

Summary

Subject matter: The Chairman of the State Council of the PRC Zhou Enlai: the biography of the revolutionary.

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Topicality of the research is conditioned by the fact that in the situation of the modern state of international relations, the experience of the interaction with the Chinese ruling elite, of which Zhou Enlai was the most striking representative, acquires great significance. He was remarkable for his skill to find the meeting points with partners in the inter-state dialog in the solution of different political, economic and cultural problems. He to a greater degree was the embodiment of the model of the Chinese politician who, defending the interests of his country, simultaneously spoke in defence of peaceful coexistence of all the states irrespective of their political system.

Objective of the research is to conduct the analysis and assessment of the activity of Zhou Enlai, one of the chief leaders of the People's Republic of China, whose biography enables one to understand the specific features of the formation of the ruling elite of the communist China.

Tasks of the research:

- to show the specific nature of the socio-economic situation in China in the first half of the XXth century;
- to assess the revolutionary activity of Zhou Enlai and his contribution to the victory of the PRC in the struggle against the invaders and the counterrevolutionary forces;
- to analyze the peculiarities of the socio-economic and political development of the PRC in the period of the formation of the communist state and its further development in the period under study;

- to ascertain the role of Zhou Enlai at the post of the head of the Government of the PRC and Foreign Minister.

Theoretical and practical significance of the research is conditioned by the fact that it resolves the issues connected with the circumstances of the formation of the ruling elite of the Chinese state, and also with the possibility of the use of its materials in the analysis of the processes of the development of the Chinese society for the space of the whole of the XXth century.

The findings contained in the work are of interest both for the scientific and teaching activity in Russia's higher education institutions and for university students and post-graduate students of the departments of oriental studies researching into the socio-political processes in the countries of the Far East.

Results of the research showed that Zhou Enlai went through a complicated and dangerous road of the revolutionary having carried through all the peripeteia of the Chinese history of the XXth century the revolutionary ideals, established himself as an outstanding politician and statesman of China, played an important role in the formation and development of the CPC and PRC.

Recommendations:

1. In the process of a further research into the problems connected with the study of the biographies of the outstanding political and public figures of the Far East, one should pay attention to the ideological and theoretical and philosophical principles that determined their personality development and political bias.

2. While exploring the problems directly connected with the studies dedicated to the chapters of Zhou Enlai's biography one has to pay more attention to his relations with the leaders of the Soviet state and the Soviet state as a whole.