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CZECH FIGURES IN N. IORGA'S MEMOIRS

(Summary)

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Although the Romanian-Czech bibliography is relatively ample, plenty of spaces remain that still need replays, extensions, clarifications. The history of those who attended to this matter in the last centuries is unwritten and cannot be imagined without thorough restorations. If we stop here at a segment of N. Iorga's work, related to the Czech world, it's because the specified segment, the memoirs, can enlighten us on the means by which the historical discourse is potentiated at the meeting with the confessional contemporary discourse. And the latter is too ample, too diverse to be thoroughly examined at the moment. For it equally contains, in the case of N. Iorga, daily notes, travel notes, memoirs, autobiography, and occasional evocation. To be noted that some of N. Iorga's works of simple historical restitution are presenting considerable memoir infusions. Here we confine ourselves to the data defining the type of state, institutional or personal relations that have been created soon after the Great War between Romanians and Czechs, relations that were only extended and consolidated by the Treaty of Versailles and the following treaties.

The here discussed memoir sequences of N. Iorga's works have to be mostly estimated from the historiography point of view, being that the author himself was favouring such a perspective and was stimulating related preoccupations around it. It is obvious, from this point of view, the historian's sympathy towards the states emerging from the defunct Austro-Hungarian Empire, especially towards Czechoslovakia, over which he often stopped, in multiple forms, commenting its geopolitical status, internal tensions, spiritual qualities, representative figures, its gestures of friendship towards the Romanians. For him, the personality of President Tomas Masaryk especially came into prominence, alongside Ed. Beneş, C. J. Jireček, I. Urban Jarnik, Metodi Zavoral, the last being the ones he felt closer. The community itself appeared to him as "of the right sort" and the country "steady" enough to be a model.

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