SUMMARY

The future of the emigrate Croatia

This volume gathers papers presented at an international symposium held in Zagreb in 1997 under the title, Croatian Diaspora, yesterday, today and tommorrow. The symposium was organized by the Insitute of Social Research Ivo Pilar and by the Croatian Center for Strategic Studies. The works of the authors whose texts comprise this volume are intellectually varied and show the issues that concern Croatian intellectuals from both Croatia and abroad. The headings and texts in this volume were structured from the standpoint of thematic and logical criteria.

The first section of this volume under the heading *General Historical Outlooks* brings together seven authors who discuss the problems of current research in the field of Croatian emmigration together with the issues of integrating the emigrate community with the Croatian homeland.

The essays in the second section under the heading, Concerning National and Cultural Identity, bring out the different organizational activities of the Croatian emigrate community who were a key factor in safeguarding Croatia's national and cultural identity. The texts in the section are from authors from twelve countries and from three continents.

The third section, *The experience and contribution of Croatians in Emigrant Countries*, brings together ten authors from seven countries and four continents who reveal both individual and organizational examples of the hetergeneous experiences which Croatians had in emigrant countries.

The fourth section, under the title, On some aspects of Return is composed of three articles, which on the basis of personal experience and fundamental positions contemplate the various initiatives and hardships which were confronted by different generations of emigrant Croatians when they returned to Croatia.



The fifth section, Integration of Scientific and Developmental Potential forwards texts by four authors who address the huge issue of the scientific and ecomonic force of the Croatian emigrant community. These texts outline the path through which both sides should travel in integrating the scientific and economic potential of emigrant Croatia with the Croatian homeland.

The sixth section, *The Experience of the Second Generation*, forwards three personal experiences in the thinking of the second generation of emigrant Croatians, who in a distinctive way speak of the problems of return and assimilation faced in emigrant countries.

The first article of the sevent hsection, *Victims and Ordeals* advances and epitomizes an overview of the political liquidations which emigrant Croatians were exposed to by the Yugoslav Secret Service Organization or UDBA. The second article in this section is a concrete representation of the Croatian experience with minority problems in Australia.

The last and eighth section under the title *One view from the Diaspora*, forwards an interesting analysis by an author who returned to Croatia and who reflects on the international standing of the Republic of Croatia within the context of the Dayton Peace Accords.