

*Aleksandar Pavlović*

*Contributions to the Suffering of Colonists  
of Kosovo and Metohia During the Second World War*

*Summary*

Theme of this paper is everyday life of the colonists from Kosovo and Metohia during the Second World War. Trying to contribute to its research the author analyzed archival material preserved in the Archives of Yugoslavia, before all, material from the collection *Agricultural Reform and Colonisation in Socialistic Period 1945-1948*. He tries in his research to bring to the daylight colonists themselves with their names and surnames in order to save from the oblivion at least some of them. Results obtained from research show that analyzed archival material presents important source to get to know everyday life of the colonists during the war years 1941-1945 but still its significance is limited for it provides just several general guidelines about research the whole problem area. Everyday life of the colonists after exile with received farms after the agrarian reform 1941 developed in three main directions: 1) in the exile all over the occupied Nedić's Serbia 2) in captivity and camps organized by occupation authorities 3) engagement in the partisan movement. In all three cases life reality of colonists was not bright at all. It was sole survival and struggle for existence, poverty, illness, exhaustion, danger to be killed in combat. By analyzing archival material that was gathered by the winners of the war and that is the side led by the Communist Party of Yugoslavia, author thinks that it shouldn't be taken for granted, respectfully that it should be taken with caution at least in that part of the research work that reveals the truth about the armies in which the colonists fought during the war.