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BOGOROV'S „TSARIGRAD NEWSPAPER“ - A BRIGHT PRESENCE IN THE LIFE OF THE BULGARIANS (1848-1850)

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Until Bulgaria's liberation in 1877-1878 the Turkish authorities did not allow the opening of a printing house in the Bulgarian lands. The solution for the Bulgarian national revival literature came from abroad, where there were printing houses using Bulgarian letters. Despite the fact that this made the publications more expensive and rendered the work of the publishers difficult, the process was irreversible.

After the first printed Bulgarian newspaper *Bylgarski orel* (*Bulgarian eagle*) was published, thus laying the foundations of Bulgarian journalism, Ivan Bogorov from Karlovo visited Ottoman Empire's capital for a second time, to become the publisher of the second national newspaper. As several readers and the editor himself admitted „*Leipzig is no place for a Bulgarian newspaper*“.

The conditions for a Bulgarian newspaper in Tsarigrad (Istanbul) were very favorable. Bulgarians considered Tsarigrad an economic center, which gradually turned into a center of spiritual enlightenment as well. The Bulgarians in Tsarigrad lived an organized life in guilds. The national awareness of the huge colony was awakened and the struggle for religious independence began. These Bulgarians needed a community publication, a newspaper to express their aspirations and need for knowledge, education and news; to express and defend their demands and interests.

Tsarigrad newspaper, with Bogorov as its editor, was published for three years - from 1848 to 1851.

The newspaper included articles on various topics:

- Related to education
- schools, community centers, training, upbringing, literature;
- Related to linguistic matters - grammar, spelling, Bulgarian language. - Side-notes, reviews and critical opinions.
- Stories based on memories of the Tarnovo and Tryavna revival; geographical, ethnographic and statistical descriptions.