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*District People's Committee of the Belgrade District 1944–1947
– the Institution and Records –*

Summary

Fund of the District People's Committee of the Belgrade District, which is kept at the Historical Archives of Belgrade, is an indispensable source for the study of the first years after the war in Yugoslavia. Records covers the period from the formation of the District People's Liberation Committee Mladenovac County in 1944, to April in 1947, when they were abolished surround as administrative-territorial unites. Belgrade District comprised of nine counties: vračarski (Beli Potok), gročanski (Grocka), jasenicki (Smederevska Palanka), kolubarski (Lazarevac), kosmajski (Sopot), mladenovački (Mladenovac), oraski (Veliko Orašje), danube's (Smederevo) and posavski (Umka).

District People's Committee worked in a difficult economic and political situation in the new political conditions, which are marked by radical break with the previous situation and with the change of the social system. Record stores data about the mass confiscation of property, the establishment of new ownership in the economy, enacting new laws and reforms. At the same time, the documents are the first historical sources for authorities efforts to organize the work on economic reconstruction and building of war-torn countries, to provide assistance to homeless households, strictly control the entire government, set up a politically correct staff, cherished achievements of the war. Survivals provide factors, but also the general atmosphere in which the first post-war years lived an "ordinary man". The documents testify to the compulsory purchase of farmer's products, tax assessment, collection of data on citizen and their property, installation of new officers and check their political attitude during the war, a number of actions to raise monuments to fallen soldiers, adapting school curricula fostering a tradition of national-liberation struggle and other phenomena.

The largest part of the material of the fund makes Administration of People's Goods with valuable information on the confiscation and sequestration properties as well as the fate of their respective owners. Among documents are written evidence of about 500 "settled enemies of the people". Fund of the District People's Committee of the Belgrade District processed and classified according to current archival principles, contains 32 boxes of papers and 14 books and is available to all researchers.