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*Comrades and Enemies – Participation of Women's Antifascist Front of Yugoslavia
in Women's International Democratic Federation 1945–1950*

Summary

The period after the Second World War was the period when women started to obtain their political rights. Women's International Democratic Federation was founded in Paris in 1945 and Women's Antifascist Front of Yugoslavia participated in its foundation. Representatives of Women's Antifascist Front of Yugoslavia participated in two congresses but also in the accompanying activities of the Federation. The problems regarding cooperation appeared in 1948 when Yugoslavia was in conflict with Cominform. The next year at the plenum in Moscow representatives from Yugoslavia were expelled from the further work of Federation under the pretext that they moved at the side of Capitalism. In the years to come both sides blamed one another through their media that they had betrayed the idea of antifascism. It is noticeable that both organizations reoriented themselves to the social work and left political, in the course of the fifties. That was the period when women returned to their previous roles being the part of general trend, and both organizations supported those changes. The aim of this paper is to present how women taking part in the activities of Women's International Democratic Federation, being members of Women's Antifascist Front of Yugoslavia, influenced everyday life of the women in Yugoslavia even though the researches regarding women's participation in the work dealing with the State matters have been thoroughly done, this paper may light up their less familiar participation in the work of one international organization.