

Yugoslavia

HABERL, OTHMAR NIKOLA. *Parteiorganisation und nationale Frage in Jugoslawien*. Osteuropa-Institut an der Freien Universität Berlin, Berlin 1976; distr. by Otto Harrassowitz, Wiesbaden. xii, 242 pp. DM 56.00.

After a concise introduction on the zigzag course of the Yugoslav CP in the question of the country's nationalities (until June 1941 centrifugal tendencies generally prevailed), and on its ambivalent adoption of democratization in the 1950's and early 1960's, there is a detailed (and rather dry) chronicle of congresses and conferences and other events in so far as they were relevant to the question under discussion during the years 1964-72. The accent is on the results obtained by and the opposition against what is called the "national-liberal coalition", in which the Croats were strongly represented. The disagreement among the adherents of this "coalition" on the subject of federal economic projects is accounted for. The author argues that it was the leniency of the Croat party leadership over against the nationalist actions of the students that actuated a re-centralization in 1970-71.

RUSINOW, DENNISON. *The Yugoslav Experiment 1948-1974*. C. Hurst & Co., London 1977. xxi, 410 pp. £ 9.50.

In this informative account of the background, origins and development of what could be called Yugoslav experiments in the political, economic, social and cultural fields alike, the accent is on the years 1949-53, when ideology and practice had to be opened "to modification, evolution and eclecticism", and in particular on the period from 1961 onwards, which saw the introduction of "*Laissez-faire* Socialism", the victory of decentralization and a more liberal attitude towards dissenting views (since 1970 there has been a marked regression). As to the future, the author is extremely cautious in his hypotheses. He concludes that the history of the country since 1949 has "actually 'proved' nothing except the astounding flexibility and adaptability of the Yugoslavs, both leaders and led".

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