Czech Republic and deposited in the Czechoslovak Documentation Center connected importantly the independent culture in Czechoslovakia and the Czech and Slovak culture in exile and created links between independent initiatives in Czechoslovakia and abroad. It served as a literary archives, library, research, publication and lecture center. After the collapse of communism, the center was an important source for a variety of projects, particularly focusing on the communist period, relationship between the exile and Czechoslovakia and Czech-German relations.

The collections transferred to the Czech Republic include 1.500 samizdat books and periodicals, hundreds of samizdat texts, 8000 books of Czech and Slovak authors published in exile, documentation on 1968, archives of Czech and Slovak editorial board of Radio Free Europe and documentation on independent activities in the communist Czechoslovakia.

The Czechoslovak Documentation Center also includes Archives of Charter 77 Foundation (57 boxes) that was recently transferred to the Czech Republic from Stockholm, Sweden.

This archives documents the work of Charter 77 Foundation, its support provided to the independent Czechoslovak culture in Czechoslovakia and abroad, the Jazz Section, the Nobel Award of Jaroslav Seifert, Erasmus Award for Václav Havel, Wrocław Seminar of Independent Czechoslovak Culture. Various samizdat materials, collections of posters and exile publications are also included. The Archives of Charter 77 Foundation is an important source for research on independent Czechoslovak culture and on the Third Exile.

Libri Prohibiti

Senovážné nám. 2

110 00 Praha 1

Tel/Fax: 02/24 22 59 71

E-mail: libpro@iol.cz

<http://libpro.cts.cuni.cz>

The library is operated by the civic society Společnost Libri Prohibiti (Prof. Radim Palouš, Chairman Ivan M. Havel Ph. D., Vice-Chairman, Jiří Gruntorád, Secretary. The Society has at present time 181 members)

The Director: Jiří Gruntorád

Reading room hours: Monday through Thursday, 1:00 to 5:00 PM

The library of "prohibited books" arose from the need to collect and to provide access to the production of exile and samizdat publishers and thus to fill in one of the "blank spots" of our recent

history. The library was open in October 1990 on Podskalská Street, with the financial and technical assistance of the Czechoslovak Charter 77 Foundation and with the participation of many noted representatives of culture, including the President of the Republic.

The library consists of collections of samizdat and exile literature, of an archive of documents, and an audiovisual section, in all more than 21,000 library units and almost 1700 periodical titles.

The library's collection is divided into the following sections:

1. Czech Samizdat Monographs and Periodicals

The fund has more than 10,100 units from the 1970's and 1980's, including editions (Edice Expedice, Petlice, Popelnice, Česká expedice, Kvart, Kde domov můj), 335 titles of periodicals (Information about Charter 77, Information about the Church, Revolver Revue, Vokno, Historické studie, Kritický sborník, Střední Evropa, etc.).

2. Czech Exile Monographs and Periodicals

The collection of more than 5700 units from hundreds of publishers including the complete productions of 68 Publishers, Index, Poezie mimo domov, Rozmluvy, Opus bonum, Arkýř, Konfrontace, Edice satiry, Framar, Moravian Library, Sklizeň . More than 700 titles of Czech exile periodicals, including complete volumes of the magazines Svědectví, Listy, Studie, Proměny, 150.000 slov, Obrys, Západ, Reportér, Rozmluvy, Hlas domova, Text, Kanadské listy, Sklizeň, Okno, Modrá revue, Hovory s pisateli, Perspektivy, Bohemia, Skutečnost, České slovo, Národní politika, Právo lidu, Paternoster, Zpravodaj Čechů a Slováků ve Švýcarsku, and others, including the period from the end of the 1940's to the present.

3. Monographs and Periodicals of the First and Second Resistance

The collection contains 58 units of legionnaires' literature from the First World War, 630 monographs of the Czech war exile from 1939 to 1945, and several magazines from the period of the First and Second World Wars.

4. Foreign Samizdat Monographs and Periodicals

The collection has more than 170 library units of Slovak and over 600 units of Polish samizdat; 38 titles of Slovak and 195 titles of Polish periodicals. Russian samizdat and periodicals from the former German Democratic Republic are marginally represented.

