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**BULGARIAN-SOVIET RELATIONS, PROPAGANDA AND  
CONJUNCTURE (1944-1945)**

(Summary)

After 1944 in the Bulgarian socio-political thinking consolidated a number of propaganda clichés and ideological formulations about the essence of Bulgarian-Soviet relations. They were described by bombastic and pompous superlatives of the kind of: “As the sun and air for every living being” or “Fraternal and selfless Soviet assistance to Bulgaria”, etc.

The propaganda clichés emerged in the first post-war years as part of the Soviet psychological pressure on Bulgarian society which, along with the military and political presence of the USSR in Bulgaria, led to turning the country into a Soviet satellite. In accordance with the instructions of the leader of the Bulgarian communists Georhi Dimitrov, the propaganda theses were justified not only by political necessity but also with the ethnic and even biological kinship between the two peoples. This was aimed at lowering the resistance of certain circles in Bulgaria against the uninterrupted raising of Bulgaria’s dependence on the USSR and at implanting in the minds of the people the sense of the irreversibility of these processes.

The imposition of the propaganda theses about Bulgarian-Soviet relations served also the policy of the Bulgarian communists for their definitive stabilization in power. This blending of the Soviet interests resulted in establishing conditions contributive to servility, fatalism and unnaturalness in the relations of the Bulgarian political factors to the USSR.

The passing of the propaganda theses in scientific research inflicted grave harm on historical science. As a result, for many years in Bulgaria historiography Bulgarian-Soviet relations were identified with Bulgarian-Soviet friendship and the negative moments on them were fully disregarded.