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A STUDY OF PROBLEMS OF GEORGIAN POLITICAL INTEGRATION IN NIKO BERDZENISHVILI' WORKS

1. Unfortunately, Acad. Niko Berdzenishvili (1894-1965) did not make a special research on problems of Georgian political integration.

2. According to Niko Berdzenishvili a period of "Georgian political disintegration" ended in VIII century. At the end of the VIII century large principalities were formed one by one, which began fighting for Georgian integration. The scientist vividly depicted this process and considered it to be 'a great success of progressive forces'. Niko Berdzenishvili called the end of X century a period of fundamental change in Georgian History.

3. Niko Berdzenishvili considered that the first king of the United Georgia Bagrat III, the King of Imer -Tao Region - David Kurapalati, the Ruler of Kartly Region - Joane Marushi and the capital of the Kingdom - Kutaisi and 'The State of Kutaisi' played an essential role in the process of Georgian political integration.

4. The evaluation made by the great scientist of different issues which will be discussed in the paper is a valuable acquisition of Georgian Historical Science.

5. Acad. Niko Berdzenishvili had a different scientific viewpoint on Abkhasian problem which deserves a special attention.

6. The author of the article presents a special scientific study first in Georgian historiography about the above mentioned problem of Abkhasia, for the further discussion.