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*– Institution and Archival Material –*

*Summary*

New social-political system based on communal system, workers and social self-government was established in FPRY by the new state law from 1953. Executive changes influenced to a great extent organization and appearance of the Yugoslav system of health care and the role and competences of the federal authorities and other authorities and bodies within the system. Under new circumstances and according to the Constitution and accompanying system laws, the role of the Secretariat for National Health in creation and control of the existing health system was utterly limited. Secretariat for National Health till the end of its short duration did not manage to achieve capacity and significance expected for the state authority of that level. According to the imposed duties, role and competences that it had, the Secretariat during its existence remained in the shade of the Federal Executive Council and its Boards having function of a regulative but not an operational body. Uncompleted organizational structure and permanent staff problems were logic consequence in given circumstances and a constant in a work of the Federal Ministry of Health and its solutions.

Archival material of the fond although not so large provides precious information about Yugoslav health care system between 1956 and 1962. The documentation is distributed according to the dominant subjects and besides general information about existing health care system, distribution network, capacity and equipment of the health institutions, it provides information on general state of the national health, infectious and other diseases and international health care cooperation of that time.