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PIROT IN THE POLITICAL WORK OF DRAGOLJUB JOVANOVIĆ

Summary: In this paper, the author analyses one of the segments of the political activity of the most important figures of the more recent history of Pirot, Serbia and Yugoslavia. Dragoljub Jovanović was a writer, political philosopher, law professor, oppositionist, orator, Farmers' Alliance chairman, local patriot and dissident. The special attention is given to the period between 1935 and 1940, when Jovanović performed a few very important political activities in the town of Pirot and the surrounding area, promoting the political ideas of the Farmers' Party, of which he was the leader. Through this political activism in and around the place of his birth, he promoted his political program on bringing together the farmers from the whole of Yugoslavia for the purpose of protecting their interests. In this paper, the author observes the treatment of this political program and Dragoljub Jovanović himself by the town of Pirot and its citizens and in the post war Yugoslavia.

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