5. Foreign Exile Monographs and Periodicals

The collection has more than 460 library units of Slovak exile monographs and over 50 magazine titles; 250 volumes of monographs of the Russian and Ukrainian exile from 1920 to 1990, along with several periodicals. Polish exile literature is represented by only several dozen publications and magazines.

6. Foreign Language Monographs and Periodicals

The collection of foreign language books relating to Czechoslovakia and other communist countries or to the issue of human rights, including translations from Czech, has more than 2270 volumes and 430 magazine titles.

7. Documentation and Archives

Documents concerning violations of human and civic rights in the former Czechoslovakia and the whole Soviet bloc form a large part of this collection. It is a collection of written documents which arose mostly from the activities of the independent initiatives of Charter 77, the Committee for the Defense of the Unjustly Prosecuted (VONS), the East European Information Agency, etc., and also the works of individual authors and groups circulated by samizdat; feuilletons, political commentary, occasional texts, petitions, letters, etc.

8. Reference Library (books, magazines, and other writings about samizdat and exile literature; catalogs; bibliographic collections; dictionaries; and biographical and dissertation work, in all over 800 items).

9. Audiovisual Section

Recordings of underground and non-conformist music on 1530 cassettes, 96 CD-ROMs, and 87 gramophone records; audio recordings of underground lectures and seminars (about 450); video documentaries and films of amateur production (about 430) on 290 videocassettes.

Confederation of Political Prisoners

Konfederace politických vězňů

Škrétova 6

120 00 Prague 2

Tel. 420 (2) 24 23 05 93

E-mail: not available

www.TOTALITA.cz

The origin of the Confederation of Political Prisoners goes back to the period of Prague Spring of 1968, when the former political prisoners (from end of 1940's to the beginning of 1960's) founded the K231 organization, named after the law 231/1948 on the protection of the People's Democratic Republic, on the basis of which most of political prisoners has been sentenced. After the Warsaw Pact invasion in Czechoslovakia, K231 was banned and continued to work in exile, and in the illegality in Czechoslovakia till the collapse of Communism. In 1990, the Confederation of Political Prisoners has been founded as the successor of K 231.

The members of the Confederation of Political Prisoners are (1) former prisoners of the Communist regime in Czechoslovakia, who were sentenced for political resistance or political opposition against the Communist regime from February 20, 1948 to December 1989, (2) persons who left Czechoslovakia for the political reasons and were given a political asylum abroad, (3) persons, who actively participated in the anti-Communist resistance abroad.

The goal of the Confederation is to observe and monitor the human rights. It cooperates with legislative and governmental institutions in order to achieve a moral satisfaction and full rehabilitation of former political prisoners and the complete de-bolshevization of the public and political sphere in the Czech Republic. The Documentation Commission collects documents and other evidence on violation of human rights and other crimes by the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia. The Legal Commission, using this documentation, proceeds according to the law No. 198/1993 and submits the charges with the respective organs of Czech justice.

The Confederation publishes a bimonthly Zpravodaj [Newsletters]. Address of the editorial board: KPV

ČR

Škrétova 6

120 00 Prague 2

Association of "PTP" (military labor camps)

Svaz PTP

Information are not available at this time and will be provided as soon as possible.

Committee "They Were the First Ones"

Výbor "Oni byli první"

Civic society specializing in research and documentation on Czechoslovak citizens of Russian and Ukrainian nationalities that were deported, in the end of the WWII, to the Gulag labor camps in the Soviet Union. The society keeps large documentary collections, cooperates with the institutions in Russia, with the Czech parliament, with the Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs and other institutions, and organizes lectures and exhibitions.

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Archives

Archives of the Ministry of Interior

Archiv Ministerstva vnitra České republiky

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Director: Jan Frolík, Mgr.

