

Short Biography of Josip Broz Tito

Marshall Josip Broz Tito (7 or 25 May 1892-4 May 1980) was a Yugoslav revolutionary and statesman. He was Secretary-General (later President) of the League of Communists of Yugoslavia (1939-80) and went on to lead the World War II Yugoslav guerrilla movement, the Yugoslav Partisans (1941-45). After the war, he was the authoritarian Prime Minister (1943-63) and later president (1953-80) of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (SFRY). From 1943 to his death in 1980, he held the rank of Marshal of Yugoslavia, serving as the supreme commander of the Yugoslav military, the Yugoslav People's Army (JNA).

Tito was the chief architect of "second Yugoslavia", a socialist federation that lasted from World War II until 1991. Despite being one of the founders of conform, he was also the first (and the only successful) Cominform member to defy Soviet hegemony, A backer of independent roads to socialism (sometimes referred to as "national communism" or "Titoism"), he was one of the main founders and promoters of Non-Aligned Movement and its first Secretary-General.