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### NATIONAL AND SOCIO-POLITICAL ISSUES REFLECTED IN „KOLKHIDA“ NEWSPAPER

The national and socio-political developments of 1910s continued against the background of irreconcilable confrontation between conflicting movements. The clash of political parties that supported differing political platforms undermined the physical and spiritual well-being of the nation.

The establishment of political parties in Georgia facilitated a growth of new periodicals rationally expressing the parties' ideas. During 1911-1913 Kutaisii issued a daily newspaper "Kolkhida" among whose contributors and supporters were famous public figures such as K. Abashidze, Gr. Gvelesiani, S. Khundadze, D. Meskhi, Tr. Japaridze, etc. In order to express their national spirit and aspiration, the editorial staff had to make tremendous efforts due to harsh censorship of every new issue.

Censorship was especially focused on *anti-Tsarist and anti-Russian propaganda, and any efforts of expression of the Georgian national spirit.*

Being a democratic newspaper, "Kolkhida" shared the ideas and concepts and was a basis for the *Socialist-Federalist* party in Western Georgia.