A SUMMARY

Of the review of the dissertation of Prof. Vesselin Ianchev “September 1923”

The dissertation deals with a problem which in Bulgaria at least has not only science but political dimensions too. Hundreds of articles and books have already been published but the prevailing majority of them are based on very restricted source foundations.

Vesselin Ianchev is an unusual type of military historian. He is interested mainly in the relations between the army and the society and the role of the military in crisis situations in peace time. His research is based on a huge quantity of documents never used before. He analyzes them with deep understanding of the issues trying to be as objective as possible keeping aside of political bias. His conclusions about the role of the communist international in instigating and financing the abortive uprising of September 1923 are persuasive and convincing.

I am pretty much sure that for years to come this will remain the standard treatise on the subject and I fully recommend to the jury to prof. Ianchev the degree doctor of sciences.

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