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## **The Free Bulgarians in Exile and the Movement for United Europe**

(Summary)

The participation of the free Bulgarians in the Movement for United Europe (Mouvement europeen) is a theme in the still not researched, history of the Bulgarian political emigration after the Second World War. At the same time it constitutes also the contents of the inofficial pre-history of today's efforts of official Bulgaria for Euro-integration. In both its aspects the problem for reasons easy to explain for the academic community has not been discussed in Bulgarian historiography. In so far as there is something said, it is exhausted in a few brief notes and separate biographical reference<sup>1</sup>. Slightly more different is the question of the literature devoted to the idea of Europe and its practical implementation that began in the post-war years and that has not lost its actuality at present. After 1989 appeared scores of publications describing and analysing the European structures, the contradictory process of integration and the initiatives in its favour<sup>2</sup>. In Bulgarian were printed, also Stefan Popov's brilliant lectures-reflections, dedicated to the idea of Europe through the centuries and broadcast in the 70s by radio "Free Europe". In some of the publications the Bulgarian presence in the movement for a united Europe is noted most generally as existing within the framework of the whole East European anticommunist emigration. In the thus existing or rather absent, scientific preconditions I am compelled to balance between the academism necessary for the historical study and the inevitable repetition of well-known facts.