



THE MEMORIAL MUSEUM OF
THE FIRST CONFERENCE OF
THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF
CROATIA

1980.

This is the building in which the First Conference of the Communist Party of Croatia was held on 25 August 1940. In the part of the building giving on the street there was an inn, which was very convenient for underground activities in other parts of the building. From the end of 1938 the building had been used by the Party, and in spring of 1940 it served as a place where the Croatian Communist Party Panel was held. During the People's Liberation War, the building was a check-point for those leaving for the liberated territory. Through it, in December of 1942, passed the great poets Vladimir Nazor and Ivan Goran Kovačić on their way to join the partisan forces.

The First Croatian Communist Party Conference had been preceded by twelve district conferences, the Municipal Conference of the City of Zagreb, and the Regional Conference for Dalmatia, at which party officers and delegates for this Conference were elected.

The main job of the Conference was to give an analysis of the political situation in the country and in the world. The main emphasis was put on the consolidation and organizational strengthening of the Party, its activities among young people and women, and its role in the trade unions. The need was stressed in the discussion to strengthen the position of the Party in rural areas and to establish a unity of workers and peasants. Special attention was paid to the struggle of the oppressed peoples of Yugoslavia for their independence and to the danger of fascist aggression. It was demanded, in this connection, that Yugoslavia should come closer to the U.S.S.R. and to sign a mutual assistance pact with the U.S.S.R.

The First Croatian Communist Party Conference was attended by the Secretary General of the Yugoslav Communist Party, Josip Broz Tito, and the member of the Politbureau of the Yugoslav Communist Party's Central Committee Edvard Kardelj. They contributed a great deal to the successful work of the Conference. The new Central Committee of the Communist Party of Croatia and the Politbureau were elected on that occasion. Rade Končar became the secretary of the Croatian Communist Party's Central Committee.

The resolution passed by the Conference outlined new tasks for the Party organizations and thus prepared for the Fifth National Conference of the Communist Party of Yugoslavia.

The Memorial Museum is situated in three rooms of the building giving on the street and in two rooms of the backyard building, where the First Conference was held.

The exhibition area is thematically divided into three parts: the first part showing the period between 1920 and 1940, the second depicting the situation on the eve of the First Conference in 1940, and the third presenting the materials of the Conference.

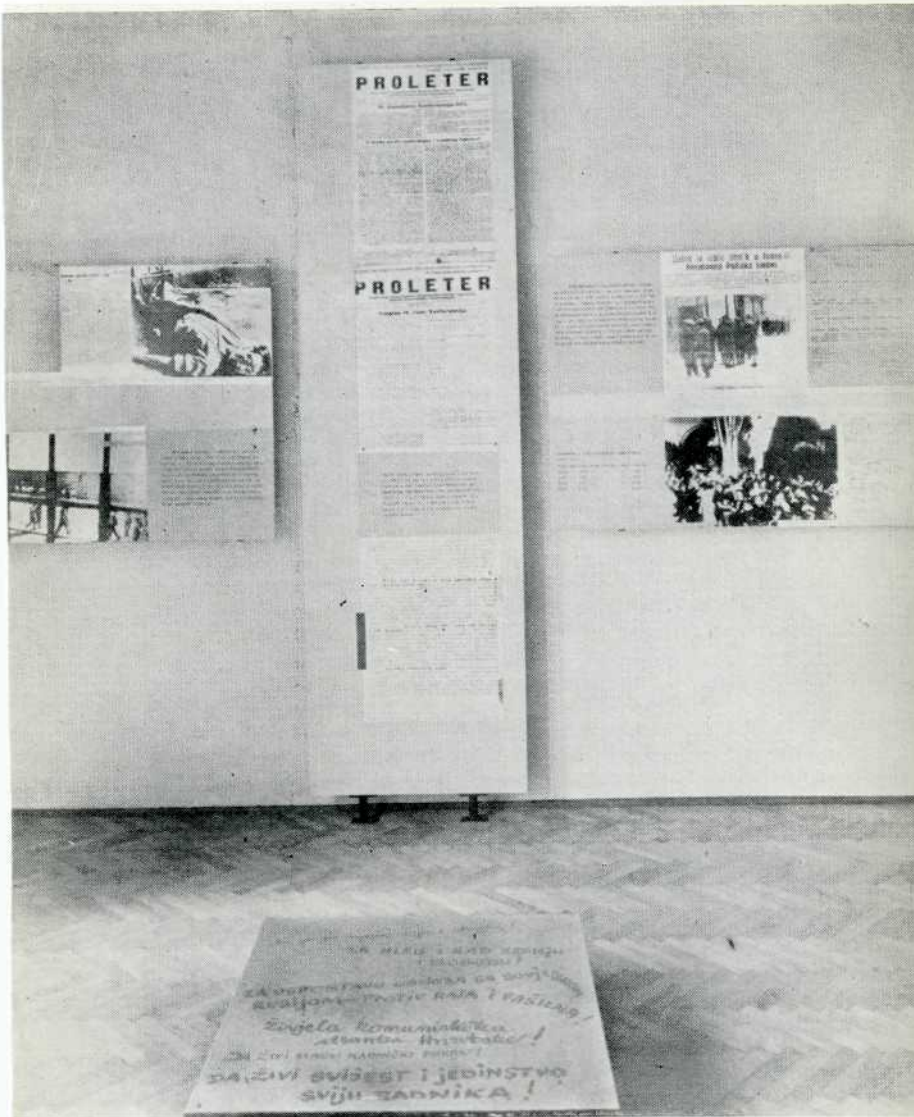
Room I. A series of photocopies and photographs illustrate the activities of the Party and of the trade union movement: Yugoslav Communist Party membership card in the name of Nikola Pupavac dated 1920; copy of the Resolution of the Municipal Conference of the Zagreb Communist Party Organisation of 1928; decision on the foundation of the Communist Party of Croatia; and the photocopy of the *Proleter* from 1937, containing the Proclamation of the Communist Party of Croatia.

