

Local people's courts in Jablonec area

Abstract

The thesis Local people's courts in Jablonec area consists of two basic parts. The general part applies generally to the institution of people's courts, their ideological grounds, the local people's courts statute and its interpretation, the problems of chosen institutes are connected to the people's courts statute and to the activities of these courts. In the special part consisted by the parts 2 – 4 focuses the thesis on the application and comparison of findings from the general part to experiences of concrete local people's courts in Jablonec area, precisely in the district of Jablonec nad Nisou.

For the general part were as sources used mainly periodical monographs dedicated to the theme local people's courts and periodical articles in the specialized journals *Právník* and *Socialistická zákonost*. The thesis is also based on contemporary articles, mainly from the L. Soukup's article. In the special part processes the thesis the accessible archival funds about concrete local people's courts kept in the State district archives in Jablonec nad Nisou and Most.

The local people's courts were an experiment of the socialistic judiciary situated on the boundary of executive and judicial power, with a character similar to the nowadays district courts and offence committees. They were established in 1961 by the statute no. 38/1961 Coll. The local people's courts heard six kinds of lower social dangerousness misdemeanours, for which they could impose penalty measures. The fundamental matter of their activity and the reason of their origin was educational, not repressive impact. The local people's courts could by the statute also heard easy property disputes, but by the local people's courts in Jablonec area this issue never came to pass. Commended factors were in addition to the educational impact also preventive impact and cooperation of the local people's courts with social organisations. The function of the appellate court held in the case of appeal from the local people's courts the district court, which also hold the place of a mentor – guarantor for the local people's courts activities. The local people's courts were established by enterprises or territorial.

The number of local people's courts in Jablonec area was stabilized on ten, from which five courts were by enterprises and five territorial. They operated during the whole existence of the institute of the local people's courts till 1969.

Key words:

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