

Abstract

In this thesis I will focus on the Action Committee of the parliamentary National Front, which was established in February 1948 in the Constituent National Assembly in Czechoslovakia. Action Committees were being established without any support in the Czechoslovak constitution and law order in factories or public institutions with the intention of purification of the state from reactionary elements. The aim of the parliamentary action committee was to earn support for Gottwald's government and further to remove inconvenient people from the parliamentary party groups. The goal of this thesis will be to find out, which role the parliamentary action committee played in the communist coup d'état in 1948, when the main effort laid in weakening the role of the parliament. The thesis will primarily focus on the archival sources regarding the action committee itself, its members, but also the parliament, National Front, and the communist party. The thesis will ask a question, what role the Action Committee played in the communist coup d'état and the subsequent suppression of the parliament.

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