The Archives of the Ministry of Interior is composed of three branches:

1. Prague Office

Address: Na Struže 3

Prague 1

Tel. (see above)

2. Brno branch (Kanice Office): Police of the Czech Republic

Kounicova 24

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Tel. 420 (5) 45 22 73 02

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3. Archives of the State Police (the StB) files

The Archives of the Ministry of Interior is in charge of the records of the Federal Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Interior of the Czech Socialist Republic and Ministry of Interior of the Czech Republic, of the Police Presidium and the respective departments and offices of investigation. Before the collapse of communism in 1989, the access to the Archives of the Ministry of Interior was limited just on selected users and most of historians even did not know about its existence. From the beginning of the 1990s, the number of researchers is steadily increasing up to 1200 in the recent years. Most researched topics are: WWII, post WWI period and the communist take of power, the 1950s, history of security forces, 1968/69 and the Soviet invasion, period of normalization and November of 1989. The rehabilitation and restitution agenda is also very important.

The archives also provides services (according to the law # 140/1996 Sb) of access to the records of the former State Police (StB). The respective office is located in Pardubice.

Archives of the Ministry of Interior is a unique sources documenting the extreme influence of security forces within a totalitarian society.

The Ministry of Interior was infiltrated by the communist from the end of WWII and played an important role in the communist take over in February 1948. This Ministry has been for four decades one of the most important instruments of communist monopoly. The first post WWII minister of interior was a communist functionary Václav Nosek. The communists misused the Ministry of Interior to a systematic pressure on non-communist political parties and politicians. After February 1948, the Czechoslovak prison system was subject to the Ministry of Interior and only in 1968 was returned to the Ministry of Justice. During the Prague Spring of 1968, the minister of interior Josef Pavel tried to limit the operations of secret forces against the Czechoslovak citizens, however, many hard-liners from this ministry actively supported the Soviet invasion in August 1968. Minister Josef Pavel was one of the first men of Prague Spring to resign from his position. The structure of Ministry of Interior was subject

to the federalization when , in 1969, the Czechoslovak Federativ Socialist republic was declared. On February 15, 1990, the State Police (StB) was abolished and a new security and intelligence system of democratic Czechoslovakia started to be built up.

The archival records document the actions against the NATO intelligence, the cooperation of Czechoslovak secret services with the KGB, oppression of such social and professional groups as catholic clergy, farmers, intellectuals and elite of Masarykian Czechoslovakia, and the actions against the dissent , particularly against the Charter 77 ("Asanace", "Klín"). Ministry of Interior records are important source to study communist security forces methods and technologies.

Originaly, from its establishment in 1966, the Archives of Ministry of Interior was in Spišské Podhradie in Slovakia. One of its parts is so called Ministry of Interior Institute of Studies, where materials from the WWII and the state security files from 1945 to 1954 are deposited.

After the split of Czechoslovakia, the Czech Republic and Slovakia agreed on delimitation of Ministry of Interior archival records. The "federal" files and the files of the Ministry of Interior of the Czech Socialist Republic were transferred to the Czech Republic and deposited in Kanice near Brno.

State Central Archives

Státní ústřední archiv v Praze

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Deputy Director: PhDr. Alena Nosková, Head of the 4th Department

The State Central Archives (SÚA) is an institution of the Ministry of Interior of the Czech Republic. The SÚA is composed of the following departments:

1st Department: Archival documents from the oldest times upto 1848.

2nd Department: Period 1848-1918.

3rd Department: Period 1918-1945

4th Department: Period 1945-1992. Archival fonds of central institutions of the state government and administration of unitarian Czechoslovakia, Federal Czechoslovakia and Czech Republic within Czechoslovak Federation (Office of the Prime Minister, Federal and Czech ministries, General Prosecutor etc.).

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5th Department: Period after 1993 (processing of new materials).

6th Department: Archival collections of non-state provenance (personal and business papers, political parties, interest groups etc. In this department, personal papers of Jan Masaryk, Klement Gottwald, Antonín Zápotocký, and archival funds of Central Committee of Communist Party of Czechoslovakia, Czechoslovak National Socialist Party and other political parties including Sudetengerman are deposited).

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8th Department: Computer services, editorial and publication unit.

9th Department: Library. One of the largest specialised library in the Czech Republic.

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10th Department: Technological Center.

Research Room Hours:

Mo- 9-18, Tu 9-16, We 9-18, Th 9-16, Fri 9-12. Every last Friday in the months: closed

Note: does not apply for the research room of the 1st Department (upto 1848) that is located at Třída
Milady Horákové, Prague 6)