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**THE REESTABLISHMENT OF THE SLAVIC MOVEMENT IN
BULGARIA AT THE END OF 1944**

(Summary)

By the beginning of the World War II, the traditional Bulgarian Slavophilic movement fell into a deep ideological and organizational crisis. Eventually, it lost the very meaning of its existence and was doomed to disappear in the form it used to exist. Only a few days after the September 9th coup, the Slav Committee in Bulgaria was set up – designed as an ideological-guiding and coordinating center for all Slavic initiatives in the country. Pre-war societies such as the Bulgarian-Soviet Society, the Bulgarian-Yugoslav Society, the Bulgarian-Czechoslovak Mutuality, the Bulgarian-Polish Society, the Slavyanska Beseda Society and the Slav Society also breathed new life. The revived Slav movement in Bulgaria resumed its activities under the shadow and influence of the Moscow All-Slav Committee, founded by Stalin after the German attack on the USSR. For its part, the new Fatherland Front government resorted to the exploitation of the Slav idea in solving internal and external tasks of a purely political nature.