

102. 1927., prosinac 4., Izvješće poslanika Johna Dyneleyja Princea State Departmentu u kojem se ističe mišljenje da je Radić najveći krivac za neslaganje Hrvata i Srba.

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[...] <sup>553</sup>

LEGATION OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Belgrade, December 4, 1927.

Despatch No. 335

CONFIDENTIAL

The Honorable

The Secretary of State

Washington.

Sir:

I have the honor to refer to the Legation's despatch No. 324 of November 7, 1927, on the internal political situation, in which mention was made of the efforts of the Opposition to bring about, by a vote of lack of confidence, the fall of Mr. Vukitchevitch's coalition Government. As mentioned in that despatch, the hopes of the Opposition were based on the growing discontent to the Prime Minister and on an apprehension of his increasing influence which still exists among certain members of the governmental parties, particularly among the Democrats. Although this discontent seems not to have diminished during the past four weeks. I do not quite share the opinion of some observers here particularly among my foreign colleagues, that Mr. Vukitchevitch is actually losing ground and that his Cabinet is on the eve of being overthrown. There seems to be no doubt, however, that the Prime Minister's position is strong, not so much in itself, as because of the fact that his present followers, taught by the unlucky experience of last year's kaleidoscopic changes, are aware that a stronger Cabinet could hardly be formed under the present conditions.

As regards the Croatian leader, Mr. Stephan Raditch, it appears that he has, by his demagogic attitude and lack of self-control, alienated all those political leaders from him who otherwise might have been prepared to conclude an alliance with him. Recently in Parliament during the discussion over abuses of power by police authorities in Serbia and Montenegro, Mr. Raditch violently attacked the Serbs and went so far as to say that if the situation did not change "never again shall my foot or that of any Croat enter the

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<sup>553</sup> Državni pečat.

Chamber". On another occasion Mr. Raditch spoke very bitterly of the Bosnian Mussulmans and offended their religious feelings. The Slovene leader Father Koroshets has for his part declared that while his entire party was completely satisfied with the present accord with the Serbs, it considered any sort of agreement with Mr. Raditch absolutely impossible.

I am coming more and more to the point of view that the present lack of accord between the Serbs and Croats is due more to the intransigent attitude of the highly irascible Mr. Raditch than to the procrastinating methods of the phlegmatic Serb.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,  
John Dyneley Prince<sup>554</sup>  
John Dyneley Prince.

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**103.** 1928., siječanj 2., Izvješće poslanika Johna Dyneleyja Princa State Departmentu o krizi vlade i stvaranju Seljačko-demokratske koalicije dogovorom Stjepana Radića i Svetozara Pribićevića.

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LEGATION OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Belgrade, January 2, 1928.

Despatch No. 351.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

The Honorable

The Secretary of State,  
Washington.

Sir:

I have the honor to refer to the Legation's despatch No. 335 (860h.00/336)<sup>556</sup> of December 4th 1927, on the internal political situation, and to report that in spite of all the efforts of the Prime Minister, Mr. Vukitchevitch, to strengthen the position of his

<sup>554</sup> Vlastoručno.

<sup>555</sup> Državni pečat.

<sup>556</sup> Dopisano rukopisom.