

DOKUMENTI

53. 1924., kolovoz 20., Dodatak izvješću br. 2438 Henryja Percivala Dodgea State Departmentu: Memorandum razgovora poslanika Henryja Percivala Dodgea s predsjednikom JDS-a Ljubomirom Davidovićem o trenutnoj političkoj krizi vlade u kojem je izrazio i mišljenje da je „Radić, svojim dugim izbivanjem, izgubio dosta utjecaja u stranci koju je sada pokušavao nadoknaditi ostavljanjem dojma da je u Rusiji ostvario značajan uspjeh“ i da „njegova politika vodi dugotrajnoj nestabilnosti i političkom nemiru“.

NARA, M 358, R 3, 860h.00/217

ENCLOSURE NO. WITH DESPATCH NO. OF AUGUST , 1924.

Memorandum of conversation of Mr. Dodge with Mr. Davidovitch,
August 20, 1924.

Mr. Davidovitch stated that the Cabinet was in very difficult situation but that he hoped that it would be able to overcome its difficulties. Mr. Raditch talked too much. Part of what he said was good but the other part was often unfortunate. Mr. Davidovitch thought that Mr. Raditch had lost a considerable part of his influence over his party by his long absence and was trying to regain it by giving the impression that he had had a great success in Russia; this was why he had his party join the Peasant International. Mr. Davidovitch however did not think that Mr. Raditch had had much of success in Russia and believed that the Soviet leaders knew perfectly well that he was very changeable and unreliable. This was true as Mr. Raditch was continually making statements which were contradictory. He was convinced that a large part of his party and especially the peasant was against Mr. Raditch's policies as what they chiefly wanted was peace while they could understand that Mr. Raditch's policies lead to long continued unrest and political upheavals. He also believed that what had previously constituted an important part of Mr. Raditch's strength was dissatisfaction with the Radical Government. Many of Mr. Raditch's supporters had joined him not because they especially approved of his policies but because they wished to show their opposition to the Radical Government and their support of Mr. Raditch, who was the only Radical opponent in Croatia, was the only way of doing so. However the present was a time for work and not for speechmaking. Accordingly he had now sent a friend to see Mr. Raditch and explain to him the situation in which he was placing the Cabinet and request him to be more careful as to his utterance in future and to make fewer speeches.

Parliament would probably meet towards the end of September and at present the Government was preparing bills embodying the most urgent legislation as during the last five years the Government was stagnated. Bills were being prepared against corruption in office, to give greater local autonomy, for taking care of the war invalids, agricultural credits, etc. Regarding local autonomy, the autonomy now proposed would not include local legislatures. That might come later but would depend upon circumstances, especially as to the working of the proposed law and what was desired by the people. He

did not except to have new elections, if he remained in office, for a year or even longer. Mr. Raditch also did not want elections for the present.

Mr. Davidovitch also mentioned that Mr. Raditch had formerly laid himself open by his utterance to legal charges which had been taken up in Parliament in order to obtain the suspension of his parliamentary immunity. He intimated that although the present Government would not initiate such proceedings, the law must nevertheless be enforced and local judicial authorities which were independent might make charges against him if he violated the law.

54. 1924., rujan 15., Izvješće poslanika Henryja Percivala Dodgea State Departmentu o političkoj situaciji u Kraljevini SHS s naglaskom na odnose između NRS-a i HRSS-a u kojem se govori i da su „dvojica potpredsjednika Radićeve stranke gosp[oda]. Predavec i Maček nedavno posjetili Beograd (...) i vodili razgovore s vođama vladinog Bloka“, te da je „Radićeva stranka načelno pristala da jedan ili dvojica njihovih vođa uđu u novu vladu“.

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LEGATION OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Belgrade, September 15, 1924.

Despatch No. 2452.

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The Honorable

The Secretary of State

Washington.

Sir:

Referring to my Despatch No. 2438 (860h.00/217) of August 31st last, relative to the internal political situation, I have the honor to inform you that the bitter opposition of the Radical and Independent Democratic Parties against the Government

²⁹⁵ Državni pečat.