
Original scientific paper
Received on October 11, 2019

ŠIMUN NOVAKOVIĆ
University of Mostar, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

REACTIONS OUTSIDE THE PARTY AND DISCUSSIONS ON *DECLARATION ON THE NAME AND STATUS OF THE CROATIAN LITERARY LANGUAGE ACCORDING TO POLITIKA AND BORBA*

Abstract

Appearance of the *Declaration on the Name and Status of the Croatian Literary Language* was followed by discussions and disapprovals of its signatories. Besides disapprovals coming from the city, republic and federal Party centers, there were also those from different Croatian republic and Yugoslav federal bodies. Serbian newspapers were extensively reporting from the meetings of the Republic Council, Economic Council, Social and Health Council, Organizational and Political Council and Education and Culture Council of the Parliament of the SR Croatia as well as Education and Culture Council, Economic Council, Social and Health Council and Federal Council of the Federal Parliament. Declaration was also discussed by some other republican and federal bodies: Republic Chamber of Commerce, Croatian Scientific Council, Committee of the Federal Council for Socio-Economic Relations and Central Council of the Yugoslav Trade Union Confederation. Some bodies outside the Party in B&H also presented their comments on the *Declaration*. Those are the teachers of the Faculty of Philosophy in Sarajevo and Management Board and Presidency of the Association of University Teachers and Scientists of B&H. Serbian newspapers also devoted much of their media space to reactions of individuals and informal groups. They were giving their comments on the *Declaration* mostly through open letters.

All the above mentioned bodies evaluated the *Declaration* in the similar way to the Party views. They declared it as an attack to brotherhood and unity, defended the unity of Croatian and Serbian language, invited to determining the responsibility of the signatories. Because of being included into adoption of the *Declaration* some signatories resigned from their posts and candidate lists for certain republic and federal councils.

Keywords: *Declaration on the Name and Status of the Croatian Literary Language*; Croatian parliament and Yugoslav federal councils; ideological discussions on language; reactions of individuals and informal groups; punishing of the *Declaration* signatories