

VELEBIT UPRISING: A Collection of Papers  
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The Croatian history of the 20th century is characterized by events that transpired within exceptionally turbulent contexts and under mutually contradictory political regimes. In such an environment, historical scholarship has occasionally struggled to provide unequivocal judgments and assessments of these occurrences. A particularly significant topic, vital for both Croatian national and specifically Lika history, is the armed assault on the gendarmerie station in the village of Brušani during the night of September 6-7, 1932.

Although the immediate consequences of the events that unfolded on Velebit 90 years ago were relatively minor, their ramifications were profound. This is particularly true in a context where Croatia, under monarchist Yugoslavia between the two World Wars, occupied a status akin to that of a "schismatic colony" (Miroslav Krleža). The regime's repressive apparatus disproportionately affected the impoverished populace of Lika, already suffering from malnutrition due to the global economic crisis.

The events in Lika garnered significant attention in the foreign press, notably in Italy and Hungary. Esteemed Croatian historians (Mario Jareb, PhD, Zlatko Begonja, PhD, Hrvoje Čapo, PhD, Tatjana Tomaić, Mag, Zdenko Kuftinec) have explored the multifaceted causal elements surrounding this incident, providing a comprehensive insight into the local realities of Lika during that period while also situating the event within the broader spectrum of global political movements of the time. The contributions are articulated with clarity and methodological rigor, enriched by new findings derived from archival research conducted in Rome, Zagreb, and Belgrade.

Furthermore, an important aspect of this collection is its dedicated section addressing the contemporary relevance of this topic, thereby underscoring the significance of the Velebit Uprising in today's context.