

NATO NIKABADZE

THE FIRST NATIONAL COUNCIL OF GEORGIA

After the February Revolution of 1917 the non-Russian nations of the Russian empire had high expectations for obtaining national independence.

On the initiative of the inter-party council, the First National Council of Georgia opened on November 19, 1917 in Tbilisi. Noe Zhordania became a chair of the National Council of Georgia while G. Laskhishvili, Gr. Veshapeli, Vl. Gobechia and Ak. Chkhenkeli were elected as his associates.

The Council approved its agenda: 1) the modernity and the Georgian Nation, 2) the report on the property of the nobility and 3) current issues (such as army as well as Council elections).

As for the orientation adopted by the First National Council of Georgia, it was a political maneuver aimed at preventing expected complications; therefore, it should be regarded as a relevant measure, considering the historical moment. Following the 1917 Revolution, the issue of independence of the Georgian state gained importance in social-political thought among the Georgian society. However, with the absence of statehood, the state independence was a highly challenging issue to be accomplished.