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## **BULGARIAN-CZECHOSLOVAKIAN RECIPROCITY SOCIETY (1918–1938)**

(Summary)

During this first period of its existence, the Bulgarian-Czechoslovakian Reciprocity Society went through many obstacles, through downturns and peaks, but throughout its twenty years of activity it steadily pursued the goal set at its establishment – to contribute to the rapprochement between the two peoples – Bulgarian and Czechoslovak. It made every effort to accomplish its goal by organizing lectures, celebrations, parties, concerts, excursions, publishing articles in mass print and in special editions, for two years it managed to maintain the printing of a magazine of the same name, etc. The attitude of the Czech governing authorities to the members of the Reciprocity and their work in bilateral cultural relations can be judged by the fact that in 1927 the President of the Society Prof. V. Zlatarski and Secretary Lyuba Kasarova were among the first Bulgarians to receive Czechoslovak state honors – Orders. They were sent to them through the legation in Sofia by President T. G. Masarik personally.