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Documents from the Sectoral State Archive of the Security Service of Ukraine on the Activities of the Personnel of the International Committee of the Red Cross during the 1956 Hungarian Revolution

(Abstract)

PAL, SECAM, NTSC or...? The Implementation of Colour Television System in Bulgaria (1960s – the beginning of 1970s). Following the world trends, in the 1970's Bulgaria switched from black and white to colour television. According to agreements between the USSR and France, it, like all Eastern European countries, had to implement the French system SECAM. Due to financial difficulties, Bulgaria was delaying the realisation of the decision, although the French state used various mechanisms to accelerate this technical operation, which would be of great political importance and contribute to the prestige of France. Based on Bulgarian archival documents, the study reveals internal contradictions between institutions, a series of normative acts with inconsistent decisions and, ultimately, the final rejection of the French system SECAM.

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