

Albanian political expatriates in the late 1920s and early 1930s of the XX century

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Abstract

At the end of the 1920s, the Albanian political expatriates in the diaspora intensified their activity. This study aims to analyze the activity of the anti-Zogist groups in exile, such as: National Revolutionary Committee (KONARE), National Liberation Committee (KÇN), National Union, Zara Group, etc., the positions of these groups towards the Italian policies in Albania, criticizing not only the regime and its intentions, but also the alliance with Italy. On the other hand, there were a few segments of political émigrés that were funded by Italy, being used as pressure on Ahmet Zogu, the President of the Albanian state, if he were to deviate from the policies pursued towards the neighboring country across the Adriatic.

The Albanian opposition in exile could not be united around a single political program. It comprised representatives of different currents of political thoughts as well as different social strata. However, although divided into groups and different countries, they were a real opposition to Zog. The political expatriates were the regime's strongest opponents not only during the republic days, but their activity intensified with the spread of news of the change of the regime to monarchy. Besides the countries where they lived, their activity had its impact within Albania as well. In fact, in opposing Zogist policies, they came up with concrete actions that seriously threatened the life of the king. Also, the relations of the governments of the neighboring countries with the Albanian monarchist regime were influenced by the behavior towards Zog political opponents, who took refuge in Italy, Yugoslavia, Greece, and in other countries, in Europe and overseas.

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