

The Independent State of Croatia

What do you know about Dr Ante Pavelić and the Ustasha movement prior to 1941?

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A. Pavelic, born in Bratuna (BH). He was the founder and the leader of the Ustasha movement and the Croatians Right party. He left to Italy in 1929. There he learned how to organise terrorist operations and military camps.

Which political party had the greatest support of the Croats before 1941?

The Croatians Right Party - Ustasha

Analyse the map of the Independent State of Croatia and compare it with the borders of today's Croatia. Which differences can you see?

The map of NDH included Bosnia & Herzegovina, Srijem, and it didn't include the Dalmatian coast.

Analyse the photograph of Adolf Hitler and Ante Pavelić taken at their meeting in Berghof. Can you see from the photograph which one of them dominates the meeting and their relations? What makes you think so?

Hitler is dominant because he is standing above Pavelić. Pavelić is standing stiff like being a soldier in front of a superior of him. They look happy and cooperative showing they belong in the same party. It looks like Hitler is giving authority to Pavelić - and instructions.

Find the screen with the photographs of Adolf Hitler and Ante Pavelić, Benito Mussolini and Slavko Kvaternik, and of the Italian army in Dubrovnik. Can the Independent State of Croatia be called an independent and sovereign state?

Benito Mussolini seems he is the dominant the leader, the one who decides. The rest don't even trust watch him - they seem subjective to him. No trust. The same happens with the picture of Hitler and Pavelić. We can say that the state of Croatia was not independent but was subject and under the authority of the Germans and Italian.

Explain the expression «satellite state».

A state that follows and implements decision taken by a central state. Croatia was a satellite state of Germany.