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*Organization of Communists in Sremska Mitrovica Prison
1927–1935.*

Summary

Serving of jail term in the prisons of the Kingdom of Yugoslavia did not prevent arrested members of the Communist Party of Yugoslavia to continue their political work. The Conflict was between convicted communists, guards and the management of the penal institutions. Creation of party organization was essential in order to demonstrate that the communist activity was not suppressed. Communists committed constant pressure on the prison authorities to make a distinction between the convicted members of the Communist Party of Yugoslavia who considered themselves political convicts and criminals. Struggling to expand their rights they went on report, sent delegations, organized both individual and mass demonstrations. The hunger strike was last but the most effective method. The aim of the communists was to keep the regime in prison, providing them to remain physically healthy and to train to become fit for fight outside. That's there a son why organization of the Party was so important since in this way the activity of communists was directed and coordinated. Creation of party organization in the prison of Sremska Mitrovica influenced the work of the Communist Party of Yugoslavia that was renewed and strengthened.