

## ELDAR TAVBERIDZE

### *POLEMIC BETWEEN NOE ZHORDANIA AND PUBLICISTS OF "MOAMBE" AND "IVERIA"*

Noe Zhordania opposes the publicists of "Moambe" and "Iveria"; he does not share their views concerning national issues, rather he attempts to discuss them from a Marxist perspective. He criticizes the "Iveria" contributors as though they depict livestock-still rather than as an ever-developing process. Marxist Noe Zhordania considers the Marxist worldview to be the way to revival. The publicists of "Moambe" and "Iveria" did not disregard the vicissitudes of life either; rather they strived for change, however, with emphasis on the revival of national issues.

The polemic by Noe Zhordania was directed against not only the publicists of "Moambe" and "Iveria" but also primarily against Ilia Chavchavadze, the leader of the national liberation movement in Georgia. Noe Zhordania thought that the Tergdaleulis under Ilia Chavchavadze's guidance certainly left an indelible imprint on social and cultural life in Georgia; however, their position in 1880s was already wrong, they failed to keep pace with the times and, therefore, should have given place to a new generation.

"Dominion of "Droeba" is progressive, while that of "Iveria" is reactionary", claims Noe Zhordania.

His point of view concerning the development of Georgia was radically different from the worldview of Ilia, the leader of the nation.