Room II. Maps, photocopies and charts exhibited here illustrate the situation in Croatia in 1940. Exhibits include a leaflet issued by the District Committee of the United Labour Socialist Party in Zagreb signed by Rade Končar, the organizational chart of the Croatian Communist Party on the eve of the First Conference, a tabular review of membership increase between 1937 and 1940, the Resolution of the Regional Party Conference for Dalmatia, as well as the map showing places in which district conferences were held during 1940.

Room III. In this room the Conference materials are displayed: a copy of the agenda, the coded and decoded list of delegates attending the Conference, the Conference Resolution, photographs of Josip Broz and Edvard Kardelj, of the newly elected Politbureau and of most of the delegates.

In the corridor there are the photographs of the members of the Central Committee of the Croatian Communist Party elected at the Conference.

Rooms IV and V. The room in which the Conference was held, in the backyard building, is entered through what was then the kitchen of the inn. Here are shown the authentic pieces of furniture, such as the kitchen range, cupboard, and the tool desk belonging to Silvije Pelc, who put these premises at the disposal of the Party. The room in which the Conference was held is still furnished as it was at that time and the furniture has not been changed.

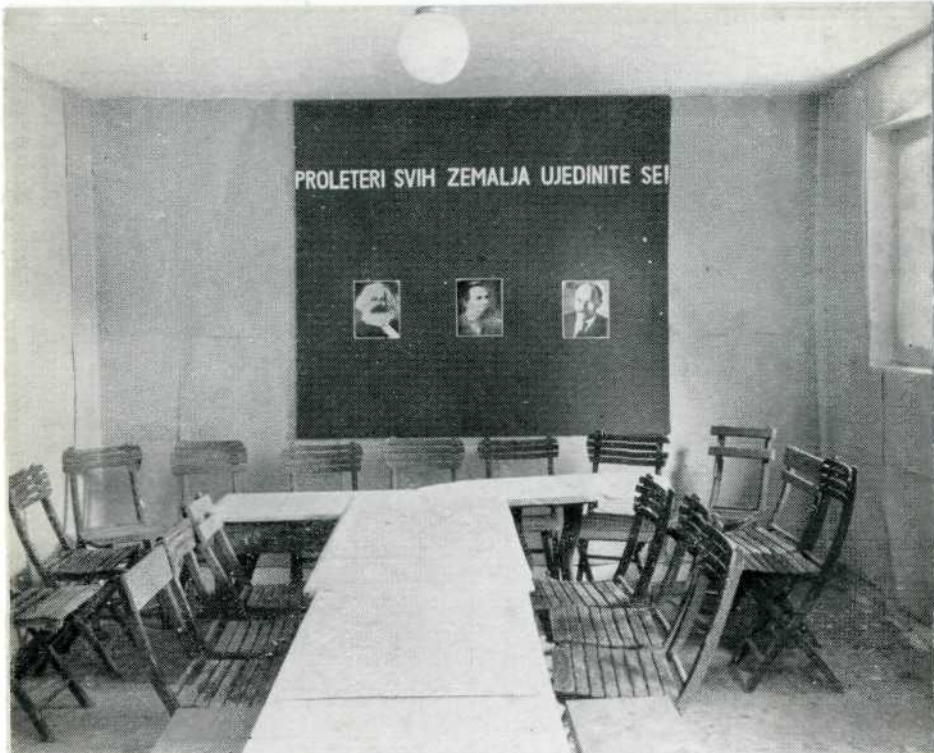


PART OF THE EXHIBITION SPACE, DISPLAYING THE TEXT OF THE DECISION TO ESTABLISH THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CROATIA



EXHIBITS CONNECTED WITH STRIKES AND OTHER REVOLUTIONARY ACTIONS OF THE WORKING CLASS

PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE DELEGATES AND THE NEWLY ELECTED POLITBUREAU OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CROATIA AT THE CONFERENCE



THE HALL IN WHICH THE FIRST CONFERENCE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CROATIA WAS HELD ON 25 AUGUST 1940

THE MUSEUM IS OPEN DAILY FROM 9.00—13.00 AND 16.00—19.00 HOURS, EXCEPT ON SUNDAYS WHEN IT IS OPEN FROM 9.00—13.00 ONLY, AND ON MONDAYS WHEN IT IS CLOSED.

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