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*The "Dom" Paper on the Parliament Assassination in 1928*

*Summary*

The Parliament Assassination in 1928, as an event without precedent, sealed the fate of parliamentarism in the Kingdom of Serbs, Croats and Slovenians and seriously jeopardized the survival of the state. There are a lot of contradictory opinions about the background of the assassination, as well as about the assassination itself, thus making it an issue for further analyses by historians. In such conditions, the analyses of the event and relevant circumstances, as seen through the writing of the party bulletin of the HSS (the Croatian Peasant Party), bear special significance. The "Dom" paper, as the party bulletin of the HSS, wrote of the Parliament Assassination as an organized act of the Government, leaving no possibility of it being a consequence of personal clashes. It also ignored disputable dialogues between delegates of the Radical Party, on one side, and the HSS on the other. Through different forms of writing, most frequently through verses, a "victims cult" was formed, that is, a "martyrs cult" which was supposed to indicate the impossibility of the survival of common life with the Serbs. The tactics of educating Croatian peasants were hypnotic, as every article, verse, comment contained the words: "mother Croatia", "beloved homeland", "long live liberated Croatia" and other similar wordings aimed at enticing the reader to ponder on idyllic independent Croatia. With a strong selection of texts and verses, the HSS attempted to use this event in order to make an even more open stand with its anti-Yugoslav policy and the idea of creating an independent Croatia.