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“Polish Slavophilism” and its influence on Polish slavistic studies. (The editor’s note)

SUMMARY

The writer expresses the views which used to be the official interpretation of history in the former Soviet Union until recently. From this stand he evaluates various Polish interpretations of the idea of the Slav integration. Some of them he calls reactionary, retrograde, bourgeois, while others are for him progressive, revolutionary, class-oriented etc. The article is opened by some remarks on the indistinctness of the terms used in the works on this subject which is followed by a discussion and then a definition of the notions suggested by the author. He tries to describe the dependence of the content of Slavophilism upon the social and national conflicts. Consequently he distinguishes three periods determined by different historical conditions and points to the varying intensiveness of Slavophil feelings. The fluctuations in the popularity of Slavophilism did influence also the study of this subject at universities. But he is not especially concerned with those particular studies. And he considers Russophilism to be the most important part in this field, that is why he discusses in some detail the Russophil views as expressed in the writings on this subject in Polish.

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