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*The Work of Party Organizations in Yugoslav Diplomacy 1948–1952*

*Summary*

In many Yugoslav diplomatic representative offices after World War II party organizations were established immediately after the war, but were abolished by the decision of the Central Committee of March 1946. They renewed their work only in the second half of 1948. Although they were all founded under the directives of the Cadre Commission of the Central Committee and received identical operative instructions, some organizations held meetings rarely, others regularly, some devoted very little attention to ideological and political work of its members, while others took great care of the ideological and political “upbringing” of its party members. However, similarities prevailed in their work: they only occasionally maintained their links with the Cadre Commission, frequent staff changes of diplomats resulted in the considerable discontinuity of party life, party members within a diplomatic representative office barely knew each other, but were albeit often in a position to decide about each other (when being accepted into the Party, when writing “personal reports” for those who were leaving for new positions, the election of party secretaries and members of bureaus and committees etc.).