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– Institution and archival material –

Summary

Changes in the political system of Yugoslavia as a result of the Second World War had decisive influence on all aspects of social life. The new political elite defined the goals, and the framework in which these objectives were achieved, in all spheres of political, social and economic life. Major changes did not omit the area of education and culture. In accordance with numerous reorganizations of the state administration carried out in the post-war period, competence and framework of the Federal Secretariat for Education and Culture had changed also. In the period from 1954–1967, the Secretariat changed itself from the administrative body of the Federal Executive Council (FEC) to the federal administrative body and vice versa. The Secretariat changed its name, jurisdiction, organization and the staff. Despite all the changes, the basic tasks of the Secretariat more or less remained unchanged, and were related to the preparation and monitoring of the federal regulations in the field of education and culture, as well as the preparation of the materials for the Federal Executive Council and the Federal Assembly Councils. Other activities within the competence of the Secretariat (international cooperation, scholarships, education of national minorities, radio and television) were in charge of several professional councils and committees established by the Secretariat between 1956 and 1958. In addition to the aforementioned activities, the Secretariat supervised several institutions in the field of education and culture and performed technical and administrative assistance to the Committee for Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries and the Yugoslav National Commission for UNESCO. Public administration reform of 1967 abolished the Federal Secretariat of Education and Culture, and established the Federal Council for Education and Culture, as specialized body of FEC for culture, education and physical education.