

Review of Dr. A Anušauskas article “Arrests and other forms of violence (1940–1941m.)”

This is a thorough study written relying on the published works and new documents found in the archives. Since, a lot has been written, memoirs were published on the problem of occupation during the period of 1940 – 1941 also by Lithuanians abroad, certain stereotypes of evaluation of that period have already formed. Newly published data, in my opinion, will give new food for thought.

The fact that national security lieutenant Zaidenvurm estimated how many people should presumably be registered in Lithuania as suspects is invaluable. Not all of these – about 320 thousand - Lithuanian citizens, thank God, experienced acts of repression during the first occupation, or after World War II (a number of them survived by moving to the West). However, those who escaped from the madness of repression were pushed to the peripheries of life.

As far as the structure of the work is concerned, there is only one remark. In my opinion, the fact that people were punished also for working legally in the independent state, which for 20 years wasn't a part of Russia, should have been emphasised more clearly.

There are a couple technical remarks. Although it is mentioned that the work contains 11 appendixes, only a couple of them are attached. Also, there is no reference to a couple of charts. Many readers will find the first chart incomprehensible, since ‘the total number’, as it seems, was calculated by adding the number of the detained and the deportees. There is no data on the latter in the chart. Besides, after adding the numbers in the chart, the total number is different.

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