K 231 in Czechoslovakia in the 1970s

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Abstract

Bachelor thesis deals with a group of former political prisoners, who have established Club 231 and stayed in Czechoslovakia after the occupation in the year 1968. It aims to desribe their lives, the extent of interest and oppression by the state, especially in relation to the State security and state propaganda. The text is divided in two parts, the first briefly explains the conditions leading to the creation of K 231 in connection to the course of action taken by the communist party towards the internal enemies. The second part deals with the changes after the end of the so called Prague Spring and their meaning for the former political prisoners. The goal is to define the club's political role in the normalization period in Czechoslovakia until the year 1980, when it was replaced by new opposition movements.

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