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**THE AMERICAN PHILANTHROPIC ORGANIZATIONS (ARA, JDC)
AND THE HUMANITARIAN AID FOR THE COUNTRIES IN EASTERN
EUROPE AFTER THE FIRST WORLD WAR AND SPECIFICALLY
THE THIRD BULGARIAN KINGDOM**

(Summary)

The article reveals issues related to the activities of American humanitarian organizations that actively acted immediately after the First World War with the states of the European continent that were most affected by the hostilities. Despite the fact that Bulgaria was one of the states opposing to the USA during the war, humanistic ideas prevailed in America and the Bulgarian Kingdom was included into the list of countries that received humanitarian support. The American Relief Administration was the most active in Bulgaria, and was commonly known as the ARA and the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (Joint, JDC). The article cites facts that have become key in making decisions regarding the deployment of a humanitarian mission, quantitative indicators of assistance are given. The main centres for the distribution of humanitarian supplies are determined by the cities of Sofia and Plovdiv. The article highlights the activities of American humanitarian organizations (AHOs) in the field of assistance to orphanages, targeted assistance to poor citizens of Bulgaria, assistance in the aftermath of natural disasters. The presented scientific work is in fact the first attempt to systematize and generalize materials on the activities of American humanitarian organizations after the First World War in Bulgaria. The author uses documents previously not included in the scientific circulation from Ukrainian, American and Bulgarian archives, as well as materials from the press and information periodicals of the humanitarian organization.