

DOKUMENTI

This was the most serious demonstration that has taken place so far, and is illustrative of the discontent felt here with the present Government. Another demonstration is expected tomorrow, but will probably be prevented by the police.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
Alfred R. Thomson,
Consul

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ham.

35. 1922., lipanj 1., Izvješće poslanika Henryja Percivala Dodgea State Departmentu o Memorandumu Hrvatskoga bloka na konferenciji u Genovi u kojemu iznosi mišljenje da su „pritužbe iz rezolucije Bloka nesumnjivo preuveličane, iako sadrže određenu dozu istine.“

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Belgrade, June 1, 1922.

Despatch No. 1374

The Honorable
The Secretary of State,
Washington.

Sir:

Referring to my Despatch No. 1312 of April 12th last, relative to the memorandum of the Croatian Bloc to the Genoa Conference. I have the honor to enclose to you herewith a copy of a report dated the 29th ultimo regarding political developments in Croatia which I have received from the Consul at Zagreb, Mr. Alfred R. Thomson. This will be found to be of considerable interest.

The resolutions of the Block summarized in the report make complaints which are undoubtedly grossly exaggerated although containing a certain amount of truth. The reply of Dr. Kumanudi¹⁹⁷ to Mr. Chicherin¹⁹⁸, mentioned, will be found in Mr. Boal's

¹⁹⁷ Kumanudi, Kosta (1874. – 1962.), političar. Bio je član JDS-a, kasnije Jugoslavenske radikalne zajednice. Bio je ministar financija (1921. – 1922.), ministar unutarnjih poslova (1922.), gradonačelnik Beograda (1926. – 1929.).

¹⁹⁸ Čičerin, Georgij Vasiljevič (1872. – 1936.), sovjetski političar i diplomat. Bio je sovjetski narodni komesar za vanjske poslove (1918. – 1930.). Potpisao mir u Brest-Litovsku 1918. (*Hrvatska enciklopedija*, sv. 2 Be-Da, Zagreb: Leksikografski zavod Miroslav Krleža, 2000), 679.

despatch No. 1357 of May 18th last. The so-called "dismemberment of Croatia", is the Bill for the organization of the Administrative Regions, now pending before Parliament. This Bill was described in my Despatch No. 1320 of April 17th last, page 4, and appears to affect Croatia not differently than all other portions of the Kingdom. The so-called "plundering" of the Croatian by the withdrawal of twenty percent of the face value of the Crown Notes upon their conversion into Dinars, also affected alike all portions of the Kingdom. The present Budget Bill provides for the re-payment of this money. The so-called forced loan is that which was issued in October last and was reported at the time. Probably a certain amount of pressure was used to induce banks and other large corporations to subscribe to it but it would not appear that such pressure was greater in Croatia than elsewhere in the Kingdom. The reference to the proposed American loan should be noted and the assertion that the Adriatic railway to be built from its proceeds will not benefit Croatia. While Croatia may not benefit as much as Serbia, Bosnia, Herzegovina, Dalmatia and Montenegro, it would seem that it will nevertheless receive considerable advantages from this great trunk line. On the other hand the criticisms directed against the Government regarding its negotiations for the execution of the Treaty of Rapallo are practically identical to a large part of the criticism published in the Belgrade press.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
 Your obedient servant.
 H. Percival Dodge¹⁹⁹
 H. Percival Dodge
 American Minister.

Enclosure:

1.- Copy of report on political developments in Croatia dated May 29, 1922, received from the American Consul at Zagreb, Croatia.²⁰⁰

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36. 1922., srpanj 17., Dopis State Departmenta poslaniku Henryju Percivalu Dodgeu vezano za prethodno izvješće konzula u Zagrebu od 29. svibnja 1922.²⁰¹ s dodatnim pitanjima: „Koje se rasne skupine podrazumijevaju izrazom ‘neslavenske manjine‘“, „Brine li se Hrvatski blok samo za one manjine u Hrvatskoj ili u cijeloj Kraljevini“, te „Što se podrazumijeva pod zahtjevom manjina za uživanjem ‘istih prava’ kao što ih se uživa u Sjedinjenim Državama“.

¹⁹⁹ Vlastoručno.

²⁰⁰ Vidi dokument br. 33.

²⁰¹ Vidi dokument br. 33.