

## EDITORIAL INTRODUCTION

Toussaint Hočevar had a fierce pride in his Slovene heritage, and a missionary zeal to interest others in the Slovenes. For those of us who are Slovenes, he informed and reminded us of our heritage; he encouraged us to think, to study, and to write about the Slovenes and about Slovenia. There are many others who knew virtually nothing about this small nation and this small region; yet his sense of excitement about the subject led us to research it in depth. Quite simply, he was the teacher of many, among them two of the co-editors of this *Festschrift*, and an inspiration to many more, among them the third.

The list of authors for this volume was suggested by Toussaint himself; in this sense it comprises his last contribution to Slovene Studies. The topics covered reflect the subjects that he himself studied. He wrote extensively on the cultural and intellectual history of the Slovene people; he was a pioneer in the study of the interaction between economics and language; he researched economic development and especially the role of finance; and he wrote a great deal on the problems of Slovenia in contemporary Yugoslavia. Together, the papers in this volume represent Toussaint Hočevar's panoramic view of the Slovene people, both through time, and as seen from a range of social science disciplines.

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