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*The British Press on Yugoslav-Italian Relations 1929 – 1931*

*Summary*

The British press paid meager attention concerning the foreign policy position of the Kingdom of Yugoslavia in the period from the introduction of dictatorship on 6 January 1929 till the September Constitution in 1931. The key issue of Yugoslavia's foreign policy position was its relations with Italy, and that was mostly covered, stressing that Yugoslav-Italian relations were closely linked with Italian-French relations and that they had a great impact on the maintenance of peace and stability in Europe, for which Great Britain was extremely interested.

The British press had no clearly defined stand towards the Kingdom of Yugoslavia. It depended on the political tradition of the papers and the character of the event itself that was covered, but mostly on the source of information. British press correspondents from Rome, Vienna and Berlin frequently sent over articles presenting direct attacks on Yugoslavia, and they used as sources of information exclusively Italian official sources or the well-organized Croatian emigration. Rarely were there papers with correspondents from Belgrade, due to discontented information acquiring and quality. Thus, frequently there pervaded negative assessments and there were only rare attempts of applying a more serious analyses of the foreign policy position of the Kingdom of Yugoslavia.