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## The administrative building of the Municipal Committee of the Communist Party in Brno (White house)

modern architecture of the second half of the 20th century



**Architects:** Miroslav Spurný, František Jakubec, Jiří Kučera

**Dates:** 1972-1974; 1973-1974

**Type:** administrative building

**Category:** object

**Number of floors:** 8

**Number of sublevels:** 1

### Annotation

The building in the style of late modernism is at a distance connected to the western front of Veverí Street, with the main entrance towards the end of the neo-Gothic "Red Church", seen from Husova Street, forming the white background of the church and closing the square.

### History

The building stands on the site of the first Brno State Theater and the land was originally intended for the construction of an opera house. In 1974, the seat of the Communist Party was built here. At the turn of 1990 and 91, the building was given a new function - the Center of Children's Professional Medical Services, located here, covers specialized

medical professional workplaces, which are located in former offices. In the western part of the building is the Higher Vocational Medical School, in the hanging cylinder there is a cinema hall, which is operated by the Brno Cultural Center.

### **Historical development**

The construction of the building consists of a prefabricated PS skeleton lined with bricks, a structural double wing, with a suspended facade - float glass in aluminum frames. The full parts of the facade are lined with white glazed ceramic mosaic. The offset cylindrical mass of a three-storey building with a lecture hall is a combination of prefabricated and brick construction, with stone cladding. According to the original project, there was to be a circular water reservoir in the area in front of the main entrance; in 1983, a sculpture by Klement Gottwald by František Navrátil was placed here, in collaboration with the architect Miloslav Kramoliš. After November 1989, the original statue was removed. On July 2, 2002, the statue of Jiří Marek "Mim" (1986) was placed in the same place.

### **Description**

An eight-storey slab with a residential roof terrace and a direct entrance to the dining room on the top floor forms the administrative and originally educational part of the building. On the ground floor, in addition to the operating rooms, there is an elevated entrance hall with a staircase to the gallery on the first floor, with a large wooden wall inlay by Pavel Navrátil and Zdeněk Macháček, a meeting room for 100 people and a boarding area including accessories for a large lecture hall. The balcony above the main entrance of the administrative part, supported by a steel structure, is also an awning above the entrance staircase. The counterweight of the rectangular lines of the entrance part with the footbridge over the green English courtyard is formed on the south-west side by a slender flattened cylinder of a side staircase illuminated by a copilite wall.



The indented cylindrical masses contain in the upper part a lecture hall with an original capacity of 270 seats, with a separate entrance, in the lower cylinder there is a background for the performers and a social lounge. The architecture of the building formally follows the modernist traditions and principles of Le Corbusier: the structural skeleton, although little used to open the interior, the free facade with a suspended facade, the roof terrace. The load-bearing structure of the columns is revealed on the façade on the first two floors, the green courtyard planted in the English courtyard illuminating the rooms of the basement plinth supports the final impression of the house on the columns.



### Description of the monument value

A unique example of an administrative building with a conference hall in Brno, realized in the spirit of international modernity.

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