

Summary

"Take Care of Yugoslavia"

During the First World War the idea about creating one common state for all the Southern Slavs, originating from the 19th century, started to come to life. After the war, when the dreams about the union came true, there appeared the political separation of the Serbs and the Croats, as the two leading nations in the state. The most important, crucial factor of the monarchy was its sovereign – King Alexander. He had to struggle with the difficulties coming both from the Kingdom and from abroad. In spite of that, the king Alexander tried hard to fulfil his plan about the greater integrity of the states which composed the Small Antanta, as well as to draw some of the neighbouring states into the union. However, he fell victim while trying to realize his plans. In the rough times before the Second World War, Yugoslavia remained without its sovereign, who was assassinated in Marseilles while visiting France. The king's life and deeds have not been examined as much as they deserve to be. This year, on the seventieth anniversary of his assassination, we try to pay the special tribute to the great king – the King Unifier.