

Abstract

The present thesis deals with the political career of a Social Democratic politician Václav Majer. No specialized paper has so far been dedicated to his fifty-year-lasting career, even though his position in history of the Czechoslovak Social Democratic Party is far from negligible. Václav Majer is particularly known as a leader of the “right”/anti-communist wing within the Social Democratic Party during a short spell of Czechoslovak history from 1945 to 1948 (so-called Third Republic). However, he had started his career much earlier at the beginning of the First Czechoslovak Republic in Louny District. In mid-thirties he had moved to Prague and kept on working after the Munich Agreement was signed, and during the Protectorate as well. At the beginning of 1940 he emigrated to the United Kingdom. During the Second World War he has started his career in high level exile politics in London. After the Communist coup d'état in 1948, which had ended the period of the Third Republic, Majer left Czechoslovakia again. He lived and worked in exile till his death. Attention is paid to Majer's position on political scene and to development of his relations with other political actors. My research is based on study of archival documents, as well as study of specialized books, memoirs, newspapers and periodicals.