



GÄDIATĪ (SEĶAYĪ FĪRT) COMAQ

GÄDIATĪ (SEĶAYĪ FĪRT) COMAQ (Rus: ComakGadiev; b. 14 January 1883, d. 24 October 1931), Ossetic writer. Comaq was born in South Ossetia as the son of GädiatĪ Seĳa. He studied for some years at the historical-philological faculty of the University of Dorpat, Estonia, but returned to the Caucasus during the civil troubles in 1905-7 and engaged in political activities; about this time his first poems appeared. In 1908 he was deported to Siberia, but he came back in 1917 and joined the Bolsheviks. After that his work was dedicated to the cause of the new regime. During the 1920s he held various offices as an intellectual leader in Ordžonikidze (Vladikavkaz; Oss: Dzädžigäu), the capital of North Ossetia. For some time he was the chief editor of *Rästdzinad* (Justice), a North Ossetic newspaper, and later became the head of the Pedagogical Institute of Ordžonikidze (Xäxxon pedagogon institute “Pedagogical institute of the mountains”) and of the North Ossetic Institute of Local History, and was for some time the secretary of the Transcaucasian Communist University (Zakavkazskii kommunistcheskii universitet) in Tbilisi. In 1925 his collection of poems, *Cardĭ fäylauäntä* (The waves of life), appeared. He also wrote short stories and a couple of verse dramas (Amondš cäudžitä “On the way to happiness”; Os-Bäyaṭir [the name of a medieval hero]), besides critical essays. Comaq was among the most outstanding figures of the Ossetic intelligentsia who started upon their literature career before the revolution and later identified themselves with the Soviet regime. Today his literary work is still in high esteem.



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