Diplomatic Mission of the Kingdom of Yugoslavia in Great Britain – London 1918 – 1945 (1918-1946) - Institution and Archival Material –

Summary

Yugoslav Diplomatic Mission in Great Britain started its work immediately after the foundation of the Kingdom of Serbs, Croats and Slovenes on the foundations of existing Diplomatic Mission of the Kingdom of Serbia in Great Britain. Diplomatic relation between two countries was established after Britain had recognized newly formed country in June 1919. After diplomatic relation had been established between Kingdom of Serbs, Croats and Slovenes and Holland, Diplomatic mission became responsible for this country as well. Competences of Diplomatic Mission were regular works of this mission: to maintain good relations between two countries, be informed and inform about internal and foreign policy of the host country, represent its country in British public through the press, coordinate work of regional consulates that come within territorial competence of Diplomatic Mission.

Archival material of this Diplomatic Mission is of exceptional significance since it preserves political archive from which we learn about: interior and foreign policy of one so important country as Great Britain, international relations between two wars, relation between Yugoslavia and Great Britain with Albany, Bulgaria and other neighbors, situation in Yugoslavia and its reflection in Great Britain, economic relations, Yugoslav emigrants, British press, Yugoslav consulates in Great Britain and Dominions, activities of the King and Yugoslav Government in exile. Documents of general archive of this fond complement image provided by political archive but they also provide new knowledge about Yugoslav emigrants, activities of attaches for press by Diplomatic Mission and other topics.