

YUGOSLAVIA

Dates of Elections: 14 April to 10 May 1986

Purpose of Elections

Elections were held for all the seats in both Chambers of the Assembly of the S.F.R.Y. on the normal expiry of the members' term of office.

Characteristics of Parliament

The Constitution defines the Assembly of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (S.F.R.Y.) as a supreme federal body of social self-management. It is bicameral, consisting of the Federal Chamber and the Chamber of Republics and Provinces.

The Federal Chamber is composed of 220 members, 30 from each of the 6 Republics and 20 from each of the 2 Autonomous Provinces. These members are delegates of self-managing organizations, self-managing territorial communities and socio-political organizations.

The Chamber of Republics and Provinces is composed of 88 members: 12 delegates from each of the 6 Republican Assemblies and 8 delegates from each of the 2 Provincial Assemblies.

Delegates to both Chambers of the S.F.R.Y. Assembly serve for a term of 4 years.

Electoral System

All citizens who are at least 18 years of age have the right to elect and be elected members of the delegation of their basic self-managing organization or community, and to be delegates to the assembly of a socio-political community (i.e. any territorial community, whether on the level of a commune, Autonomous Province, Republic or the Federation itself). Such age requirement does not apply in the case of a worker in a labour organization or community who fully participates in the self-management of a working organization or community.

Members of socio-political organizations (such as the League of Communists, the Socialist Alliance of the Working People, the Federation of Trade Unions, the War Veterans' Federations and the Youth League), citizens within local communities and members of the armed forces on active duty also have the right to elect and be elected delegates. University and secondary school students have the right to form delegations in the field of education.

No person may be elected for more than two consecutive terms as delegate to the same assembly. Officials of federal agencies or organizations elected or nominated by either the S.F.R.Y. Assembly and its Presidency, the Presidency of the S.F.R.Y. or the Federal Executive Council (Government) cannot at the same time be delegates to the **S.F.R.Y.** Assembly.

The candidates for delegates to all levels of assemblies, including the Federal Chamber, are screened during voters' meetings held within basic organizations and territorial com-

munities, as well as within the framework of the Socialist Alliance of the Working People and other socio-political organizations. The Socialist Alliance of the Working People is charged with the co-ordination of nominations. Within 15 days after the calling of elections, the delegations elected by the basic working or socio-political organizations and local communities proceed with the election of delegates to the communal assemblies and propose the list of candidates chosen from among themselves for, on the one hand, delegation to the respective Republican or Provincial Assembly and, on the other hand, delegation to the Federal Chamber.

The list of candidates to the Federal Chamber is drawn up at the latest 15 days before election day by the Nominating Conferences of the Socialist Alliance of the Working People of each Republic and Province. Candidates appear on these lists in the order of preference voted upon by secret ballot by each Conference. Each list comprises at least as many candidates as there are seats to be filled (30 for a Republic, 20 for a Province).

Delegates to the Federal Chamber are elected by the communal assemblies by secret ballot and simple majority vote. Electors vote for candidates appearing on blocked lists. Those candidates obtaining the majority of votes in assemblies of communes having the greatest number of voters are declared elected. In case two or more candidates obtain the same number of votes, election is according to the candidates' order of appearance on the list.

Delegates to the Chamber of Republics and Provinces are chosen from among the members of each Republican and Provincial Assembly and elected by the latter by secret ballot. Elected delegates keep their double mandate.

Delegates to the S.F.R.Y. Assembly can be recalled. In the case of a delegate to the Federal Chamber, the proposal for recall must first be accepted in principle by all communal assemblies and the Nominating Conference of the Republic or Province from which the delegate comes. A vote is then called in all the communal assemblies and the decision is taken by secret ballot. The recall is approved if the majority of delegates in assemblies of communes having the greatest number or registered voters vote for it.

By-elections are held for vacancies which arise more than six months prior to the normal end of a legislature.

General Considerations and Conduct of the Elections

The process of elections started on March 10 and lasted until May 10. Nomination of candidates took place through the month of March and the elections by communal assemblies of delegates to the Federal Chamber were held from 14 to 21 April, depending on the Republic or Province. Elections by the Republican and Provincial Assemblies followed until May 10.

Subsequent to the polling, the two Chambers of the Federal Assembly met in joint session on 16 May and elected Mr. Branko Mikulic as President of the Federal Executive Council (federal Prime Minister). The Assembly also approved a 31-member Federal Executive Council (Cabinet).

Statistics

1. Results of the Elections and Distribution of Seats in the Federal Chamber

Republic or Province	Number of Delegates	Number of Electoral Colleges (Communal Assemblies)	Number of Registered Voters on the Territory of the Republic/ Province	Total Number of Members of the Electoral Colleges	Total Number of Votes cast	Total Number of Invalid Votes
<i>Republics</i>						
Bosnia and Hercegovina	30	109	2,883,172	10,948	9,116	31
Croatia	30	115	3,400,965	12,322	10,684	464
Macedonia	30	M	1,252,271	3,894	3,370	15
Montenegro	30	20	388,766	1,762	1,543	11
Serbia	30	187	6,565,689	21,166	18,519	43
Slovenia	30	65	1,419,450	5,950	5,328	157
<i>Provinces</i>						
Kosovo	20	2?	845,186	2,510	2,104	1)
Voivodina	20	S0	1,488,440	5,424	4,762	

2. Distribution of Delegates according to Professional Category

	Federal Chamber	Chamber of Republics and Provinces
Economists	30	2
Jurists	S	—
Officials of socio-political organizations	62	76'
Senior grade members of armed forces	X	—
Members of the teaching profession	13	4
Members of the medical profession	5	—
Engineers	43	1
Technical employees	7	1
Skilled workers	37	3
Agricultural workers	3	—
Various professions	4	1
	220	XX

*Jurists, economists, medical profession and others.

3. *Distribution of Delegates according to Sex*

	Federal Chamber	Chamber of Republics and Provinces
Men	181	79
Women	<u>39</u>	9
	220	XX